

**Santa Fe School for the Arts & Sciences**  
**Summer Reading**  
**Suggestions for Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**

We hope that all of you will read a lot over the summer and we strongly suggest taking the time to check out some of these titles. We hope these lists will provide you with some starting places. Please take these suggestions as a guide to explore books by favorite or newly-discovered authors and illustrators.

These titles are not required reading, but an invitation to enter--or, we hope, continue along--the richly rewarding road of sharing books with your child. Several families mentioned that they were going to have a scheduled quiet reading time each day. Remember that you can always take turns reading aloud with your child. If they choose a difficult book, they can read one page or a few lines and you can read for more time. There are more books for beginning readers who can read on their own at the end of this long list.

**NEW BOOKS FOR 2009**

ADLER, DAVID	CAM JANSEN AND THE SUMMER CAMP MYSTERIES (CHAPTER)
BLUME, JUDY	SOOPY SATURDAYS WITH THE PAIN AND THE GREAT ONE(CHAPTER)
DICAMILLO, KATE	MERCY WATSON, PRINCESS IN DISGUISE (EARLY CHAPTER)
HARRINGTON, JANICE	THE CHICKEN CHASING QUEEN OF LAMAR COUNTY (PICTURE)
MCDONALD, MEGAN	STINK AND THE WORLD'S WORST SUPER STINKY SNEAKERS (CHAPTER)
MUTH, JON	ZEN TIES (PICTURE)
PENNYPACKER, SARA	THE TALENTED CLEMENTINE (CHAPTER)
PERKINS, LYNN RAE	PICTURES FROM OUR SUMMER VACATION (PICTURE)
PRELUTSKY, JACK	MY DOG MAY BE A GENIUS (POETRY)
RANSOME, CANDICE	TIME SPIES (CHAPTER SERIES)
RANSOME, LESA CLINE	YOUNG PELE (BIOGRAPHY)
STIER, CATHERINE	IF I RAN FOR PRESIDENT (PICTURE)
THOMPSON, LAUREN	BALLERINA DREAMS (NON-FICTION )
WILLEMS, MO	KNUFFLE BUNNY TOO(PICTURE)

## PICTURE BOOKS

Picture books tend to be beautifully illustrated books for children where the words and the pictures work together to tell the story. The following books have appropriate themes and language for first graders. However, the vocabulary of a picture book is not as controlled or as consistent as that of an "I-Can-Read" book. Therefore, some of the books listed here are more difficult than others. All are wonderful for reading aloud, but specific reading levels will have to be judged individually.

BARRETT, JUDI	CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS
BRYAN, ASHLEY	BEAUTIFUL BLACKBIRD
BUNTING, EVE	BUTTERFLY HOUSE, I DON'T WANT TO GO TO CAMP (AND OTHERS)
CLEMENTS, ANDREW	CIRCUS DOG
CRONIN, DOREEN	CLICK CLACK MOO, COWS THAT TYPE, DIARY OF A WORM
DANNEBERG, JULIE	FIRST DAY JITTERS
DEPAOLO, TOMIE	BILL AND PEET (AND OTHERS)
GERSTEIN, MORDICAI	THE SEAL MOTHER
HENKES, KEVIN	LILY AND THE PURPLE PLASTIC PURSE CHESTER'S WAY ( AND MANY OTHERS)
HOFFMAN, MARY	AMAZING GRACE
HOBAN, LILLIAN	BREAD AND JAM FOR FRANCES (SERIES)
JOHNSON, D.B.	HENRY HIKES TO FITCHBURG
KELLOG, STEVEN	PINKERTON (SERIES)
LIONNI, LEO	TICO AND THE GOLDEN WINGS FREDERICK(AND OTHERS)
MARCELLINO, FRED	I, CROCODILE
MCCLERRAN, ALICE	ROXABOXEN
MCCULLY, EMILY ARNOLD	MOUSE PRACTICE
MEDDAUGH, SUSAN	MARTHA SPEAKS
RATHMAN, PEGGY	OFFICER BUCKLE AND GLORIA
RYLANT, CYNTHIA	WHEN I WAS YOUNG IN THE MOUNTAINS, TULIP SEES AMERICA (AND OTHERS)
SCIESKA, JOHN	THE STINKY CHEESE MAN THE FROG PRINCE CONTINUED
SIMONT, MARC	THE STRAY DOG

SIS, PETER	MADLENKA
STEIG, WILLIAM	BRAVE IRENE, DOCTOR DESOTO SYLVESTER AND THE MAGIC PEBBLE S)
STEWART, SARAH	THE LIBRARY
TABACK, SIMS	JOSEPH HAD A LITTLE OVERCOAT
THURBER, JAMES	MANY MOONS
VIORST, JUDITH	ALEXANDER AND THE HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD, DAY ALEXANDER WHO'S NOT (DO YOU HEAR ME? I MEAN IT!) GOING TO MOVE ROSIE AND MICHAEL
WABER, BERNARD	THE HOUSE ON EAST 88TH ST. IRA SLEEPS OVER
YASIMA, TARO	CROW BOY
YORINKS, ARTHUR	HEY AL

## I-CAN-READ

I-Can-Read books are perfect for first graders who are going into second. We like to describe them as short chapter books, since they are just long enough. The vocabulary is usually fairly controlled and consistent and will give readers a lot of practice reading high-frequency words. In addition, many of the books have memorable characters and a wonderful sense of humor. Again, some are slightly easier than others, so a quick review is always wise.

ADLER, DAVID	YOUNG CAM JANSEN (SERIES)
AVI	ABIGAIL TAKES THE WHEEL PRAIRE SCHOOL CHANG'S PAPER PONY
BULLER, JON	20,000 BASEBALL CARDS UNDER THE SEA
BYARS, BETSY	THE GOLLY SISTERS GO WEST (SERIES)
CAPLE, KATHY	THE FRIENDSHIP TREE
CAZET, DENYS	MINNIE AND MOO (SERIES)
COERR, ELEANOR	THE BIG BALLOON RACETHE JOSEPHINA STORY QUILT
COSBY, BILL	MY BIG LIE (AND OTHER BOOKS IN THE LITTLE BILL SERIES)
CUSHMAN, DOUG	INSPECTOR HOPPER

