

Grades
2-3

The Pingry School Lower School Library Summer Reading List 2021



Postcards to the Library

June 2021

A Message to Pingry Families

Fostering a love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children.

This has been a challenging school year for our students but they have shown grit and determination to learn and adapt to the unusual circumstances that Covid-19 has created. We hope that our students will enjoy some normal experiences this summer and that includes relaxing and reading with a treasured book.

The Lower School Library Summer Reading Program has been developed to encourage reading and to guide our students with their book choices during the summer. We hope every child will find something on the list to spark their interest in reading. Reading for pleasure helps to build reading skills and instills a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

We recommend that students read a variety of books from the reading list. Many different books and genres, from challenging to easier choices, are listed. While specific book titles are suggested, students may choose any book by the authors listed.

The following information and resources can be found in this booklet:

- **Postcards to the Library Program** - Students send picture postcards to the Library. See directions for participation on the next page.
- **eBooks** - The Library offers hundreds of books online (directions on inside back cover).
- **Reading Log** - Set a reading goal, and record the books read during the summer.
- **Required reading** - Books for rising 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are noted.


Browse the **Lower School Library Website** (see back cover for details) for subscription databases, eBooks, streaming book resources, and related activities.

Have a Wonderful Summer and Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

Mrs. D’Innocenzo
Lower School Librarian

Send Postcards to the Library

<p>Dear Mrs. D'Innocenzo,</p> <p>I am having fun this summer.</p> <p>I play with my friends during the day, go swimming with my family, and read every night before dinner.</p> <p>I read <u>The One and Only Ivan</u> by Katherine Applegate. It was a great book and I loved it!</p> <p>Your friend, Taylor Jones</p>	 <p>Mrs. D'Innocenzo The Pingry School Library 50 Country Day Drive Short Hills, NJ 07078</p> <hr/>
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How to Participate in "Postcards to the Library"

- Send picture postcards to the Library at the above address.
- Send one postcard for every book you read.
- Postcards can be sent from anywhere. You do not need to travel!
- Include the book title, author's name, and **your first and last name**.
- Write a short description of what you liked about the book and/or how you are enjoying your summer vacation.
- Each postcard is entered in a drawing to be held the first week of school in September.
- Ten postcards will be chosen at random and prizes will be awarded.
- Postcards will be displayed in the hallway and archived in the library.

Have a wonderful summer!

Happy Reading!

The Pingry Lower School Library

2021 Summer Reading List



Series/Chapter Books for Students Entering Grade 2

Fantasy! Mystery! Adventure!

Multi = Multicultural Text

Amelia Bedelia Chapter Book Series by Peggy Parish.

With Amelia Bedelia anything can happen, and it usually does. This series is full of short, fast-paced chapters, tons of friends, silly situations, and funny wordplay and misunderstandings.

Bea Garcia: The Curse of Einstein's Pencil (Series) by Deborah Zemke. **Multi**

Bea Garcia is an artist. She draws anywhere and everywhere—but mostly in her own notebook. Join Bea as she navigates elementary school and searches for new friends.

Bink and Gollie Series by Kate DiCamillo.

Whether exploring the wonders of the state fair, attempting to set a world record, or just relaxing, Bink and Gollie are irresistibly witty, imaginative, and adventurous - great fiends!.

Buddy Files Series by Dori Hillestad Butler

King has a very big mystery to solve. His family is missing, and he's been put in the P-O-U-N-D. When King is adopted by Connor and his mom, things get more confusing: The new family calls him Buddy!

Chicken Squad Series by Doreen Cronin.

No job is too big or small for the shortest, yellowest, fuzziest detectives: The Chicken Squad. Follow Dirt, Sugar, Poppy, and Sweetie as they solve the mysteries of their friends while stirring up some trouble too!

Critter Club Series, by Callie Barkley.

In the small California town of Santa Vista, four eight-year-old best friends help found and maintain The Critter Club, a rescue shelter set on saving "lost and lonely" animals, in this sweet and silly series.

Dory Fantasmagory Series by Abby Hanlon.

As the youngest member of her family, Dory is often left to her own devices—including her wild imagination, untiring energy, and a whole host of imaginary friends. With plenty of pictures bursting with charm and character, this hilarious series about an irresistible rascal is the new must-read.

Dragon Masters Series by Tracey West.

A Dragon Stone chooses a few lucky kids to live at King Rowland's castle as dragon trainers, then matches the right dragon to each trainer. But as the dragon masters discover, that match is just the beginning.

Dyamonde Daniel Series by Nikki Grimes. **Multi**

Dyamonde Daniel is a little girl with a big personality—a third-grader with wild-crazy hair, awesome brain power, and a sparkling can-do spirit.

EllRay Jakes Series by Sally Warner. **Multi**

EllRay Jakes is a small kid with big problems! Even though he's the smallest kid in class, eight-year-old EllRay can get himself into big trouble.

Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures Series by Jeff Brown.

Ever since Stanley was flattened by a bulletin board, Flat Stanley is taking over the world, 1 city at a time!

Fly Away by Patricia MacLachlan

While in North Dakota helping her Aunt Frankie prepare for a possible flood, Lucy finds her voice as a poet with the help of her two-year-old brother, Teddy, the rest of their family, and a few cows.

Franklin School Friends Series by Claudia Mills.

Third grade students love learning and practicing their reading, math, and athletic skills—and enjoy sharing those loves with the rest of their class.

Freedom's Wings: Corey's Diary by Sharon Dennis Wyeth (*My America Series*) **Multi**

A nine-year-old slave keeps a diary of his journey to freedom along the Underground Railroad in 1857.

