

Reading List

Grade 3 to Grade 4

Abbott, Tony. **Secrets of Droon** series Eric, Julie and Neal discover an enchanted stairway in Eric's basement which turns out to be a portal to the magical and troubled world of Droon.

Titles include:

- **Treasure of the Orkins**
- **Moon Dragon**
- **Pirates of the Purple Dawn**

Baglio, Ben. **Animal Ark series** Because her parents are veterinarians, Mary is an expert on animals, from rabbits and hamsters to kittens and puppies. She and her friends help animals in need and sometime Mandy get the animals to help kids in need. Titles include:

- **Husky in a Hut**
- **Labrador on the Lawn**
- **Mare in the Meadow**
- **Racehorse in the Rain**
- **Spaniel in a Stocking**
- **Pup at the Palace**

Barrows, Annie. **Ivy + Bean series.**

- **Ivy + Bean, #1** When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.
- **Ivy + Bean and the Ghost That Had to Go, #2.** Second-graders Ivy and Bean set out to expel the ghost who is living in the girls' bathroom at their school.
- **Ivy + Bean Break the Fossil Record, #3.** Everyone in second grade seems set on breaking a world record and friends Ivy and Bean are no exception, deciding to become the youngest people ever to discover a dinosaur skeleton.
- **Ivy + Bean Take care of the Babysitter, #4.** Ivy left in the care of her mean older sister Nancy for the afternoon, enlists her best friend Ivy in a plot to prove Nancy is the worst babysitter ever.
- **Ivy + Bean Bound to Be Bad, #5.** Ivy and Bean decide to be good, kind and pure of thought in the hopes that the wild animals will befriend them, but when their plan doesn't work, they decide sometimes it's good to be a little bad.

Birdsall, Jeanne. **The Penderwicks.** While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

The Penderwicks of Gardam Street. The four Penderwick sisters are faced with the unimaginable prospect of their widowed father dating and they hatch a plan to stop him.

Brown, Jeff. **Flat Stanley** series. Ever since Stanley was flattened by a bulletin board, he has captured imaginations with his ability to travel by mail.

- **Flat Stanley:** After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.
- **Invisible Stanley:** One morning after a thunderstorm, the family is surprised to discover Stanley is suddenly invisible.
- **Stanley and the Magic Lamp:** The family is affected when a boisterous genie grants their wishes for fame, power, and the ability to fly.
- **Stanley, Flat Again:** After Stanley goes flat once again, he uses his flatness to help win a sailboat race and rescue a classmate from a collapsed building.
- **Stanley in Space:** When residents of a distant planet send a message to Earth asking for someone to meet with them, the President asks Stanley, an all American boy, to be his representative.

Cleary, Beverly

Henry and Beezus: Henry wins fifty dollars worth of beauty shop services and finds an ingenious way to convert it to cash for a bicycle.

Henry and the Paper Route: When Henry wants to start a paper route, he receives unexpected help from his little sister, Ramona.

Henry and the Clubhouse: Although Beezus is a girl, she is so sensible that Henry can't help being friends with her especially after she helps him.

Henry Huggins: Henry's boring life becomes more interesting after he picks up a stray dog, names it Ribsey and embarks on a series of adventures.

Henry and Ribsy: His father has promised to take Henry fishing on the condition that he keep his dog Ribsy out of trouble: however, that is easier said than done.

Mouse and the Motorcycle: 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.

Runaway Ralph: sequel to Mouse and the Motorcycle: Ralph runs away looking for freedom but winds up a prisoner at summer camp.

Ralph S. Mouse: Further adventures of a motorcycle-riding mouse who goes to school and becomes the instigator of an investigation rodents and **peacemaker for two lonely boys.**

Ramona the Pest: The hilarious adventure of Ramona as she enters kindergarten.

Ramona the Brave: Six-year-old Ramona tries to cope with an unsympathetic first grade teacher.

Ramona and her Father: The family routine is upset during Ramona's year in second grade when her father unexpectedly loses his job.

Ramona and her Mother: Ramona at 7 1/2 sometimes feels discriminated against by being the youngest in the family.

Ramona Forever: During Ramona's year in third grade, there is a change in her after-school situation, a surprise wedding, a death and a new arrival in the family and her father gets a new job.

Clements, Andrew.