DEPAOLA, TOMIE	26 FAIRMONT AVE.
GUEST, ELISA	IRIS AND WALTER (SERIES)
HAYES, GEOFFREY	THE SECRET OF FOGHORN ISLAND (SERIES)
HOFF, SYD	SAMMY THE SEAL THE LITTLEST LEAGUER (AND OTHERS BY THE SAME AUTHOR)
JOHNSON, TONY	SPARKY AND EDDIE AND THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (SERIES)
KESSLER, LEONARD	HERE COMES THE STRIKEOUT KICK, PASS AND RUN OLD TURTLE'S BASEBALL GAMES
LITTLE, JEAN	EMMA'S MAGIC WINTER, EMMA'S YUCKY BROTHER
LOBEL, ARNOLD	FROG AND TOAD (SERIES) OWL AT HOME
MARSHALL, JAMES	FOX ON THE JOB (SERIES) THREE BY THE SEA (SERIES)
MINARIK, ELSE	LITTLE BEAR
O'CONNOR, JANE	EEK, STORIES TO MAKE YOU SHRIEK
PARISH, PEGGY	AMELIA BEDELIA
Rocklin, Joanne	This Book is Haunted
RYLANT, CYNTHIA	HENRY AND MUDGE MR. PUTTER AND TABBY POPPLETON
SCHWARTZ, ALVIN	IN A DARK, DARK ROOM AND OTHER SCARY STORIES
SHARMAT, MARJORIE	NATE THE GREAT (SERIES)
THOMAS, SHELLY MOORE	GOOD NIGHT, GOOD KNIGHT
TURNER, ANN	DUST FOR DINNER
VAN LEEUWEN, JEAN	TALES OF AMANDA PIG (SERIES)
WISEMAN, BERNARD	MORRIS AND BORIS (SERIES)
YOLEN, JANE	COMMANDER TOAD IN SPACE (SERIES)
ZION, GENE	HARRY THE DIRTY DOG

## CHAPTER BOOKS

Some young readers will be ready for chapter books this summer. The books listed below have themes that we feel are perfect for this age group. In addition, the vocabulary in each book is straight forward and word choice is fairly controlled. We also tried to choose chapter books that are not too long, but should satisfy a reader who wants to stretch a little over the summer.

AVERILL, ESTHER	JENNY'S MOONLIGHT ADVENTURE
BRISSON, PAT	HOT FUDGE HERO, LITTLE SISTER, BIG SISTER
BROWN, JEFF	FLAT STANLEY (SERIES)
BYARS, BETSY	TORNADO
CAMERON, ANN	THE STORIES JULIAN TELLS (SERIES)
CHRISTOPHER, MATT	THE DOG THAT PITCHED A NO-HITTER (SERIES) SOCCER CATS (SERIES)
COOMBS, PATRICIA	DORRIE THE WITCH (SERIES)
CONFORD, ELLEN	JENNY ARCHER TO THE RESCUE (SERIES)
COVILLE, BRUCE	SPACE BRAT (SERIES)
DADY, DEBBIE	TRIPLET TROUBLE (SERIES)
DALGLIESH, ALICE	THE BEARS OF HEMLOCK MOUNTAIN
DELTON, JUDI	KIDS OF THE POLK STREET SCHOOL (SERIES)
GANNETT, RUTH	MY FATHER'S DRAGON
GERAS, ADELE	THE CATS OF CUCKOO SQUARE:TWO STORIES
GIFF, PATRICIA REILLY	DANCE WITH ROSIE(SERIES)
HAAS, JESSE	RUNAWAY RADISH
HAYWOOD, CAROLYN	B IS FOR BETSY (SERIES) EDDIE'S MENAGERIE (SERIES)
HOOKS, WILLIAM	PIONEER CAT
HOWE, JAMES	PINK AND REX (SERIES)
HURWITZ, JOANNA	PEE WEE'S TALE (SERIES)  RIP ROARING RUSSEL (SERIES)
JENKINS, EMILY	TOYS GO OUT
KING-SMITH, DICK	THE NINE LIVES OF ARISTOTLE
KLINKE, SUZY	HORRIBLE HARRY (SERIES)
LANDON, LUCINDA	MEG MACKINTOSH AND THE MYSTERY AT CAMP CREEPY (SERIES)

LEVERICH, KATHLEEN	BEST ENEMIES
LEVINSON, NANCY SMILER	SNOWSHOE THOMPSON
LEVY, ELIZABETH	SOMETHING QUEER IS GOING ON
MILLER, SARA SWAN	THREE STORIES YOU CAN READ TO YOUR DOG
MURPHY, JILL	THE WORST WITCH (SERIES)
OSBORNE, MARY POPE	THE MAGIC TREEHOUSE (SERIES)
PARISH, PEGGY	THE KEY TO THE TREASURE (SERIES)
PARK, BARBARA	JUNIE B. JONES(SERIES)
PETERSON, JOHN	THE LITTLES(SERIES)
ROSS, PAT	MEET M AND M (SERIES)
RODOWSKY, COLBY	NOT MY DOG
ROOP, PETER AND CONNIE	KEEP THE LIGHTS BURNING ABBY
ROY, BON	A-Z MYSTERIES (SERIES)
RYLANT, CYNTHIA	COBBLE STREET COUSINS (SERIES)
STEVENS, CARLA	ANNA, GRANDPA, AND THE BIG STORM

### **NON-FICTION (BIOGRAPHY, INFORMATIONAL BOOKS, POETRY, CRAFTS, ETC.)**

A little bit of everything! This is the just-for-fun section, full of books to entertain, inform and inspire creative projects.

ADLER, DAVID	"A PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY OF..." (SERIES)
BOLTON, REG	SHOWTIME: OVER 75 WAYS TO PUT ON A SHOW
CASEY, PATRICIA	ONE DAY AT THE WOOD GREEN ANIMAL SHELTER
COLES, ROBERT	THE STORY OF RUBY BRIDGES
DONNELLY, JUDY	THE TITANIC: LOST AND FOUND MOONWALK: THE FIRST TRIP TO THE MOON
ESIASON, BOOMER	A BOY NAMED BOOMER
FLORIAN, DOUGLAS	INSECTLOPEDIA, BEAST FEAST
GIBBONS, GAIL	KNIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOURSPIDERS (AND MANY MANY OTHERS)
GIGANTI, PAUL	EACH ORANGE HAD EIGHT SLICES
GUTELLE, ANDREW	BASEBALL'S BEST: FIVE TRUE STORIES
HAUSER, JILL	SUPER SCIENCE CONCOCTIONS
HOLUB, JEAN	WHY DO HORSES NEIGH
HOPKINS, LEE BENNETT	GOOD TIMES, GOOD RYMES
HORNBLOW,	BIRDS DO THE STRANGEST THINGS (AND OTHERS