Heidi Heckelbeck Series by Wanda Coven.

Join Heidi Heckelbeck and her friends at Brewster Elementary on their charming adventures as they deal with everyday childhood challenges...with a bit of help from Heidi's magical *Book of Spells*.

Horrible Harry Series by Susie Kline.

For Horrible Harry, Song Lee, and the rest of their friends in Room 3B every day at school is a chance for fun, mystery, and adventure. And Harry is always at the center of it all!

Jigsaw Jones Mystery Series by James Preller.

Solving mysteries is elementary for grade-school sleuth Theodore "Jigsaw" Jones and his best friend/fellow detective Mila Yeh as they investigate missing bicycles, smelly sneakers, and even ghosts and mummies.

Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald.

From bad moods to saving the world, solving mysteries to predicting the future, Judy's many memories — and moods — provide hours of entertainment.

Kingdom of Wrenly Series by Jordan Quinn.

Journey to the magical Kingdom of Wrenly and join Prince Lucas and his best friend Clara on plenty of adventures with this fantastical illustrated chapter book series!

Last Firehawk Series by Katrina Charman.

A terrible darkness is spreading across Perodia. Thorn, a powerful vulture, is using dark magic (and his dark army of spies!) to destroy the magical land. A young owl named Tag may be the only one who can save it!

Lola Levine Series by Monica Brown. **Multi**

Lola Levine likes writing in her diario, sipping her mom's cafe con leche, eating her dad's matzo ball soup, and playing soccer with her team, the Orange Smoothies. So what if she doesn't always fit in?

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne.

One day in Frog Creek, PA, 8-year-old Jack and 7-year-old Annie discover a tree house in the woods near their home. The children are sent all around the globe and to different historical periods to achieve specific goals, usually to rescue an important historical document.

Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew Series by Carolyn Keene.

Third-grader, Nancy Drew, joins forces with her best friends, Bess and George to solve the mysteries that come across their path. The girls keep neat case files and maintain friendships while hunting for clues.

Owl Diaries Series by Rebecca Elliott.

Throughout the series, Eva learns a number of valuable — or owl-uable — lessons, from overcoming jealousy and apologizing to friends she's hurt, to learning to ask for help when she needs it.

Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot Series by Dav Pilkey.

Ricky Ricotta, a small mouse, is bullied at school, but when he rescues a powerful robot from its evil creator, he acquires a friend and protector — and saves the city.

Ruby Lu Series by Lenore Look. **Multi**

Most days the best thing about being Ruby is everything. Like when she rides the No. 3 bus all the way to Chinatown to visit GungGung and PohPoh. And then there are the days when it's very hard to be Ruby. Like when her mom suggests Chinese school on Saturdays.

Sadiq Series by Siman Nuurali **Multi**

Sadiq lives in a middle class neighborhood in Minnesota with his family, which is Somali, though Sadiq has only been to Africa twice himself. Sadiq faces relatable problems and includes aspects of Somali culture.

Stink Series by Megan McDonald.

James "Stink" Moody behaves like the second-grader he is: He's inquisitive, energetic, and impulsive, and he likes to go on adventures with his friends.

Tales From Deckawoo Drive Series by Kate DiCamillo.

Join Leroy, Maybelline, and a cast of familiar characters - Stella, Frank, Mrs. Watson, and everyone's favorite porcine wonder, Mercy - for some hilarious and heartfelt horsing around on Deckawoo Drive.

Violet Mackerel Series by Anna Branford.

Violet has a knack for appreciating the smallest things in life: her "Theory of Finding Small Things" states that the moment of finding a tiny treasure usually coincides with the moment of having a genius idea.

Young Cam Jansen Series by David Adler.

Cam Jansen can find a mystery everywhere she goes. With her amazing memory can Cam Jansen put the clues together to solve the mystery?

Zach and Zoe Mystery Series by Mike Lupica

There's nothing twins Zach and Zoe Walker love more than playing sports and solving mysteries.

Zoey and Sassafras Series by Asia Citro. **Multi**

Zoey is faced with magical animals who have a problem and no problem can be solved the same way. Sometimes she needs to run experiments, while other times she needs to investigate a mystery, and yet other times she needs to do research.



Fiction — Students Entering Grade 3

Fantasy! Mystery! Adventure!

Required Reading for Rising Third Graders:

My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother by Patricia Polacco

There's nothing worse than a rotten redheaded older brother who can do everything you can do better! Patricia's brother Richard could run the fastest, climb the highest, and spit the farthest and still smile his extra-rotten, greeny-toothed, weasel-eyed grin.

Big Red Lollipop by Rukhsana Khan

Rubina has been invited to her first birthday party, and her mother, Ami, insists that she bring her little sister along. Rubina is mortified, but she can't convince Ami that you just don't bring your younger sister to your friend's party.

A to Z Mysteries Series by Ron Roy.

Best friends Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose solve mysteries from **The Absent Author** to **The Zombie Zone**.

Alvin Ho Series by Lenore Look. **Multi**

Alvin Ho is afraid of everything-elevators, tunnels, girls, and, most of all, school. But at home he's a very loud superhero!

Amber Brown Series by Paula Danziger.

Amber Brown's life is complicated by her parents' divorce and shared custody, but her irrepressible spirit, great friends, and sense of humor make her third- and fourth-grade escapades lively and entertaining.

The BFG by Roald Dahl.

Kid-snatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts a plan to save the world from nine other mean giants.