- **Frindle.** When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

- **Jake Drake, Teacher's Pet.** Jake sets out to save his reputation when a run of good luck at school draws the unwanted praise of his teachers, giving the other kids the idea that he is teacher's pet.
- **Jake Drake, Know-it All.** Jake strives to win the grand prize for his school's first science fair.
- **Jake Drake, Class Clown.** Jake strives to win the grand prize for his school's first science fair.
- **Jake Drake, Bully Buster.** Jake has his hands full trying to survive at school with Link Baxter, the class bully.
- **Lost and Found.** Twin brothers Jay and Ray Grayson learn about friendship, honesty, and themselves after taking advantage of a clerical oversight in which their new school thinks there is only one Grayson boy.
- **Lunch Money.** Twelve-year-old Greg, who has always been good at moneymaking projects, is surprised to find himself teaming up with his lifelong rival, Maura, to create a series of comic books to sell at school.
- **No Talking.** The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.
- **The Report Card.** Fifth-grader Nora Rowley has always hidden the fact that she is a genius from everyone because all she wants is to be normal, but when she comes up with a plan to prove that grades are not important, things begin to get out of control.
- **Room One, a Mystery or Two.** Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.
- **School Story.** After twelve-year-old Natalie writes a wonderful novel, her friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme to get it accepted at the publishing house where Natalie's mother works as an editor.

Conford, Ellen. **Jenny Archer** series.

- **Job for Jenny Archer:** Convinced her family is poor because her parents refuse to get her a horse, nine-year-old Jenny follows her own path to making money.
- **Case for Jenny Archer:** After reading three mysteries in a row, Jenny becomes convinced that the neighbors across the street are up to no good and decides to investigate.
- **Jenny Archer, Author:** Stymied by an assignment to write her autobiography, Jenny decides to enhance her life story by using her considerable imagination.
- **Jenny Archer to the Rescue:** After perfecting her first aid skills, Jenny is disappointed in not finding anyone to rescue and decides to invent her own emergencies.
- **Nibble, Nibble Jenny Archer:** Jenny is excited about making a TV commercial for a new snack food, until she discovers that the food she like so much was mean for gerbils.
- **Get the Picture Jenny Archer:** Jenny lets her imagination run away with her when she decides to enter a photography contest and starts taking candid pictures around her neighborhood.

Cowell, Cressida. **Heroic Midadventures of Hiccup the Viking** series.

- **How to Train Your Dragon.** Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.

- ***How to Cheat a Dragon's Curse.*** Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III must go to great lengths to find a potato, the only thing that will cure his friend Fishlegs of the deadly disease Vorpentitis.
- ***How to Twist a Dragon's Tail.*** Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III has to recover the firestone in order to stop a volcano from erupting and wiping out the tribes on Volcano Island.
- ***How to Speak Dragonese.*** Recounts the further escapades of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he continues his Viking training during which he escapes from a boatload of Roman soldiers and searches for his kidnapped dragon.

Danziger, Paula. ***Amber Brown*** series.

- ***Amber Brown Goes Fourth:*** Entering fourth grade, Amber faces some changes in her life as her best friend moves away and her parents divorce.
- ***Amber Brown is Feeling Blue:*** Nine-year-old Amber Brown faces further complications because of her parent's divorce when her father plans to move back from Paris and she must decide which parent she will be with at Thanksgiving.
- ***Amber Brown is Not a Crayon:*** Her third grade year is a sad time for Amber, because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state.
- ***Amber Brown Sees Red:*** Fourth grade is a difficult year for Amber as she tries to deal with her divorces parents and her father's impending joint custody of her.
- ***Amber Brown Wants Extra Credit:*** Unhappy over her parents' divorce and her mother's boyfriend, nine-year-old Amber finds her schoolwork suffering.

Gutman, Dan. ***Baseball Card Adventures series.*** Thirteen-year-old Joe has the ability to travel through time using baseball cards and photographs. Titles include:

- ***Jackie (Robinson) and Me***
- ***Babe (Ruth) and Me***
- ***Shoeless Joe (Jackson) and Me***
- ***Mickey (Mantle) and Me***

Gutman, Dan.

- ***Homework Machine.*** Four fifth-grade students – a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet and a slacker – as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.
- ***The Get Rich Quick Club.*** Summer vacation in their small Main town does not look too promising until twelve-year-old Gina and four of her friends make a pact to become millionaires before school starts in September.
- ***The Kid Who Ran for President.*** With his friend as campaign manager and his former babysitter as running mate, twelve-year-old Judson Moon sets out to become President of the United States.
- ***The Kid Who Became President.*** Sequel to *The Kid Who Ran for President.* Thirteen-year-old Judson Moon becomes president.