ARTHUR/LENORE	IN THE "ANIMALS DO THE STRANGEST THINGS" SERIES)
ISADORA, RACHEL	NICK PLAYS BASEBALL
JABOBSEN, KATHY	MY NEW YORK
JENKINS, STEVE	WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A TAIL LIKE THIS
KREMENTZ, JILL	A VISIT TO WASHINGTON D.C.
LEEDY, LOREEN	MAPPING PENNY'S WORLD MEASURING PENNY
LEYTON, LAWRENCE	MY FIRST MAGIC BOOK
LOPSHIRE, ROBERT	HOW TO MAKE SNOP SNAPPERS AND OTHER FINE THINGS
MAESTRO, BETSEY	THE STORY OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY
"MEET" SERIES	MEET GEORGE WASHINGTON (BIOGRAPHY SERIES)
MURPHY, STUART	GIVE ME HALF THE PENNY POT READY SET HOP
"NEW TRUE BOOKS"	NON-FICTION SERIES INCLUDING MANY ANIMALS IE: A NEW TRUE BOOK OF MANATEES
O'CONNOR, JIM	COMEBACK! FOUR TRUE STORIES
PRELUTSKY, JACK	A PIZZA THE SIZE OF THE SUN (AND OTHERS)
ROSS, KATHY	CRAFTS TO MAKE IN THE SUMMER
SHEA, GEORGE	AMAZING RESCUES
SILVERSTEIN, SHEL	WHERE THE SIDEWALK ENDS(AND OTHERS)
SOWLER, SANEI	AMAZING ANIMAL DISGUISES
SWINBURNE, STEPHEN T.	WHAT'S A PAIR, WHAT'S A DOZEN
WICK, WALTER	A DROP OF WATER

**NON-FICTION (BIOGRAPHY, INFORMATIONAL BOOKS, POETRY, FOLKTALES, ETC.)**

AARDEMA, VERNA	TRAVELING TO TONDO PRINCESS GORILLA AND A NEW KIND OF WATER... AND OTHERS
ALIKI	WILD AND WOOLLY MAMMOTHS
BERGER, MELVIN	WHY I SNEEZE, SHIVER, HICCUP, AND YAWN
BRYAN, ASHLEY	BEAUTIFUL BLACKBIRD (folklore)
CLEMENTS, ANDREW	BRAVE NORMAN
CREWS, DONALD	HARBOR ... AND OTHERS

COLE, JOANNA	THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS SERIES
COWLEY, JOY	RED EYED TREE FROG
DIAKITE, BABA WAGUE	HATSELLER AND THE MONKEYS (folklore)
EHLERT, LOIS	WAITING FOR WINGS
EMBERLY, ED	GREAT THUMBPRINT DRAWING BOOK ... AND OTHERS
"EYEWITNESS JUNIORS": SERIES	AMAZING CATS (PARSONS) ... AND OTHERS
FLORIAN, DOUGLAS	MAMMALABILIA, INSECTLOPEDIA (POETRY)
FRENCH, VIVIAN	GROWING FROGS
GEORGE, KRISTINE	LITTLE DOG POEMS
GIBBONS, GAIL	EMERGENCY! STARGAZERS ... AND OTHERS
GRAHAM, JOAN	SPLISH SPLASH: POEMS
HALL, KATY	KITTY RIDDLES, BUGGY RIDDLES
HOLUB, JOAN	WHY DO RABBITS HOP?
HONG, LILY TOY	TWO OF EVERYTHING
HORNBLOW, LEONORA	ANIMALS DO THE STRANGEST THINGS (SERIES)
INTRATER, ROBERTA	TWO EYES, A NOSE AND A MOUTH
JAMES, SIMON	DAYS LIKE THIS: A COLLECTION OF SMALL POEMS
JENKINS, STEVE	WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A TAIL LIKE THIS?
KIMMEL, ERIC A.	ANANSI AND THE TALKING MELON (folklore)
KATZEN, MOLLIE	PRETEND SOUP
LEE, DENNIS	DINOSAUR DINNER
MACMILLAN	MACMILLAN FIRST ATLAS
McDERMOTT, GERALD	ANANSI THE SPIDER RAVEN: A TRICKSTER TALE FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST ... AND OTHERS
MOROZUMI, ATSUKO	ONE GORILLA - A COUNTING BOOK
MOSEL, ARLENE	TIKKI TIKKI TEMBO (folklore)
MURPHY, STUART J.	GIVE ME HALF!
OLDER, JULES	TELLING TIME
ROGERS, PAUL	THE SHAPES GAME
ROUNDS, GLEN	THREE LITTLE PIGS AND THE BIG BAD WOLF
SELSAM, MILLICENT	LET'S GET TURTLES ... AND MANY OTHERS
SWINBURNE, STEPHEN	WHAT'S A PAIR? WHAT'S A DOZEN?
"WHAT'S INSIDE" SERIES:	SHELLS TOYS
WICK, WILLIAM	A DROP OF WATER

**ORIGINAL STORIES**

Bailey, Linda Stanley's Party

Little by little, Stanley stops being such a good dog, with hilarious results.

Bang, Molly The Paper Crane

A mysterious stranger visits a restaurant, and his magical origami effects a marvelous change.

Banks, Kate The Cat Who Walked Across France

A lonely determined cat finds his way home after being sent away.

Barrett, Judi Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

The hilarious tale of the town of Chewandswallow, where meals fall from the sky.

Base, Graeme Jungle Drums

A wonderful "be careful what you wish for" story.

Bate, Lucy Little Rabbit's Loose Tooth

The story of a rabbit child who loses his front tooth.

Bemelmans, Ludwig Madeline

The rhyming adventures of a little girl who lives with eleven other little girls in Paris. A series.

Bluthenthal, Diane Cain I'm Not Invited?

Minnie waits in vain for an invitation to Charles's birthday party.

Bogacki, Tomeck Five Creatures

A delightful comparison of family members and their attributes.

Bogacki, Tomeck Circus Girl

The exciting presence and kindness of a new girl leads two boys to become friends.

Bourgeois, Paulette Oma's Quilt

When Oma moves to a retirement home, Emily helps her grandmother feel at home.

Brett, Jan The Mitten

Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki's lost mitten until bear sneezes.

Brown, Margaret Wise The Dead Bird

A sensitive look at the reactions of young children who have lost a beloved pet.

Brown, Margaret Wise Wait Till the Moon is Full

A small raccoon must wait patiently to venture out into the moonlight for the first time.

Burton, Virginia Lee The Little House

A modest house watches a city grow around it.

Burton, Virginia Lee Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel

A popular classic about a steam shovel that digs the foundations for a school.

Carle, Eric "Slowly, Slowly, Slowly," said the Sloth.

A gentle message about accepting yourself is conveyed in this story of a sloth whose placid ways appear lazy to other rain forest animals.

Child, Lauren Clarice Bean Guess Who's Babysitting

When Uncle Ted babysits, almost anything can happen!

Clifton, Lucille Some of the Days of Everett Anderson

This gentle book tells of a small boy's daily adventures in his city apartment. A series.

Cooney, Barbara Miss Rumphius

When she was a little girl named Alice, the Lupine Lady's artist grandfather told her that she must do something to make the world more beautiful.

Cronin, Doreen Diary of a Worm

Worm silliness and life from a unique perspective with clever illustrations.

Daly, Niki Jamela's Dress

Jamela gets in trouble when she takes the expensive material intended for a new dress for Mama, parades it in the street, and allows it to become dirty and torn.

Set in South Africa.