Bad Kitty Takes the Test by Nick Bruel.

Kitty's cat license has been revoked and she must take a test to get it back. If she fails, she will no longer be able to be a cat. Kitty learns all about being a cat and a little about herself.

The Best Friend Battle (Series) by Lindsay Eyre. **Multi**

Sylvie Scruggs doesn't like Georgie Diaz. He always calls her Scruggs. He always beats her in baseball. He didn't invite her to his party. Plus, he's a boy.

Billy Miller Makes a Wish by Kevin Henkes.

On his birthday, Billy Miller wishes for something exciting to happen. But he immediately regrets his wish when an ambulance rushes to his neighbor's house. Is Billy responsible?

The Boxcar Children Mysteries Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner.

Four orphans, two boys and two girls, set up housekeeping in an old boxcar.

Bummer in the Summer! (*My Weird School Special*) by Dan Gutman.

School's almost out for the summer, and A.J. is dreaming of all the fun things he will do. But his dream turns into a nightmare when three spirits appear, to show him summers past, present, and future.

Bunnacula by James Howie

Before it's too late, Harold the dog and Chester the cat must find out the truth about the newest pet in the Monroe household -- a suspicious-looking bunny with unusual habits... and fangs!

Calvin Coconut Series by Graham Salisbury. **Multi**

Calvin Coconut lives near the beach in Kailua, Hawaii, with his mom and his little sister. All his friends live there, too. Mom says: Be responsible. Calvin tries, but fun—and trouble—follows him wherever he goes.

Can You Survive...? Series by Rachel Hanal.

Your survival depends on making the right choices in key moments. Which path to take? Readers use their wits and knowledge in these adventures to make choices that will lead to either survival or doom.

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White. *Newbery Honor Book*.

Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner, until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

Chet Gecko Mystery Series by Bruce Hale.

Chet Gecko, finest lizard detective at Emerson Hicky Elementary, faces danger, suspense, and really cranky teachers as he solves mysteries in his school. Chet loves a good mystery. Almost more than his fee.

Chocolate Fever by Robert Kimmel Smith.

From eating too much chocolate, Henry breaks out in brown bumps that help him foil some hijackers and teach him a valuable lesson about self-indulgence.

Clara Humble Series by Anna Humphrey

Come explore Clara's inventive mind through her comic sketches to share in her misadventures.

Clementine and the Family Meeting (*Series*) by Sara Pennypacker.

Clementine tries to adjust to the news that her perfect family of four is adding a new brother or sister.

Cody Series by Tricia Springstubb **Multi**

Cody can see beauty in everything but she never strays far from the challenges of growing up.

Cooper's Story: A Dog's Purpose Puppy Tale (*Series*) by W. Bruce Cameron.

Cooper is taken to an adoption fair and finds the perfect home with a boy named Burke. Cooper discovers his purpose: to help Burke by pulling his wheelchair and fetching for him. Read any title in the series.

Detective Gordon Series by Ulf Nilsson.

Follow the adventures of the tired, often hungry, Detective Gordon and his chirpy assistant, Buffy. Gordon is something of a humanist, and keeps an eye out for the weaker inhabitants of his woods.

Encyclopedia Brown Series by Donald Sobol.

Everyone's favorite boy detective! Leroy Brown, aka Encyclopedia Brown, can solve any crime for just 25 cents a day (plus expenses), and usually before dinner time.

Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo. *Newbery Medal Winner*.

A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.

Franklin School Friends Series by Claudia Mills.

Third grade students love learning and practicing their reading, math, and athletic skills—and enjoy sharing those loves with the rest of their class.

Girls Who Code Series by Stacie Deutsch **Multi**

Coding – and friendship – takes time, dedication, and some laughs and sometimes things don’t go exactly as planned, but the outcome can be even better than you’d imagined.

The Great Cake Mystery: A Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case by Alexander McCal Smith. **Multi**

Before becoming the first female private investigator in Botswana, eight-year-old Precious Ramotswe tracks down a thief who has been stealing her classmates' snacks

Hamster Princess Series by Ursula Vernon.

Harriet is not your average princess. She is a hamster and prefers sword-fighting and fractions to sighing and fainting.

Henry and Beezus (*Henry Huggins Series*) by Beverly Cleary.

Henry Huggins, his dog Ribsy, and his friend, a girl named Beezus, try plan after plan to earn enough money for Henry to buy the shiny red bicycle he has his eye on.

Hilde Cracks the Case Series by Hilde Lysiak.

Nine-year-old crime reporter Hilde Lysiak is starring in her very own early chapter book series -- inspired by news stories Hilde wrote in real life!

Hunter Moran Hangs Out by Patricia Reilly Giff.

When neighbor Sarah Yulefski tells Zack and Hunter that she overheard someone talking about plans to kidnap someone in their town, the twins use the last four days of summer vacation to investigate.

I Survived Series by Lauren Tarshis.

A historical fiction series that tells the stories of iconic historical events—from the Revolutionary War to the sinking of the Titanic to the September 11 terrorist attacks—through the eyes of a young witness.

Ivy and Bean Series by Annie Barrows.

Bean, an energetic girl with an inclination for mischief, just doesn’t see the appeal of her new neighbor Ivy, whom her mother extols as such a “nice girl.” However, when she needs to escape the wrath of her bossy sister Nancy, Bean discovers a whole new dimension to the quiet girl next door.

Juana and Lucas by Juana Medina. *Pura Belpre Award.* **Multi**

Juana loves drawing, reading, her home in Colombia, and especially her dog Lucas. But she does not love learning English, with all its different rules. Then her grandfather shares a great idea!

Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald.

Judy has a lot of individuality and she aspires to be a doctor. Judy has a little brother who comes in handy for practicing medicine, a cool new pet, and a huge Band-Aid collection.

Just Grace Series by Charice Harper.

Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

Key Hunters Series by Eric Luper.

Cleo and Evan have a secret. A collection of books so dangerous they are locked up tight. A friend has vanished inside the pages of one of them. It's up to them to find the key that will set her free.

Kickers Series by Rich Wallace

Nine-year-old Ben joins the Bobcats, a coed fourth-grade soccer team and learns about sports and life.

Lulu Series Hilary McKay. **Multi**

Best friends Lulu and Mellie go on day-to-day adventures. The places they go are common -- the park, the beach, their neighborhood -- but their interactions with the animals will leave animal lovers envious.

Matilda by Roald Dahl.

Matilda applies her mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and bring back her nice teacher, Miss Honey.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary.

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling. Read other titles by this author.

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater. *Newbery Honor Book*.

Mr. Popper starts out with one penguin in his house, but before he knows it there are twelve.

Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew Series by Carolyn Keene.

Third-grader, Nancy Drew, joins forces with her best friends, Bess and George to solve the mysteries that come across their path. The girls keep organized case files and maintain friendships while hunting for clues.

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne.

One day in Frog Creek, PA, Jack and Annie discover a treehouse in the woods near their home. The children are sent all around the globe and to different historical periods to achieve specific goals.

Mallory McDonald Series by Laurie Friedman.

Meet Mallory McDonald, a spunky, energetic young girl whose comical exploits and joke-telling will hit the mark as she experiences a big move and a new school!

Ramona the Brave (Series) by Beverly Cleary.

Six-year-old Ramona tries to cope with her mother's returning to work, monsters under her bed, and an unsympathetic first-grade teacher.

Ranger in Time Series by Kate Messner.

Ranger has been trained as a search-and-rescue dog, but can't officially pass the test because he's always getting distracted by squirrels during exercises. One day, he finds a mysterious first aid kit in the garden that transports him to important moments in history!

Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters (The Questioners Series) by Andrea Beaty. 2018. Rosie and her friends help Aunt Rose's Raucous Riveters with an ingenious invention — can they get it to work? Ada Twist, Iggy Peck, and Rosie keep trying as they engineer their creation.

Ruby and the Booker Boys Series by Derrick Barnes. **Multi**

When Ruby isn't hanging with her friend, Theresa Petticoat, she's finding out what kind of mischief her brothers are getting into. She's sweet and sassy and every bit as tough as her older siblings.

Sam Wu Is Not Afraid of... Series by Kevin Tsang. **Multi**

Sam Wu is NOT afraid of anything. Well, maybe some things. Like ghosts, sharks, the dark, spiders, zombies . . . but who isn't?

Sarai and the Meaning of Awesome (Series) by Sarai Gonzalez. **Multi**

Sarai Gonzalez can do anything. She can bake, dance, and run her own cupcake business. A series inspired by the life of eleven-year-old viral video sensation and social activist Sarai Gonzalez.

Adventure in the Kingdom of Fantasy Series by Geronimo Stilton.

Geronimo Stilton is on a new adventure as he enters the Kingdom of Fantasy! The action doesn't stop as he saves the Queen from witches, giant scorpions, sea serpents and more.

Shelter Pet Squad Series by Cynthia Lord.

Suzannah has always wanted a pet of her own, but she lives in an apartment where there are absolutely no pets allowed. What she *can* do is volunteer at a local pet shelter.

Sideways Stories from the Wayside School (Series) by Louis Sachar.

Humorous episodes from the thirtieth-floor classroom of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story. Also read **Wayside School is Falling Down**.

Summer According to Humphrey (Series) by Betty Birney.

When Humphrey hears that school is ending, he panics. School ends? What's a classroom hamster to do if he's not in school? Read about Humphrey's friend, Og the class frog, in *Life According to Og*.

Stella Diaz Has Something to Say by Angela Dominguez. **Multi**

Stella Diaz, a sweet Mexican-American girl conquers her shyness as she prepares a presentation on marine animals for her classmates but she worries she might mispronounce words and slip into Spanish.

The Stories Julian Tells by Anne Cameron. **Multi**

Seven-year-old Julian gets into trouble with his younger brother. Julian is a fibber and great at telling stories. He can make his younger brother, Huey, believe just about anything.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (Series) by Judy Blume.

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.

Superfudge. 1980. Peter describes the highs and lows of life with his younger brother, Fudge. Also read **Fudge-a-mania** and **Double Fudge**.

Warren and Dragon Series by Ariel Bernstein

Warren is a seven-year-old boy. Dragon is a 122-year-old dragon. Not that most people believe that. Most people are sure that Dragon is a stuffed animal. People such as Warren's twin sister, Ellie.

The Whodunit Detective Agency Series by Martin Widmark

Follow classmates Jerry and Maya on their crime solving adventures in the small town of Pleasant Valley.

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown.

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a wild, remote island, and she cannot remember where she came from or why she is there. She must try to survive by learning from the strange inhabitants here. Also read **The Wild Robot Escapes**.

The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes. *Newbery Honor Book*.

Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and has learned many important lessons.



Fiction for Parents and Children to Share (Advanced readers may read them on their own.)

Alvin Ho Series by Lenore Look. **Multi**

Alvin Ho is afraid of everything—elevators, tunnels, girls, and, most of all, school. But at home he's a very loud superhero!