Gutman, Dan. ***Million Dollar*** series.

- ***Million Dollar Goal.*** Twins Dawn and Dusk learn to admire their crotchety old grandmother when they teach her to play hockey after she wins the chance to shoot a goal for one million dollars, but when she dies before the contest, the twins must decide who is going to take her place.

- **Million Dollar Kick.** Thirteen-year-old Whisper, who hates sports, is torn when she gets a chance to win a million dollars by kicking a goal against a local soccer hero.
- **Million Dollar Putt.** Assisted by his neighbor, Birdie, blind thirteen-year-old Ed “Bogie” Bogard will win one million dollars if he can sink a ten-foot putt in Hawaii’s fifth annual Angus Killick Memorial Tournament.
- **Million Dollar Shot.** Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.
- **Million Dollar Strike.** Best friends Ouchie and Squishy, who love bowling and horror movies respectively, meet the eccentric owner of a local bowling alley and try to help him save Bowl-A-Rama from the wrecking ball.

Hale, Bruce. **Chet Gecko Mysteries.** The star of these hilarious mysteries is none other than a green-scaled, smart-aleck fourth grader, Chet Gecko, an intrepid, private-eye lizard. Titles include:

- **Murder, my Tweet: from the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko**
- **The Malted Falcon**
- **Farewell, My Lunchbag**
- **Trouble is My Beeswax**
- **This Gum for Hire**

Kelly, Katy. **Lucy Rose series.**

- **Lucy Rose: Here’s the Thing About Me.** Eight-year-old Lucy Rose keeps a diary of her first year in Washington, D.C., her home since her parents separation, where she spends time with her grandparents, makes new friends, and longs to convince her teacher to let her take care of the class pet during a holiday.
- **Lucy Rose: Busy Like You Can’t Believe.** Fourth grader Lucy Rose learns about the perils of eavesdropping while also confiding in her diary her worries that her recently divorced mother is beginning to date.
- **Lucy Rose: Working Myself to Pieces & Bits.** In her diary fourth grader Lucy Rose, lover of palindromes and big words, records her adventures with friends Jonique and Melonhead, including their unorthodox ways of raising money for the McBees to remodel their bakery.
- **Lucy Rose: Big on Plans.** Lucy Rose records in her diary her special summer plans – to make a keychain for her mother, to help decorate the living room, to prevent her parents’ divorce, to vanquish some squirrels, and to enjoy a ninth birthday adventure with her father.

Greenburg, Dan. **My Weird Planet series.** When their spaceship crash lands on Earth, Ploo is captured by the Army and taken to the mysterious Area 51. Will her brothers Lek and Klatu be able to rescue her? Titles include:

- **Lost in Las Vegas**
- **Chilling With the Great Ones**
- **Lights, Camera...Liftoff!!**
- **Attack of the Evil Elvises**

Gregory, Kristine. **Cabin Creek Mysteries.** Action -packed adventures about brothers Jeff and David, along with their nine-year-old cousin, Claire. Titles include:

- **The Clue at the Bottom of the Lake.** Brothers Jeff and David, along with their cousin Claire, plunge into a dangerous mystery after spotting someone dumping a large bundle into the lake at Cabin Creek in the middle of the night.
- **The Haunting of Hillside School.** Jeff, David, and Claire investigate when they start to notice odd things in their school and begin to believe the building is haunted.

- ***The Legend of Skull Cliff.*** Jeff, David, and Clair investigate the disappearance of a camper from Skull Cliff, but are not all that sure it was a case of kidnapping.
- ***The Secret of Robber's Cave.*** Brothers Jeff and David, along with their nine-year-old cousin, Claire, go to the deserted island to find out if the legend of Robber's Cave is true.