DePaola, Tomie Strega Nona

Big Anthony thinks he knows the secret of a witch's magic pasta pot, but he can't stop the spaghetti from overflowing, and overflowing, and overflowing . . .

DeRegniers, Beatrice May I Bring a Friend?

A boy, often invited to lunch with the King and Queen, brings along different animal friends.

Dillon, Leo and Diane Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles- Think of That!

This story provides a glimpse into the life of Mr. Bojangles Robinson. Lively paintings convey a strong sense of movement and rhythm as he dances across the pages.

Duvoisin, Roger Petunia

After she finds a book, Petunia the goose claims to possess great wisdom, even though she doesn't know how to read its contents.

Flack, Marjorie The Story About Ping

A young Chinese duck loses his family and almost ends up in a cooking pot.

Freeman, Don Corduroy

A little girl wants to buy the bear she sees in a department store, even though his overalls are missing a button. A series.

French, Jackie Diary of a Wombat

An endearing hilarious tale about Australia's most endangered mammal

Friedman, Ina R. How My Parents Learned to Eat

A girl recounts the tale of her parents' courtship, when her father was an American sailor and her mother a schoolgirl in Japan.

Gag, Wanda Millions of Cats

A very old man and a very old woman want just one little cat but . . .

Graham, Bob "Let's Get a Pup!" said Kate

A loving tale of adopting a new dog.

Havill, Juanita Jamaica's Find

A girl finds a toy dog in the playground, but discovers why keeping it for herself may not be the best thing to do. A series.

Hegi, Ursula Trudi & Pia

A beautiful tale of feeling singled out and wanting to belong.

Henkes, Kevin Kitten's First Full Moon

Kitten mistakes the moon as a bowl of milk.

Hoban, Russell Bedtime for Frances

A little girl badger invents excuses to keep from going to bed. A series.

James, Simon Little One Step

Three ducklings lost in the woods encourage the smallest to take "one step" until they find mama.

Jenkins, Steve What Do you Do With A Tail Like This?

This is an innovative guessing book that delivers fun and playful science lessons on 30 animals' body parts: ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet and tails

Jonas, Ann The Quilt

A bedtime adventure.

Keats, Ezra Jack The Snowy Day  
A little boy delights in new snow.

Kitamura, Satoshi Me and My Cat?  
A misplaced curse causes a boy and his cat to switch bodies for a day.

Kraus, Robert Leo the Late Bloomer  
Leo learns everything later than everyone else, but finally blossoms in his own time.

Leaf, Munro The Story of Ferdinand  
A peaceful bull accidentally sits on a bee, and consequently looks so ferocious that he's sent to the bullfight ring.

Lindman, Maj Flicka, Ricka and Dicka  
Swedish triplet girls, part of a series.

Lionni, Leo Swimmy  
A school of fish find a way to work together to evade their predators.

Long, Melinda How I Became a Pirate  
In this rollicking pirate tale young Jeremy joins a pirate crew and happily finds that no baths or vegetables are required, but sadly learns that there is no one to tuck you in or read a good night story.

McCloskey, Robert Make Way for Ducklings  
A family of ducks search for a home in Boston.

McKissack, Patricia C. Flossie and the Fox  
A clever girl outsmarts a sly fox.

McClintock, Barbara Dahlia  
Charlotte, who has never wished for a doll, receives a fancy delicate one that she adapts to rugged outdoor play.

Minarik, Else Little Bear  
Four gentle stories about a bear mother and her small son. A series.

O'Neil, Alexis The Recess Queen  
A new little girl turns a playground bully into a friend.

Piper, Watty The Little Engine That Could  
A train carrying good things for children breaks down, and needs an engine to pull it over the mountains.

Politi, Leo Song of the Swallows

A story about the swallows that return to California each year on a special day.

Polacco, Patricia Chicken Sunday

To thank Miss Eula for her wonderful chicken dinners, three children sell decorated eggs to buy her a hat.

Pomerantz, Charlotte The Chalk Doll

A mother tells her daughter about the special doll she had as a child in Jamaica.

Potter, Beatrix The Tale of Peter Rabbit

The classic about the naughty rabbit who transgresses in Mr. MacGregor's garden.

Recorvits, Helen My Name is Yoon

A Korean girl comes to accept her new life in America through words: cat, bird, cupcake and finally her own name.

Russo, Marisabina Mama Talks Too Much

An urban child on a walk with mom is in a situation many young children will relate to.

Rylant, Cynthia Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge. A series.

Rylant, Cynthia Mr. Putter and Tabby Take the Train

After a small setback, Mr. Putter and his favorite companions enjoy the best train ride of their lives. A series.

Rylant, Cynthia Poppleton

Poppleton the pig makes a friend, reads a library book about adventure, and helps a sick friend get better. A series.

Say, Allen Grandfather's Journey

A Japanese-American man recounts his grandfather's immigration to the United States.

Simont, Marc The Stray Dog

While picnicking, a family enjoys the company of a dog and saves him from the dogcatcher.

Sis, Peter Madlenka's Dog

Madlenka's walk around the block with her newly imagined dog is richly detailed through Sis' cross-hatched ink drawing, bird's eye perspectives, and color-coded index.

Stadler, Alexander Beverly Billingsly Takes a Bow

Beverly's important role in the school play is not what she expected.

Steig, William Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

A donkey finds a pebble that grants wishes, then accidentally transforms himself into a rock, and can't speak the words to change back.

Taback, Simms Joseph Had a Little Overcoat

A very old overcoat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments.

Thurber, James Many Moons

A princess asks for the moon, and the king wants her to have it.

Titus, Eve Anatole

A French mouse finds his métier as taster in a cheese factory. A series.

Tompert, Ann Grandfather Tang's Story

Using tangrams, Grandfather tells his granddaughter the magical story of two clever fox fairies who can change their shapes.

Velasquez, Eric Grandma's Records

Eric spends his summers with his grandmother in El Barrio/Spanish Harlem where they share the love of Puerto Rican music.

Waber, Bernard Ira Sleeps Over

Ira, about to go on his first sleep-over, worries about missing his teddy bear.

Wells, Rosemary Yoko

When Yoko brings sushi to school for lunch, her classmates make fun of what she eats until one of them tries it for himself.

Wheeler, Lisa Old Cricket

A hungry lazy insect almost becomes another's lunch.

Willems, Mo Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!

A persistent pigeon asks, pleads, cajoles, wheedles, connives, negotiates, demands and uses emotional blackmail in attempts to get behind the wheel of a bus.

Williams, Vera B. Cherries and Cherry Pits

Bidemmi loves to draw and make up stories. Here are some of her tales of cherries, cherry pits and even cherry trees, illustrated in vivid, colorful detail.

Wise, William Christopher Mouse: Tale of a Small Traveler

A young pet mouse worries about his future when he has to leave his family and journey into the known.