The BFG by Roald Dahl.

Kid-snatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant) who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie makes plans with him to save the world from mean giants.

The Birchbark House (Series) by Louise Erdrich. **Multi**

Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

Children of the Longhouse by Joseph Bruchac **Multi**

When Ohkwa'ri overhears a group of older boys planning a raid on a neighboring village, he immediately tells his Mohawk elders. He has done the right thing—but he has also made enemies.

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White. *Newbery Honor Book.*

Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner, until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

A Cricket in Times Square by George Selden. *Newbery Honor Book.*

The adventures of Chester, a country cricket, who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

Dragons in a Bag series by Zetta Elliott **Multi**

When his mom drops him off with Ma, a mysterious character from her own childhood, Jaxon has no idea he'll travel into the world of magic and end up in charge of baby dragons.

Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo. *Newbery Medal Winner.*

After Flora rescues a squirrel named Ulysses from an unfortunate encounter with a vacuum cleaner, they team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Betty Bao Lord. **Multi**

In 1947, a young Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle Series by Betty MacDonald and Anne MacDonald Canham

A fun but quirky older woman invites all the neighborhood kids into her upside-down house and helps their moms with the kids' sometimes difficult behavior.

Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles by Julie Edwards.

The Potter children led ordinary lives until a professor told them about the Whangdoodles--the wise and magical creatures who disappeared to live apart from and forgotten by people.

The Lemonade War (Series) by Jacqueline Davies

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of the summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo.

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, finding new owners.

My Name is María Isabel by Alma Flor Ada **Multi**

Third-grader María Isabel, born in Puerto Rico and now living in the U.S., wants badly to fit in at school; and the teacher's assignment "My Greatest Wish" gives her that opportunity.

One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. *Newbery Medal Winner.*

Captive gorilla Ivan has lived for years in a rundown circus-themed mall. When Ruby, a baby elephant, is brought to the mall, Ivan is determined to help her find a better life.

Pie by Sarah Weeks.

Alice's Aunt Polly passes away and entrusts the secret recipe for her world-famous pie crust to her cat, which she leaves in Alice's care. *Pie recipes included in the book!*

The Red Bicycle: The Extraordinary Story of One Ordinary Bicycle by Jude Isabella. **Multi**

When Leo outgrows his bicycle, he sends it to Burkina Faso, where it starts a journey through many hands.

Rickshaw Girl by Mitali Perkins. **Multi**

In her Bangladesh village, ten-year-old Naimi excels at painting designs called alpanas, but to help her impoverished family financially she would have to be a boy--or disguise herself as one.

Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech.

Louie has not had success caring for small pets, so when his father brings home a weak, sickly baby donkey, Louie is determined to save him. Taking care of Winslow helps Louie feel close to his brother, far away in the army, as the bond between Winslow and Louie grows stronger than anyone imagined.

The Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron **Multi**

Julian has a big imagination. And he is great at telling stories. He can make people—especially his younger brother, Huey—believe just about anything. But some stories can lead to a heap of trouble.

Sylvia and Aki by Winifred Conkling **Multi**

At the start of World War II, Japanese American Aki and her family are sent to an internment camp while Mexican American Sylvia's family leases their farm and begins a fight to stop school segregation.

The Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin

A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.

The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry.

The four Willoughby children set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents go on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of a nanny.



CAMP by Kayla Miller.

Best friends Olive and Willow go to summer camp together, where they share a cabin. But they are very different. Olive likes camp and makes new friends quickly, while Willow feels anxious and homesick.

Bad Guys Series by Aaron Blabey

Mr. Wolf and his friends Mr. Snake, Mr. Piranha, and Mr. Shark try to do good deeds so people will stop seeing them as "bad guys" just because that's their species' reputation

Dog Man Series by Dav Pilkey.

Part canine, part human, Dog Man is a crime-fighting sensation. He fights crime, sniffs out wrong-doing, and battles his doglike tendencies.

The Hunt for the Secret Papyrus: Geronimo Stilton Series by Geronimo Stilton.

When the Black Papyrus goes missing from New Mouse City's Egyptian "Mouseum," Geronimo Stilton investigates, with the help of a secret agent. Also read **Thea Stilton**, **Spacemice**, and **Cavemice Series**.

Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke

It would have been a normal summer, had Jack not sold his mother's car for a box of mysterious seeds. Jack, Maddy, and Lilly must travel to the dangerous world beyond the vines and stalks.

Mr. Wolf's Class by Aron Nels Steinke.

Mr. Wolf is a new fourth grade teacher at Hazelwood Elementary School. He wants the first day to go really well...but every school day has its ups and downs, especially with this cast of critters.

Narwal and Jelly Series by Ben Clanton.

Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal. Jelly is a no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot in common, but they do love waffles, parties and adventures.

Noodleheads See the Future (Series) by Tedd Arnold

Brothers Mac and Mac exasperate Uncle Ziti, are fooled by their friend, and make a garden for their mom.

Stick Dog Series by Tom Watson

Stick Dog and his four friends — Stripes, Mutt, Poo-Poo, and Karen — will do anything to steal some sweet-smelling hamburgers from a family at Picasso Park! Also read the **Stick Cat** series.

The Tea Dragon Society by Katie O'Neill **Multi**

After discovering a lost tea dragon, Greta learns about the dying art form of tea dragon caretaking from the kind tea shop owners, Hesekeiel and Erik. *Also read The Tea Dragon Festival.*

Tiger vs. Nightmare by Emily Tetri

Tiger is a very lucky kid: she has a monster living under her bed. Every night, Tiger and Monster play games until it's time for lights out. Monster would never try to scare Tiger- that's not what best friends do.