Marsh, Carole. ***Carole Marsh Mysteries.*** Travel with Mimi, Papa, Christina, and Grant as they visit famous places around the world. Exciting adventures include the history, geography, culture, and more of each country they visit. Titles include:

- ***The Curse of the Acropolis***
- ***The Mystery at Big Ben***
- ***The Mystery of the Eiffel Tower***
- ***The Mystery at the Roman Coliseum***
- ***The Mystery in the Amazon Rainforest***
- ***The Mystery of the Ancient Pyramid: Cairo, Egypt***
- ***The Mystery at Jamestown***
- ***The Mystery at the Kentucky Derby***
- ***The Mystery at Disney World***
- ***The Mystery in New York City***

McMullan, Kate ***Dragon Slayers Academy series*** The adventures of Wiglaf from the days of yore when dragons were aplenty and dragon slayers were ready, willing but not always able. Titles include:

- ***Knight for a Day***
- ***Double Dragon Trouble***
- ***Never Trust a Troll!***
- ***New Kid at School***
- ***Revenge of the Dragon Lady***
- ***Sir Lancelot, Where are You?***

Piemme, Edizioni. ***Geronimo Stilton series*** Although mouse-journalist Geronimo runs a newspaper on Mouse Island, his true passion is writing exciting, fun-filled tales of adventure, which he gladly shares with his readers. Titles include:

- ***Red Pizzas for a Blue Count***
- ***I'm Too Fond of My Fur***
- ***Cat and Mouse in a Haunted House***
- ***Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye***
- ***Watch Your Whiskers, Stilton!***

Pennypacker, Sara. ***Clementine series.***

- ***Clementine.*** While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with the neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.
- ***Clementine's Letter.*** After learning that her favorite teacher will be leaving for a trip to Egypt and will be absent for the remainder of the year, Clementine devises a plan to get rid of the substitute and get Mr. D'Matz to stay.

- ***The Talented Clementine.*** Eight-year old Clementine, convinced that she has no talents, tries to find a way to avoid participating in the class talent show.

Peterson, John. ***The Littles series.*** Only six inches tall, the Littles have adventures galore in the land of the Biggs family. Titles include:

- ***The Littles***
- ***The Littles to the Rescue***
- ***The Littles Have a Wedding***
- ***The Littles Take a Trip***
- ***The Littles Go to School***

Roy, Ron. ***A to Z Mysteries*** One book for each letter of the alphabet, Dink, Josh and Ruth are always accidentally stumbling into the role of crime solvers.

Titles include:

- ***Runaway Racehorse***
- ***School Skeleton***
- ***Talking T. Rex***

Roy, Ron. ***Capital Mysteries series*** K.C. Corcoran and her pal Marshall Li live near the White House and are friends with the president and his cat George. Titles include:

- ***Fireworks at the FBI***
- ***Kidnapped at the Capital***
- ***Mystery at the Washington Monument***
- ***Skeleton in the Smithsonian***
- ***Spy in the White House***
- ***A Thief at the National Zoo***
- ***Trouble at the Treasury***
- ***Who Broke Lincoln's Thumb?***
- ***Who Cloned the President?***

Scieszka, Jon. ***Time Warp Trio Series.***

- ***Knights of the Kitchen Table:***
- ***The Not-so-Jolly Roger:***
- ***Your Mother was a Neanderthal:*** The boys find themselves in the middle of a prehistoric adventure where cave art is a form of graffiti and “rock” music takes on a whole new meaning.
- ***2095:*** While on a field trip to New York’s Museum of Natural History, The boys travel 110 years into the future and encounter robots, anti-gravity disks, and their own grandchildren.
- ***Tut, Tut:*** After Joe’s sister Anna and her cat Cleo discover the magical time-travel books, the Trio find themselves in the middle of an adventure in ancient Egypt.
- ***Summer Reading is Killing Me!*** At the beginning of vacation Joe, Sam and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list of well-know children’s books.
- ***It’s All Greek to Me:*** The boys are transported back to the time of Zeus and other Greek gods who behave much as the characters in the trio’s class play.
- ***See You Later, Gladiator:*** The boys demonstrate some of their professional wrestling moves including the “Time Warp Trio Blind Ninja Smackdown” when they’re transported to ancient Rome and forced to fight as gladiators.