Wood, Audrey and Don The Napping House

Rollicking repetition in this deliciously sleepy book.

Young, Amy Belinda the Ballerina

After short-sighted judges rejected her, an enthusiastic dancer finds fame through an unlikely audience.

Zion, Gene Harry the Dirty Dog

Harry hates to take a bath. He runs away, and gets so dirty that nobody recognizes him.

### **FAIRY TALES & FOLKLORE**

Aardema, Verna Oh, Kojo! How Could You!

An Ashanti tale about a lazy boy who brings luck to his mother by tricking the trickster Anansi.

Aardema, Verna Rabbit Makes a Monkey of Lion

A Swahili tale about the ways Rabbit gets the better of a fierce lion.

Ata, Te Baby Rattlesnake

A Chickasaw story about a young rattlesnake who desperately wants a rattle, but gets one before he's ready to use it well.

Brown, Marcia Stone Soup

Some soldiers show a French village how to make soup with only a stone.

Chaucer, Geoffrey Chanticleer and the Fox

A fable from The Canterbury Tales illustrated in meticulous detail by Barbara

Cooney.

Demi The Empty Pot

This beautifully designed book relates the Chinese story about a boy whose honesty is finally rewarded.

DePaola, Tomie The Legend of the Bluebonnet

This Comanche legend tells how a little girl's sacrifice brought a special flower to Texas.

Diakite, Baba Wague The Hatseller and the Monkeys

An African version of the familiar story of a man who sets off to sell his hats, only to have them stolen by a treeful of mischievous monkeys.

Goble, Paul The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses

Vivid illustrations enhance this tale of a Plains Indian girl who loves horses so much that she takes on a horse's form.

Goble, Paul Iktomi and the Boulder

Iktomi is a Plains Indian trickster who tries to defeat a boulder with the help of some bats. His adventure explains why the Great Plains are covered with small stones. The author/illustrator has created several other books about this mischievous character.

Goode, Diane The Dinosaur's New Clothes

A retelling of the Andersen story set at Versailles, with outrageously funny reptilian illustrations.

Grimm, Jacob & Wilhelm Hansel and Gretel

A good version is illustrated by Susan Jeffers. Other picture book editions of individual tales by the Brothers Grimm include The Shoemaker and the Elves (Adrienne Adams) and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (Nancy E. Burkert).

Haley, Gail E. A Story - A Story

How the spider Anansi uses his wits to bring stories down to earth from the sky. An Ashanti tale from Ghana.

Huck, Charlotte Princess Furball

A princess must run away from her unloving father to escape marriage to an ogre, but with hard work and cleverness she meets her true prince. An English tale.

Keats, Ezra Jack John Henry

The American legend of a giant black man who pits his strength against a machine. Also look at the recent version by Julius Lester.

LaFontaine, Jean de The Hare and the Tortoise  
A favorite fable illustrated by Brian Wildsmith.

Langstaff, John Frog Went A-Courtin'  
The American folk song illustrated with lively pictures by Feodor Rojankovsky.

Lindgren, Astrid The Tomten  
This gnome-like creature has guarded a Swedish family's house and barn for years.

Lobel, Arnold Fables  
Twenty original fables about an array of animal characters from crocodiles to ostriches.

McDermott, Gerald Anansi the Spider  
The spider Anansi falls into trouble. Which of his six sons can rescue him? A tale from Ghana.

Mayer, Mercer East of the Sun & West of the Moon  
Of Scandinavian origin, this story relates a maiden's efforts to rescue her true love from a hideous troll princess.

Paye, Won-Ldy Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile  
A clever chicken outwits a crocodile. A humorous retelling of a Liberian tale with colorful illustrations.

Perrault, Charles Cinderella  
The edition illustrated by Marcia Brown is one of the better versions of this familiar tale.

Ransome, Arthur The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship  
In Russia, a young man gathers unique companions as he journeys to seek the princess's hand. Illustrated by Uri Shulevitz.

Rosales, Melody Leola and the honeybears  
An African American version of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Salley, Coleen Epossumondas  
An outrageous tale of a small possum who takes his mother's advice literally. Hilarious illustrations. Wonderful read-aloud.

San Souci, Robert D. The Talking Eggs  
A folktale from the American South, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney, about two very different sisters and their separate encounters with an unusual old woman's magic.

Sierra, Judy Tasty Baby Belly Buttons

Urikohime, a girl born from a melon, battles the monstrous oni, who steal babies to eat their tasty belly buttons in this Japanese tale.

Snyder, Diane The Boy of the Three-Year Nap

A Japanese story about a lazy boy who plots to gain riches without working too hard.

Steptoe, John The Story of Jumping Mouse

In this Plains Indian legend, Jumping Mouse, with the help of Magic Frog and his own generous nature, finally arrives at the longed for far-off land.

Tresselt, Alvin The Mitten

A mitten dropped in a snowy forest becomes home to an amazing variety of animals. A Russian story.

### **BEGINNING TO READ ON YOUR OWN**

#### **FIRST STEPS**

Avi Abigail Takes the Wheel

When the first mate falls ill, it is up to Abigail, the captain's daughter, to steer the ship up the Hudson River from New Jersey to New York City.

Brown, Marc Arthur's Eyes

Arthur's classmates tease him when he starts wearing glasses, but he learns how to wear them with pride.

Cazet, Denys Minnie and Moo

Two hilarious cows share in many adventures. Series

Cerf, Bennett Bennett Cerf's Book of Riddles

A collection of funny riddles.

Eastman, P.D. Are You my Mother?

A newly-hatched bird goes searching for his mother, who has temporarily left the nest, and makes some hilarious misidentifications.

Guest, Elissa Haden Iris and Walter

Iris adjusts to moving to the country with the help of a reassuring grandfather and a new friend.

Hall, Katy Grizzly Riddles

Very funny riddles about grizzly bears. Also Fishy Riddles and Buggy Riddles .

Hall, Katy Kitty Riddles

What's little and soft and says, "Beow, beow"? A kitten with a cold.

Hoban, Lillian Arthur's Honey Bear

One of several stories about Arthur the chimpanzee, who acts very much like a human boy.

Hoberman, Mary Ann You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together

Simple, entertaining stories filled with engaging pictures and catchy rhymes. An enjoyable way for a child to read with an adult.

Hoff, Syd Danny and the Dinosaur

A friendly dinosaur leaves his museum home to go strolling with Danny and to explore the town.

Hurd, Edith T. Johnny Lion's Book

The young lion has just learned to read, and spends an afternoon reading the exciting adventures of Oscar P. Lion.

Little, Jean Emma's Yucky Brother

Emma and her newly adopted four-year-old brother need time to accept and understand their relationships.

Lobel, Arnold Frog and Toad are Friends

The first of several books about two humorous companions.

Lobel, Arnold Owl at Home

In the first of five gently humorous stories, Owl is cozy at home until Winter enters his home.