Zita the Spacegirl by Ben Hetke

Zita rushes to the rescue after her best friend is abducted by an alien doomsday cult, and, before long, finds herself hailed as an intergalactic hero.



Picture Books

Battle Bunny by Jon Scieszka.

On his birthday, Alex hijacks a story about Birthday Bunny and turns it into a battle between a super villain and his enemies in the forest who, in the original story, are simply planning a surprise party.

Because of Thursday by Patricia Polacco.

Annie Fetlock — born on Thursday, met the love of her life on Thursday, and when a special cat comes into her life on Thursday, she knows he has found the right home.

The Bell Rang by James Ransome. **Multi**

Every morning starts the same way for an enslaved family forced to work on a plantation: the bell rings, Daddy gathers wood, Mama cooks, the parents and their son go to work in the fields, while their daughter minds the younger children. Until one morning, the bell rang and her brother was gone.

A Different Pond by Bao Phi. **Multi**

Unlike many other anglers, Bao and his father fished for food, not recreation. Between hope-filled casts, Bao's father told him about a different pond in their homeland of Vietnam

Ellen's Broom by Kelly Starling Lyons. *Coretta Scott King Honor Book.* **Multi**

Ellen brings the broom her parents used in their wedding ceremony and accompanies them to the courthouse when the law changes and they are allowed to officially marry.

Finding Lincoln by Ann Malaspina.

Louis needs to write an essay for school about young Abraham Lincoln. But it's 1951 in Alabama, and African Americans cannot use the public library. Then one courageous librarian lets him in after hours and helps him find the book that he needs.

Finding Winnie, The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear by Lindsay Mattick. *Caldecott Winner.*

In 1914, a veterinarian on his way to tend horses in World War I, followed his heart and rescued a baby bear. He named her Winnie, after his hometown of Winnipeg, and he took the bear with him to England. This is the remarkable true story that inspired Winnie-the-Pooh.

Firebird: Ballerina Misty Copeland Shows a Young Girl How to Dance Like the Firebird by Misty

Copeland. **Multi** Misty Copeland tells the story of a young girl who lacks confidence and questions her own ability. Misty encourages her to have faith in herself and shows her that through hard work and dedication, she too can become Firebird. *Coretta Scott King Award.*

Freedom in Congo Square by Carole Boston Weatherford. *Coretta Scott King Award.* **Multi**

Shows slaves' duties each day, from chopping logs on Mondays to baking bread on Wednesdays to plucking hens on Saturday, to the freedom of Sundays and the afternoon spent in Congo Square.

Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall. *Caldecott Medal Winner.*

On the highest rock of a tiny island stands a lighthouse. The lighthouse keeper, how wife and baby tends to the light, the logbook, and all the chores. Together they live in the lighthouse, keeping the ships safe.

Ho'olani: Hula Warrior by Heather Gale. **Multi**

Ho'onani feels in-between. She doesn't see herself as wahine (girl) OR kane (boy). She's happy to be in the middle. But not everyone sees it that way.

Ideas All Around by Philip Christian Stead.

In search of writing ideas, an author takes a walk with his dog around the neighborhood where he finds that ideas really are all around, you just have to know what to do with them.

Let the Children March by Monica Clark-Robinson. *Coretta Scott King Honor Award.*

In May 1963, African American families in Birmingham, Alabama, gathered to hear Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., speak of a more just society. Thousands of people came together to change the unjust Jim Crow laws. This story shows the courage of teens and children who marched for justice and equal rights.

Maggie's Chopsticks by Alan Woo **Multi**

Maggie struggles to master her chopsticks and everyone around the dinner table has something to say about the "right" way to hold them.

My Name is Sangoel by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed **Multi**

As a refugee from Sudan to the U.S., Sangoel is frustrated that no one can pronounce his name correctly until he finds a clever way to solve the problem.

The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi **Multi**

Being the new kid in school is hard enough, but what about when nobody can pronounce your name?

One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Difference by Katie Milway. **Multi**

Kojo, a young boy in Ghana, finds a way out of poverty and helps others do the same after he is given a small loan and buys a hen.

Play Ball, Jackie by Stephen Krensky. **Multi**

Ten-year-old Matty is excited to see Jackie Robinson and the Brooklyn Dodgers take on the Boston Braves in 1947, but many fans are not happy to see Jackie playing in the major league.

Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan.

Two boys explain the occasionally mysterious "rules" they learned over the summer, like never eat the last olive at a party, never ruin a perfect plan, and never give your keys to a stranger.

The Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller. *Fun facts!*

The states become bored with their positions on the map and decide to change places for a while.

A Single Pebble: a Story of the Silk Road by Bonnie Christensen **Multi**

A little girl sends a small jade pebble to travel with her father along the Silk Road. The pebble passes from his hand all the way to the Republic of Venice where a boy cherishes it and sees the value of this gift.

This Is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration by Jacqueline Woodson. **Multi**

A rope passed down through the generations frames an African American family's story as they journey north during the time of the Great Migration.



Nonfiction



Balto and the Great Race by Elizabeth Kimmel.

Brave dog Balto delivered medicine in a raging snowstorm to save Nome, Alaska, from an epidemic.

Buried Sunlight: How Fossil Fuels Have Changed the Earth by Molly Bang.

What are fossil fuels, and how did they come to exist? Fossil fuels are changing the carbon balance of our planet's air and water. What does this mean?