- **Sam Samurai:** The boys are transported to 17th century Japan when they infuriate a Samurai warrior, encounter their grade granddaughters and save their lives by reciting an ancient form of poetry.
- **Hey Kid, Want to Buy a Bridge?** Thanks for their magical book, Fred, Sam and Joe travel to 1877 New York City, where they and their granddaughters, who also have come from the future, help them find a way back to their own time.
- **Me oh Maya!** Joe, Fred, and Sam find themselves whisked to the main ring-ball court in Chichin Itza, Mexico in 1000 A.D. where they must play for their lives against a Mayan High Priest who cheats.
- **Da Wild, Da Crazy, Da Vinci:** Joe, Fred, and Sam meet Leonardo da Vince and try to avoid becoming toilet scrubbers in a 16th century Italian army.
- **Oh Say, I can' See.** After arriving in Pennsylvania during the winter of 1776, the boys inspire General George Washing to carry out a surprise attack on Hessian troops in Trent, New Jersey, that will change the course of the Revolutionary War.

Sobol, Donald. **Encyclopedia Brown series.** Encyclopedia Brown, America's Sherlock Holmes in sneakers, solves ten new mysteries in each book by common sense methods. He challenges the reader to reach the proper solution with him or to turn to the answers, if he's stumped. Titles include:

- **Encyclopedia Brown**
- **Encyclopedia Brown Gets His Man**
- **Encyclopedia Brown Lends a Hand**
- **Encyclopedia Brown Fines the Clues**
- **Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Two Spies**

Stone, Rex. **Dinosaur Cove.** Tom and Jamie are on a hunt for adventure when they wander into a smuggler's long-abandoned secret cave. But they get a lot more than they bargained for! By following the fossilized dinosaur footsteps on the cave's floor, they are transported back in time to the thrilling world of the dinosaurs. Titles include;

- **Attack of the Tyrannosaurus**
- **Catching the Velociraptor**
- **Charge of the Triceratops**
- **Flight of the Quetzalcoatlus**

Winthrop, Eizabeth.

- **Castle in the Attic.** A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest.
- **Battle for the Castle.** Sequel to: The castle in the attic. Twelve-year-old William uses the magic token to return, through the toy castle in his attic, to the medieval land of Sir Simon, which is now menaced by a skeleton ship bearing a plague of ravenous rats.

Biographies

McGovern, Ann. ***The Secret Soldier***: Biography of the woman who disguised herself as a man and joined the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

Who Was _____? Series

<i>Louis Armstrong</i>	<i>The Beatles</i>
<i>Daniel Boone</i>	<i>Johnny Appleseed</i>
<i>Thomas Alva Edison</i>	<i>Harry Houdini</i>
<i>Thomas Jefferson</i>	<i>John F. Kennedy</i>
<i>King Tut</i>	<i>Leonardo da Vinci</i>
<i>Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart</i>	<i>Marco Polo</i>
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	<i>Ronald Reagan</i>
<i>Eleanor Roosevelt</i>	<i>William Shakespeare</i>
<i>Queen Elizabeth</i>	

History Maker Biographies series. Titles include:

<i>Abraham Lincoln</i>	<i>Albert Einstein</i>
<i>Alexander Graham Bell</i>	<i>Amelia Earhart</i>
<i>Andrew Jackson</i>	<i>Benjamin Franklin</i>
<i>Christopher Columbus</i>	<i>Clara Barton</i>
<i>Colin Powell</i>	<i>Coretta Scott King</i>
<i>Daniel Boone</i>	<i>Davy Crockett</i>
<i>Dolley Madison</i>	<i>Dwight D. Eisenhower</i>
<i>Ferdinand Magellan</i>	<i>Frederick Douglass</i>
<i>George C. Marshall</i>	<i>George Eastman</i>
<i>George S. Patton Jr.</i>	<i>George Washington</i>
<i>Harriet Tubman</i>	<i>Henry Ford</i>
<i>Jimmy Carter</i>	<i>John Adams</i>
<i>John Deere</i>	<i>John F. Kennedy</i>
<i>John Hancock</i>	<i>Juan Ponce de Leon</i>
<i>Levi Straus</i>	<i>Marian Anderson</i>
<i>Matthew Henson</i>	<i>Milton Hershey</i>
<i>Neil Armstrong</i>	<i>Nellie Bly</i>
<i>Patrick Henry</i>	<i>Paul Revere</i>
<i>Robert E. Lee</i>	<i>Rose Parks</i>
<i>Sir Walter Raleigh</i>	<i>Susan B. Anthony</i>
<i>Thomas Edison</i>	<i>Thomas Jefferson</i>
<i>Ulysses S. Grant</i>	<i>W.K. Kellogg</i>
<i>The Wright Brothers</i>	

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