McDonald, Megan Beezy and Funnybone

Humorous adventures of Beezy and her dog.

Marshall, Edward Fox and his Friends

Fox wants to have fun, but responsibilities, such as caring for his younger sister, get in his way. A series.

Marshall, Edward Three by the Sea

Three friends relax after their picnic lunch by each telling his or her best story.

Marshall, Edward Four on the Shore

Hoping to scare away Spider's little brother, Willy, Lolly, Spider, and Sam each tell a spooky story – but then Willy has a story of his own to tell.

Minarik, Else Little Bear

Some gentle tales of Little Bear and his mother. A series.

Paul, Ann Whitford Silly Sadie, Silly Samuel

Although their actions sometimes seem silly to their sensible neighbor, Sadie and Samuel enjoy their nonsensical lives.

Rocklin, Joanne *This Book Is Haunted*  
Six short, spooky Halloween stories provide humor and chills.

Ross, Pat *Meet M & M*  
Mandy and Mimi are best friends until the day they start to quarrel. A series.

Ruelle, Karen Gray *Snow Valentines*  
Harry and his sister Emily look for ways to make wonderful valentines for their parents.

Rylant, Cynthia *Henry and Mudge*  
This heart-warming story of a boy and his dog begins a much loved series.  
*Rylant, Cynthia Poppleton Has Fun*  
Further adventures of the beloved pig and his friends. A series.

Rylant, Cynthia *Inspector Hopper*  
Inspector Hopper and his perpetually hungry assistant, McBugg, solve three mysteries for their insect friends. A series.

Rylant, Cynthia *The High-Rise Private Eyes*  
Animal detectives help neighbors solve mysteries. A series.

Rylant, Cynthia *Mr. Putter and Tabby Feed the Fish*  
Pet goldfish make Tabby “twitchy and batty”. A series.

Sharmat, Marjorie W. *Nate the Great*  
A young detective searches for a missing painting of a dog. A series.

Stern, Maggie *George and Diggety*  
Three short stories about George and his dog Diggety, who isn't genius enough to pass a canine IQ test, but knows enough to prefer hamburgers to dog biscuits.

Thomas, Shelley Moore *Good Night, Good Knight*  
Three little dragons are held to go to sleep in this amusing, repetitive tale.

Thomas, Shelley Moore *Get Well, Good Knight*  
The good knight returns and cares for three sniffing dragons.

Van Leeuwen, Jean *Tales of Oliver Pig*  
The first book in a warm, amusing series about a very human family of pigs.

## **MOVING ALONG**

Adler, David A. Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds  
Cam is a girl with a photographic memory, which comes in handy for solving mysteries. A series.

Anderson, C.W. Blaze and the Forest Fire  
Billy, riding his pony Blaze in the forest, spots a fire and must rush to sound the alarm. A series.

Byars, Betsy The Golly Sisters Go West  
The Golly sisters have many funny adventures on their way west with their two person show.

Cameron, Ann The Stories Julian Tells  
Six stories about Julian and his loving family. In one, the seven-year-old Julian tells his younger brother that cats come from catalogues, and confusion ensues.

Cameron, Ann Julian Secret Agent  
Julian and his friend, Gloria, try solving mysteries. Some of their solutions prove hilarious.

Howe, James Pinky and Rex  
Two best friends visit a museum and its gift shop. A series.

Miller, Sara Swan Three Stories You Can Read to Your Cat  
Stories from the cat's point of view.

Miller, Sara Swan Three Stories You Can Read to Your Dog  
Stories from the dog's point of view.

Miller, Sara Swan Three More Stories You Can Read to Your Dog  
A vet visit, a walking rock and. . . the BATH! All from a dog's point of view.

Parish, Peggy Amelia Bedelia  
The first of many books about the maid who takes her instructions too literally, leading to hilarious results.

Rae, Jennifer Dog Tales  
Presents well-known fairy tales told from a dog's perspective and commented upon by wisecracking cats.

Wojciechowski, Susan Beany and the Dreaded Wedding  
When she is asked to be a flower girl at cousin Amy's wedding, Beany worries about all the things that could go on.

### **A LITTLE FURTHER**

Adler, David A. The Fourth Floor Twins and the Disappearing Parrot Trick  
In this funny adventure, identical twins Donna and Diane seem to make a parrot disappear. A series.

Byars, Betsy Me Tarzan

Dorothy successfully auditions for the part of Tarzan in the class play, but her jungle yell has unexpected results.

Clifford, Eth Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library

During a blizzard, two girls spend an adventurous night trapped inside a library.

Conford, Ellen Annabel the Actress Starring in Just a Little Extra

A spunky aspiring actress pushes her way into an "extra" role in a movie being filmed locally.

Cox, Judy Weird Stories From the Lonesome Café

The customers at Sam's uncle's restaurant are many and varied in this humorous early chapter book.

Haywood, Carolyn B is for Betsy

Betsy begins school and meets a variety of new and interesting people. A series.

Hurwitz, Johanna Busybody Nora

Nora wants to get to know all two hundred people living in her New York apartment building.

Hurwitz, Johanna Rip-Roaring Russell

Four year-old Russell, one of Busybody Nora's neighbors, finds that being a big brother has its ups and downs.

Hurwitz, Johanna PeeWee Tales

The adventures of a guinea pig in Central Park.

King-Smith, Dick Jenius: The Amazing Guinea Pig

Judy's pet guinea is so brilliant that he can play dead, but during show and share, she discovers he might not always perform in front of an audience.

Lowry, Lois Gooney Bird Greene

Exuberant second grader Gooney Bird Greene bursts into her classroom and immediately demands attention as she shares her seemingly unbelievable stories.

Lovelace, Maud Hart Betsy-Tacy 6

This first book in a long series tells the story of two girls who are such good friends that people start to think of them as one person.

McDonald, Megan Judy Moody Predicts the Future

Judy's new mood ring convinces her that she can become a fortuneteller.

Mills, Claudia 7 X 9 = Trouble!

Third grader Wilson Williams struggles to learn his multiplication tables, stay ahead of his math whiz kindergarten brother and convince his parents that he needs a pet.

Nagda, Ann Whitehead Dear Whiskers

A fourth grader hates having to write a letter pretending she is a mouse. Even worse, her second grade pen pal won't write back.

Parish, Peggy Key to the Treasure

Three children search for Indian treasure hidden on their grandparents' property.

Peterson, John The Littles

A very small family lives in the Biggs' house. A series.

Slote, Alfred My Robot Buddy

Jack lives in the future, when robots look and act just like people. His parents give him a robot friend for his tenth birthday, and the fun begins.

Smith, Robert Kimmel Chocolate Fever

Henry eats so much chocolate that he makes medical history with the very first case of Chocolate Fever.

### **GIANT STEPS**

Brock, Betty No Flying in the House

A tiny talking dog is in charge of Annabel, who seems to be an ordinary human girl. But is she?

