

Grades
2-3

The Pingry School Lower School Library *Summer Reading List 2022*



Postcards to the Library

June 2022

A Message to Pingry Families

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

This has been another challenging school year for our students but they have shown resilience and determination to learn and adapt to the unusual circumstances that Covid-19 has created. We hope that our students will enjoy some wonderful 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 graders are noted.


Browse the **Lower School Library Website** (<https://sh.opals.pingry.k12.nj.us>) 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

2022 Summer Reading List



Series/Chapter Books for Students Entering Grade 2

Multi = Multicultural Text

ADVENTURE AND FANTASY STORIES

Diary of an Ice Princess by Christina Soontornvat.

Princess Lina has a life any kid would envy. She lives in a massive palace in the clouds. Everyone in her family has the power to control the wind and weather. On a good day, she can even fly! There's just one thing Lina wants: to go to regular, non-magical school with her best friend Claudia. She promises to keep the icy family secret under wraps. What could go wrong?

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.

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!

Hamster Princess Series: Harriet the Invincible by Ursula Vernon.

Harriet becomes an adventurer after learning she is cursed to fall into a deep sleep on her twelfth birthday, but after two years of slaying ogres, cliff-diving, and more with her riding quail.

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.

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

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.

Mia Mayhem Series by Kara West.

8-year-old Mia Macarooney is delighted to learn she is from a family of superheroes, but her acceptance into the Program for In Training Superheroes requires she take a placement exam.

Princess in Black Series by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale.

Proper Princess Magnolia is actually the Princess in Black. She wears a black cape and ninjalike outfit to fight the monsters that come from MonsterLand. Her superhero identity is top secret; Duchess Wigtower must not find out.

Unicorn Diaries Series by Rebecca Elliot.

Bo Tinseltail loves going to Sparklegrove School with the other unicorns. Every unicorn has a magical power. Bo is a Wish Unicorn with the power to grant wishes. Bo has lots of friends, but one thing Bo wants more than anything is a best friend. Will Bo's big wish finally come true?

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.

ANIMAL STORIES

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.

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 their friends' mysteries while stirring up some trouble too!

FUNNY STORIES

Cat Kid Comic Club Series by Dav Pilkey.

Li'l Petey keeps his promise to his best friend Molly that they will teach everyone how to make comics. Together with their new friends, Li'l Petey and Molly make mistakes but with practice and persistence, they learn and become better artists.

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.

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.

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.

MYSTERIES TO SOLVE

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!

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.

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.

Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew Series by Carolyn Keene.

Third-grader, Nancy Drew, joins 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.

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.

REAL LIFE KID STORIES

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!.

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.

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.

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?

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

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

Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters (Questioners Series) by Andrea Beaty.

When Rosie is unable to invent a contraption to help one of Aunt Rose's Raucous Riveters friends, she calls on classmates Iggy Peck and Ada Twist to help

Ruby Lu and the Booker Boys Series by Lenore Look. **Multi**

The best days for Ruby are when she rides the No. 3 bus all the way to Chinatown to visit GungGung and PohPoh. And then her mom suggests Chinese school on Saturdays.

Sadiq Series by Siman Nuurali **Multi**

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

Stink and the Shark Sleepover (Stink Series) by Megan McDonald.

When Stink's parents win a family sleepover at the local aquarium, he can't wait to visit the shark exhibit and hang out with his friends there.

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 results with the moment of having a genius idea.

SCHOOL STORIES

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!

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.

Mr. Cooper is Super -My WeirdEST School Series by Dan Gutman

A.J. and the gang at Ella Mentry School are in for a super surprise when a new teacher, Mr. Cooper, takes over their third grade class.



Fiction — Students Entering Grade 3 Listed in Alphabetical Order by Genre

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.

ADVENTURE

13 Story Treehouse Series by Andy Griffiths.

Andy and Terry are trying hard to write their next book but they are constantly distracted by the many animals and special rooms in their thirteen story treehouse. Read the series up to 130 Story Treehouse.

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.

I Survived Series by Lauren Tarshis.

A historical fiction series that tells the stories of 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.

Jedi Academy by Jeffrey Brown.

Roan's dream is to attend Pilot Academy like his older brother, father, and grandfather. But just as Roan is mysteriously denied entrance to Pilot School, he is invited to attend Jedi Academy--a school that he didn't apply to and only recruits children when they are just a few years old. That is, until now...

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.

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**.

ANIMAL FICTION

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 the series.*

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.

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!

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**.

Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin.

J.J. Tully is a former search-and-rescue dog who is trying to enjoy his retirement after years of performing daring missions saving lives. Then two chicks and their mom show up demanding his help to find their missing siblings. J.J. begins to track down clues.

FANTASY

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Whatever After Series by Sarah Mlynowski.

After moving to a new house, ten-year-old Abby and her younger brother Jonah discover an antique mirror that transports them into the Snow White fairy tale.

HUMOR

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.

Bummer in the Summer! (*My Weird School Series*) 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.

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.

Franny K. Stein Mad Scientist Series by Jim Benton.

Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she experiments with fitting in--which works until a monster erupts and attacks the class, everyone knows it's up to a mad scientist to save the day.

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.

The Twits by Roald Dahl.

Mr. and Mrs. Twit are the smelliest, nastiest people in the world. They hate everything-except playing mean jokes on each other, catching unsuspecting birds. But the Muggle-Wumps have had enough.

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**.

MYSTERIES

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**.

Ada Lace is On the Case Series by Emily Calandrelli. STEM

Ada Lace--third-grade scientist and inventor extraordinaire--has discovered something awful: her neighbor's beloved Yorkie has been dognapped.