Dinosaurs (*Basher Basics Series*) by Dan Green. *Read any book in this fun science series!*

Introduces dinosaurs and related topics, covering tyrannosaurus rex, gigantosaurs, and more.

Fact Tracker Nonfiction Companions to Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne.

Expand on the **Magic Tree House** fiction by reading these books that break complex subjects down into simple concepts to be better understood.

Fly Guy Presents... (*Series*) by Tedd Arnold.

Fly Guy and Buzz explore the inner workings of a castle, follow the trail to many insect species, and investigate the space program and astronauts at the Space Museum, in different books in the series.

Glow: Animals with Their Own Night Lights by W. H. Beck.

Close encounters with curious creatures that make their own light. Learn about animals that glow, explore what makes them "light up," their habitats, their adaptations, and how they communicate.

Grand Canyon by Jason Chin. *Caldecott Honor Book*.

Follow a father and daughter as they hike through the Grand Canyon, discovering life both present and past as they explore the cavity in the ground 277 miles long, 18 miles wide, and over a mile deep.

Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers.

The Statue of Liberty's right foot looks like it is caught in midstride. Where is she going?

Hundred Billion Trillion Stars by Seth Fishman.

Our world is full of constantly changing numbers, from a hundred billion trillion stars in space to thirty-seven billion rabbits on Earth. Can you imagine that many of anything?

If I Were a Kid at the International Space Station by Josh Gregory. *Read any title in the series.*

Learn all about space exploration and find out what astronauts do aboard the International Space Station.

If Sharks Disappeared by Lily Williams. *If Animals Disappeared Series*.

Many shark species are in danger of extinction. What would happen if sharks disappeared completely?

Magic School Bus Series by Joanna Cole.

Every day, something weird happens in Ms. Frizzle's class as a diverse group of kids head into the Magic School Bus, which transforms into a plane, an inflatable raft and more as it travels through time and space.

National Geographic Kids: Robots by Melissa Stewart.

Introduces robots and the science behind them, including a historic timeline of robot development, jobs robots perform, and robots of the future. *Read any title in the series.*

The Soda Bottle School: A True Story about Recycling, Teamwork, & One Crazy Idea by Laura Kutner.

Multi Why not use soda bottles, scattered everywhere, to form the core of the walls of their school? The story of children in Guatemala who reused soda bottles to expand their school and help their town.

Things That Float and Things That Don't (eBook) by David Adler.

It's surprising which objects float and which don't. An apple floats, but a ball of aluminum foil does not. But if that same ball of foil is shaped into a boat, it floats! Why? And how can a huge steel ship float?

This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World by Matt Lamothe.

Multi One day in the lives of 7 kids around the world- Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda, and Russia.

Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story of Africa by Jeanette Winter. **Multi**

The story of Wangari Maathai, a Nobel Prize-winner, who was shocked to see forests being cut down in her native country of Kenya. She decided to take action, beginning with the planting of nine seedlings.

Whale Trails Before and Now by Lesa Cline-Ransome.

A young girl helps her father and relates how her ancestors hunted whales in the same waters.

What Was the Titanic? by Joan Holub. *Read any title in the What Is... and What Was... Series.*

On April 15, 1912, the Titanic sank after crashing into an iceberg. Find out why the great ship went down and how it was discovered seventy-five years later.



Poetry

Beastly Verse by Joohee Yoon.

Sixteen memorable poems with a richly worded world of tigers, hummingbirds, owls, elephants, pelicans, yaks, snails, and even telephones! Verse, rhyme, and beautiful images.

Bow Tie Pasta Acrostic Poems by Brian Cleary.

A collection of poems that shows how acrostics are created and how wacky words can become a poem.

Bravo! Poems About Amazing Hispanics by Margarita Engle. **Multi**

Musician, botanist, baseball player, pilot — the Latinos featured in this poetry collection come from many different countries and from many different backgrounds.

Carnival of the Animals by Jack Prelutsky.

Art, music, and poetry are pulled together into one colorful picture book. Read any title by this poet.

I'm Just No Good at Rhyming: And Other Nonsense For Mischievous Kids and Immature Adults by Chris Harris. A collection of crazy rhyming and non-rhyming poems that will make you think and laugh.

Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook by Shel Silverstein.

Features Runny and other woodland characters who speak a topsy-turvy language all their own.

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein.

A classic poetry collection, which is both outrageously funny and profound, with original drawings.



Folktales and Fairy Tales

Anklet for a Princess by Meredith Babeaux Brucker **Multi**

When the Prince comes to visit the village during the annual Navaratri Festival, Godfather Snake makes it possible for Cinduri to go.

Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella by Paul Fleischman. **Multi**

A retelling of the “Cinderella” story based on a variety of folk traditions, including elements from Mexico, Iran, Korea, Russia, Appalachia, and other countries and regions.

Julián is a Mermaid by Jessica Love **Multi**

A glimpse of costumed mermaids leaves one boy flooded with wonder and ready to dazzle the world. But what will Abuela think about the mess he makes—and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself?

Kate and the Beanstalk by Mary Pope Osborne.

Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum’un, I smell the blood of an Englishwoman. Be she alive or be she dead, I’ll grind her bones to make my bread.

Lon Po Po: a Red-Riding Hood Story from China by Ed Young **Multi**

Three sisters staying home alone are endangered by a hungry wolf who is disguised as their grandmother.

Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe. **Multi**

Mufaro’s beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a wife. African folktale.

Rumpelstiltskin’s Daughter by Diane Stanley.