Brooks, Walter R. Freddy the Detective

After reading some stories about Sherlock Holmes, Freddy the Pig solves some mysteries on Mr. Bean's farm. A series.

Brown, Jeff Flat Stanley

A hilarious story about how Stanley's life changes after he's squashed as flat as a pancake.

Catling, Patrick The Chocolate Touch

John Midas' wildest dream comes true: everything he touches turns to chocolate.

Cleary, Beverly Ramona the Pest

One of several books about a lively little girl. Here, she begins kindergarten.

Conford, Ellen Annabel The Actress

A young girl in New York City wants a chance to be an actress.

Corbett, Scott The Lemonade Trick

Kerby receives a magic chemistry set, but his experiments have some unexpected results.

Fritz, Jean The Cabin Faced West

Ann is lonesome in her new home on the Pennsylvania frontier, but she soon meets some new people, including General Washington.

Hautzig, Esther A Gift for Mama

Sara decides to earn money to buy a Mother's Day gift instead of making a present.

Hill, Kirkpatrick The Year of Miss Agnes

A small Native American community in Alaska gets a new teacher like no other.

Howe, Deborah & James Bunnica

Could the family's new pet rabbit be responsible for draining the vegetables, now all white, in the refrigerator? Chester the cat thinks so in this very funny spoof. First in a series.

King-Smith, Dick George Speaks

An extraordinary baby is born able to speak whole sentences.

Pinkwater, Daniel The Werewolf Club Series

Norman Gnormal and a small group of unusual friends from the Werewolf Club get into adventurous situations in this funny series.

Scieszka, Jon See You Later, Gladiator

The continuing adventures of three hilariously funny time traveling heroes. A series.

Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective

The first of many books about a boy with amazing abilities at unraveling mysteries. The answers are given at the back so that readers can match wits with the expert.

Whybrow, Ian Little Wolf's Book of Badness

Little Wolf has been behaving too courteously, so his parents send him to his uncle's Big Bad Wolf school to learn to be a proper wolf. A series.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls Little House in the Big Woods

The first book in a well-known series about a pioneer family. This is the easiest in the series to read on your own.

## NEW CLASSICS

### **PICTURE BOOKS**

Agee, Jon Milo's Hat Trick

A friendly bear helps an unsuccessful magician. Hilarious illustrations.

Bond, Rebecca Bravo, Maurice!

Despite his relatives' predictions, Maurice discovers his own talents.

Barasch, Lynne Radio Rescue

The true story of a boy who used Morse Code to gain coast Guard emergency aid.

Cannon, Janell Crickwing

Crickwing, an artistic cockroach with a crooked wing, helps save the leafcutter ants from their ferocious enemies. Includes notes on the insects. Wonderfully illustrated.

Chandra, Deborah George Washington's Teeth

The sad saga of Washington's terrible tooth problems are told through lively poetry and amusing pastel illustrations. In the midst of the fun the reader painlessly learns other interesting facts about colonial life.

Child, Lauren Clarice Bean Guess Who's Babysitting?

When Uncle Ted babysits, almost anything can happen! Lively, whimsical, funny.

Christelow, Eileen Vote!

From rallies to recounts, lively cartoons and a lucid text explain the intricacies of the electoral process using a fictional mayoral race as a model.

Clements, Andrew Circus Family Dog

A family's devotion to their dog. Humorous illustrations.

Cole, Brock Buttons

Three daughters set out to find replacements for the buttons that have burst from their father's breeches. Whimsically told and illustrated.

Collier, Bryan Uptown

A boy's beloved Harlem, vividly depicted in paintings, collage and photography.

Cronin, Doreen Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type

Farmer Brown's cows type notes demanding changes in the barn. Hilarious illustrations.

Demas, Corinne The Disappearing Island

Nine-year-old Carrie and her grandmother embark on an afternoon expedition in waters off Cape Cod.

DiSalvo-Ryan, DyAnne Grandpa's Corner Store

A small grocery store survives the arrival of a new giant store. A loving portrait of a community caring.

DiSalvo-Ryan, DyAnne A Castle on Viola Street

Andy helps his parents renovate a derelict house for a neighbor, and in turn the family realizes its own dream of owning a house.

Gerstein, Mordicai The Man Who Walked Between the Towers

This true story recounts the daring feat of a spirited young Frenchman who walked between the World Trade Center twin towers in 1974.

Godard, Alex Mama, Across the Sea

Though she enjoys island life with her grandparents, little Cecile misses Mama, who works on the mainland.

Grimm, Edward The Doorman

People living in an apartment house grieve when their beloved doorman dies suddenly.

Harjo, Joy The Good Luck Cat

A Native American girl explains her love for her adventurous cat.

Heide, Florence Parry Some Things are Scary

A list of scary things includes "roller skating down hill when you haven't learned how to stop, getting hugged by somebody you don't like, and finding out your best friend has a best friend who isn't you."

Hopkinson, Deborah Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt

Clara is a seamstress on the Home Plantation. When Clara learns about the Underground Railroad and the route to Canada, she begins working on a special quilt, one with a secret map to help her guide her and others to freedom.

Howard, Elizabeth Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys

In Reconstruction-era Tennessee, a spunky little girl persuades her family to let her attend school with her brothers.

Isherwood, Shirley Flora the Frog

Embarrassed by her assigned role as a frog in the school play, Flora accepts her part when she observes the real thing.

Kessler, Christina My Great-Grandmother's Gourd

A new pump in a Sudanese town is no substitute for old-fashioned water storage.  
Soft, expressive paintings.

Kimmel, Eric Grizz!

After never washing or cutting his hair for seven years, Lucky gets the girl.

LaMarche, Jim The Raft

Nicky's grandmother helps him to become aware of the natural world around him.  
Sensitively told and beautifully illustrated.

Larson, Kirby The Magic Kerchief

Wearing her magic kerchief, ill-tempered, friendless Griselda finds herself giving compliments and good advice to the people she meets.

Lasky, Kathryn Science Fair Bunnies

Should Clyde and Rosemary save their loose teeth for the tooth fairy or use them for their first-grade science project?

Leedy, Loreen There's a Frog in my Throat! 440 Animal Sayings a Little Bird Told Me

An energetic array of familiar sayings are cleverly defined by the pranks of lively collage animals described in idiomatic phrases.

McCully, Emily Arnold Monk Camps Out

Young Monk isn't the only one who's nervous about his first camping experience.

McKissack, Patricia The Honest-to-Goodness Truth

Libby learns that telling the truth in a way which doesn't hurt others is harder than she thought. Playful illustrations.

McKissack, Patricia Goin' Someplace Special

Illustrations truly capture the mood when 'Tricia Ann takes her first trip alone and faces the hurts of segregation.

Millman, Issac Moses Goes to School

Moses' day in a special school for the deaf, written in English and American Sign Language.