The Boxcar Children Mysteries Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner.

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

Bunnicula 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!

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.

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.

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

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!

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.

Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew Series by Carolyn Keene.

Third-grader, Nancy Drew, joins 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.

The Whodunit Detective Agency Series by Martin Widmark

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

REALISTIC

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 spirit, great friends, and sense of humor make her third- and fourth-grade escapades lively and entertaining.

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?

Binder of Doom Series by Troy Cummings.

Alexander (leader of the Super Secret Monster Patrol) is bored, and misses his friends, so when his father signs him up for a summer maker program at the library he is happy to go--but soon he starts finding weird objects, and monster trading cards, and it starts to look like maybe monsters are back.

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

Calvin Coconut lives near the beach in 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.

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.

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 STEM**

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.

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.

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.

Ivy and Bean Series by Annie Barrows.

Bean wasn't interested in making friends with Ivy, the new girl across the street, until she plays a trick on her sister and needs a place to hide out.

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.

Keena Ford Series by Frank Morrison.

Set in Washington, DC, this story is written as a journal from Keena's point of view. She and her friend Eric are looking forward to beginning second grade, until they discover that there will be separate classes for boys and girls. Plenty happens in the first week.

Lulu Series Hilary McKay. **Multi**

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. She worries she might mispronounce words and slip into Spanish.

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.

The Year of the Book (Series) by Andrea Cheng. **Multi**

Follows a young Chinese American girl, as she navigates relationships with family, friends, and her fourth-grade classroom, and finds a true best friend.

SPORTS STORIES

Kickers Series by Rich Wallace

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

Jake Maddox Sports Series and Jake Maddox Girls Sports Series by Jake Maddox.

Each book features a boy or girl in a true-to-life plot that emphasizes persistence, courage, and fair play. The boys and girls in these stories face obstacles in their sports, as well as social challenges.



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

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.

Bob by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead.

Visiting her grandmother in Australia, Livy, ten, is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is.

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 moved to Brooklyn where she became 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 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!*

Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech.

Louie has not had success caring for small pets, so when his father brings home a sickly baby donkey, he is determined to save him. The bond between Winslow and Louie grows stronger than expected.

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.



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.

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.

Falling Up by Shel Silverstein

Come, wander through the Nose Garden, ride the Little Hoarse, eat in the Strange Restaurant, and let the magic of Shel Silverstein open your eyes and tickle your mind. Also read **Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook.**

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.

A Place Inside of Me: a Poem to Heal the Heart by Zetta Elliot

Illustrations and easy-to-read text express a child's awareness of being filled with deep emotions, from joy to sorrow and anger to compassion, but above all, love.



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 Histronauts Series by Francis Durkin

When the Histronauts travel back in time, they'll need your help to uncover the secrets of the past.

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**.

InvestiGators by John Green

With their Very Exciting Spy Technology and their tried-and-true, toilet-based travel techniques, the InvestiGators are undercover and on the case.

Mayor Good Boy by Dave Scheidt

A small town elects a dog mayor and, even with foes trying to put a stop to his campaign of fun, Mayor Good Boy helps Greenwood become a town filled with kindness.

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.

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, Hesekeel and Erik. *Also read The Tea Dragon Festival.*

Tiger vs. Nightmare by Emily Tetri

Tiger is a lucky kid: she has a monster living under her bed. Each 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

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, his wife and baby tends to the light, the logbook, and all the chores. Together they live in the lighthouse, keeping the ships safe.

Ho'olnani: 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.

Linus the Little Yellow Pencil by Scott Magoon

Linus hopes to win the family art show but his eraser, Ernie, obliterates his work, his self-confidence, and his joy until a word from Smudge inspires Linus to try again.

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.

The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh by Supriya Kelkar **Multi**

Harpreet Singh loves his colors--but when his family moves to a new city, everything just feels gray. Can he find a way to make life bright again?

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?

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.

Rescue and Jessica: a Life-Changing Friendship by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downe (*Disabilities*)

When he is paired with a girl who has lost her leg, Rescue worries that he isn't ready to be her service dog.

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.



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.

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

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

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

Explains complex topics from the books into simple concepts to be better understood.

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

Fly Guy and Buzz explore a castle, space program, and other topics in each book in the series.

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

Learn about animals that make their own light and 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.

How are Animals Grouped by Lisa M. Bolt Simons

Bald eagles, bees, and bats all fly. But a bee is an insect. A bat is a mammal. And a bald eagle is a bird! Why are these animals sorted into different groups? Let's investigate animal classification!

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 on 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?

National Geographic Kids: Robots by Melissa Stewart. *Read any title in the series.*

Introduces robots and the science behind them, including a historic timeline of robot development.

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

Multi Why not use soda bottles 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?

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.

Who Would Win: Whale vs. Giant Squid by Jerry Pallotta (*Series*)

Learn about a whale and a giant squid's anatomy, behavior, and more.



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.

Rainbow Crow: A Lenape Tale by Nancy Van Laan **Multi**

When the weather changes and the ever-falling snow threatens to engulf all the animals, it is Crow who flies up to receive the gift of fire from the Great Sky Spirit.

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.

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 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.

Her Fearless Run: Kathrine Switzer's historic Boston Marathon by Kim Chaffee

This narrative biography follows Kathrine from running laps as a girl in her backyard to becoming the first woman to run the Boston Marathon with official race numbers in 1967.

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.

The Oldest Student by Rita L. Hubbard **Multi**

Imagine learning to read at the age of 116! Discover the true story of Mary Walker, the nation's oldest student who did just that.

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 loved to study the spaces around her. She explored the forest in her yard, 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.

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.

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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