Rumpelstiltskin’s daughter may not be able to spin straw into gold, but she is more than a match for a monarch whose greed has blighted an entire kingdom.

A Story, a Story: An African Tale by Gail E. Haley. **Multi**

Anansi, the spider man, wins stories from the Sky God. African folktale.

The Talking Eggs by Robert San Souci.

Blanche obeys the witch and gains riches while her greedy sister loses.

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears by Verna Aardema **Multi**

A mosquito brags to an iguana that he spied a farmer digging yams as big as mosquitoes. This one moment causes a chain of events that go on and on.



Biographies

Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science, The First Computer Programmer by Diane Stanley.

A hundred years before the digital age, Ada Lovelace envisioned the computer-driven world we know today. And in showing how the machine would be coded, she wrote the first computer program.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba. **Multi**

When fourteen-year-old William Kamkwamba's Malawi village was hit by a drought, everyone's crops began to fail. Without enough money for food, let alone for school, William spent his days in the library . . . and figured out how to bring electricity to his village.

Carter Reads the Newspaper by Deborah Hopkinson. **Multi**

Carter G. Woodson was an inquisitive reader of who read the newspaper aloud to his family and friends. He grew up to earn a PhD from Harvard University and became the creator of Black History Month.

Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13 by Helaine Becker **Multi**

The bold story of Katherine Johnson, an African-American mathematician who worked for NASA during the space race and was depicted in the film Hidden Figures.

Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington by Jabari Asim. **Multi**

Born into slavery, young Booker T. Washington dreamed of learning to read and write. After emancipation, he began a journey towards a college degree. When he arrived, he had fifty cents in his pocket and a dream about to come true.

Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code by Laurie Wallmark. **Multi**

The story of a trailblazing woman. Grace Hopper coined the term "computer bug" and taught computers to "speak English." Throughout her life, Hopper succeeded in doing what no one had ever done before. A role model for science- and math-minded girls and boys.

The Little Plant Doctor: A Story about George Washington Carver by Jean Marzollo. **Multi**

Tells how the famous African American scientist nurtured and studied plants, but the law did not allow black children to go to school. Finally, at age 12, he finally learns that he is leaving to go to school.

Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai. **Multi**

As a child in Pakistan, Malala wished for a magic pencil. She would use it to make everyone happy. But as she grew older, she saw that there were more important things to wish for. She saw a world that needed fixing. Malala, the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, tells the story of her life.

Maya Lin Artist-Architect of Light and Lines by Jeanne Warker Harvey. **Multi**

As a child, Maya Lin loved to study the spaces around her. She explored the forest in her backyard, observing woodland creatures, and used her house as a model to build tiny towns out of paper and scraps.

Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat by Javaka Steptoe. **Multi**

Caldecott Award, Coretta Scott King Award. Basquiat's childhood gives a powerful message that art doesn't have to be neat or clean — and definitely not inside the lines — to be beautiful.

Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille by Jen Bryant.

Louis Braille was just five years old when he lost his sight. He wanted to live like everyone else and wanted to be able to read. But there were no books for him. So he invented his own alphabet — a whole new system for writing that could be read by touch.

Starstruck: The Cosmic Journey of Neil deGrasse Tyson by Kathleen Krull. **Multi**

Young Neil deGrasse Tyson was starstruck the first time he visited the Hayden Planetarium in New York City — igniting a sense of wonder and scientific exploration that took him around the world, and all the way back home to become an astrophysicist and the director of the Hayden Planetarium.

Time For Kids Biographies Series. (*Read any title in the series.*)

Chronicles of the lives of famous Americans such as Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Clara Barton, John F. Kennedy, Rosa Parks, Alexander Graham Bell, Jesse Owens and more.

Trudy's Big Swim: How Gertrude Ederle Swam the English Channel and Took the World by Storm by Sue Macy. On the morning of August 6, 1926, Gertrude Ederle stood on the beach at Cape Gris-Nez, France, and faced the churning waves of the English Channel. Twenty-one miles across the perilous waterway. Ederle broke records and became the first woman to swim across the Channel.

Turning Pages: My Life Story by Sonia Sotomayor. **Multi**

In her picture book autobiography, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor shares the love of books that inspired her to overcome challenges and work towards her dreams for the future.

WHOOSH! Lonnie Johnson's SUPER-SOAKING Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton. **Multi**

Lonnie Johnson, a NASA engineer, is best known for inventing the Super Soaker water gun, one of the top twenty toys of all time — and it was invented by accident!

Who Was... and Who Is... Biography Series.

An exciting, illustrated biography series that is perfect for children who are beyond easy-to-read books about famous people, but not quite ready for thick, long biographies.

The World Is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid by Jeanette Winter. **Multi**

Zaha Hadid grew up in Baghdad, Iraq, and dreamed of designing her own cities. After studying architecture in London, she started designing buildings. But as a Muslim woman, Hadid faced many obstacles. She worked hard for many years, and achieved her goals — and now you can see the buildings Hadid designed all over the world.

Yayoi Kusama From Here to Eternity by Sarah Suzuki.

Growing up in Japan, Yayoi Kusama dreamed of becoming an artist. She envisioned the world and everything in it—the plants, the people, the sky covered in polka dots. She began to cover her paintings with dots.

You Never Heard of Willie Mays? by Jonah Winter. **Multi**

A profile of baseball star Willie Mays, tracing his Birmingham childhood, achievements in the Negro Leagues, and fame as a center fielder for the Giants. Read the **You Never Heard of...** series.

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