Napoli, Donna Jo Albert

When a pair of cardinals nest in his hand, reclusive Albert finds his life changed.  
Quirky and delightful.

Pulver, Robin Punctuation Takes a Vacation

When the punctuation marks take time off, chaos breaks loose in the classroom.

Rosenberry, Vera Vera Runs Away

When her family is too busy to celebrate her perfect report card, Vera runs away to look for a more appreciative family.

Sis, Peter Madlenka

In showing her loose tooth to her urban neighbors, a little girl enjoys visits to foreign countries. Fantastic illustrations.

Sorel, Edward The Saturday Kid

Set in the 1930's New York City, a young boy's problems with a bully are eased by Saturday matinee movies and the mayor.

Steig, William The Amazing Bone

On her way home from school, Pearl finds an unusual bone that has unexpected powers.

Steig, William Doctor De Soto Goes to Africa

Expert mouse dentist Doctor De Soto is called suddenly to Africa to work on the sore tooth of a desperate elephant.

Steig, William Brave Irene

Plucky Irene, a dressmaker's daughter, braves a fierce snowstorm to deliver a new gown to the duchess in time for the ball.

Stewart, Sarah The Journey

Hannah, an Amish girl, keeps a diary on her first visit to Chicago.

Wiles, Deborah Freedom Summer

An African-American boy and his white friend deal with racism in a southern town on the eve of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Williams-Garcia, Rita Catching the Wild Waiyuuzee

Rhythmic, imaginative chase that ends with a little girl's hair combed and beaded.

Woodson, Jacqueline The Other Side

Two girls challenging the notions that sides must be drawn between black and white.

## **CLASSICS**

### **PICTURE BOOKS**

Ardizzone, Edward Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain

A boy longs to become a sailor, so he stows away aboard a large steamer.

Bemelmans, Ludwig Madeline

Twelve little girls share an old house in Paris with their guardian and teacher.

Burton, Virginia L. *The Little House*

A small house watches a big city grow around it and misses the quiet of the country.

De Paola, Tomie *Strega Nona*

The story of the wise old "Grandmother Witch" and her magic pasta pot.

Ets, Marie Hall *Play With Me*

A little girl tries to play with the animals in the meadow, but each in turn runs away as she asks, "Will you play with me?"

Flack, Marjorie *The Story About Ping*

The misadventures of a disobedient duckling who lives on the Yangtse River.

Freeman, Don *Corduroy*

Corduroy, a bear who lives in the toy department of a big store, spends a night searching the other departments for his missing button.

Gag, Wanda *Millions of Cats*

A lonely old woman asks for one little cat, but her husband brings her more than she ever dreamed of.

Heyward, Du Bose *The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes*

A little girl bunny dreams that someday she will grow up to be an Easter Bunny.

Keats, Ezra Jack *The Snowy Day*

"One winter morning Peter woke up and looked out the window. Snow . . . covered everything as far as he could see."

Leaf, Munro *The Story of Ferdinand*

Ferdinand is a gentle young bull who likes nothing better than sitting in the shade of his favorite cork tree and smelling the flowers.

Lionni, Leo *Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse*

An unloved mouse makes friends with a little girl's favorite toy, who tells him about a magic lizard who can change him into something more appealing.

McCloskey, Robert *Make Way for Ducklings* 12 Mrs. Mallard tries to find a home for her ducklings on an island in the middle of the Boston Public Garden.

Marshall, James George and Martha

George and Martha are two friendly hippopotamuses who have some very funny adventures.

Potter, Beatrix The Tale of Peter Rabbit

The story of a young rabbit who disobeys his mother's warning and boldly enters Mr. McGregor's garden.

Rey, H.A. Curious George

A little monkey with a lot of curiosity is brought from the jungle by the man with the yellow hat.

Sendak, Maurice Where the Wild Things Are

After Max is sent to his room without supper, he visits the country of the wild things.

Slobodkina, Esphyr Caps for Sale

A peddler takes a nap under a tree filled with naughty monkeys who take away all his merchandise.

Steig, William Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

A young donkey discovers something that makes wishes come true, but unfortunately wishes himself into a difficult predicament.

Thurber, James Many Moons

The tale of a little princess who wants the moon.

Waber, Bernard The House on East 88th Street

When the Primm family moves into their new house, they're surprised to discover that Lyle the crocodile already lives there.

### **EASY-TO-READ CLASSICS**

Many of these titles begin interesting series, so be sure to search for the sequels!

Averill, Esther The Fire Cat

The mischievous Pickles, a young cat, likes to chase little cats up trees, until the day he goes up and can't get down.

Bonsall, Crosby The Case of the Hungry Stranger

Mrs. Meech is missing one of her blueberry pies, and Wizard's detective agency is going to get to the bottom of the case.

Hoban, Russell A Bargain for Frances

Frances the Badger does some careful scheming to get her money back after being tricked into buying her friend Thelma's tea set.

Hoff, Syd Danny and the Dinosaur

During a trip to the museum, Danny's dream to play with one of the dinosaurs comes true.

Lobel, Arnold Frog and Toad Are Friends  
Five adventures of two best friends.

Minarik, Else Little Bear  
Four stories about a mother bear and her little bear son.

Parish, Peggy Amelia Bedelia  
The housemaid Amelia Bedelia takes her instructions literally, with some droll results.

Platt, Kin Big Max  
The king of Pooka Pooka calls upon Big Max, "the world's greatest detective," to find Jumbo, his prize elephant.

Rylant, Cynthia Henry and Mudge  
A heartwarming story about a boy and his dog.

Seuss, Dr. The Cat in the Hat  
An unusual cat visits two bored and restless children.

Sharmat, Marjorie W. Nate the Great  
This boy detective can solve any crime and loves to eat pancakes while working.  
A series.

Van Leeuwen, Jean Tales of Oliver Pig  
These gentle stories of the Pig family--Oliver, his little sister Amanda, Mother and Father--begin a much loved series.

## **CHAPTER BOOK CLASSICS**

Atwater, Richard Mr. Popper's Penguins  
Mr. Popper is a house painter, but what he loves best is reading about the Antarctic. One day he receives a surprise from the Antarctic in the mail.

Barrie, J. M. Peter Pan  
The old favorite about the boy who never grows up and the children who accompany him to Never-Never Land.

Baum, L. Frank The Wizard of Oz  
Dorothy and her dog Toto fly through the center of a twister to the land of Oz, where they meet a scarecrow, a tin woodsman, a cowardly lion and a wicked witch.

Boston, L. M. The Children of Green Knowe  
Tolly, a small boy, comes to stay with his great-grandmother, who tells him stories about three children who grew up in the house in the seventeenth

century. He finds their playthings, and he believes he hears and sees them in the garden.

Burnett, Frances H. *A Little Princess*

Sara Crewe's life changes drastically when word reaches the London boarding school, where she's been a privileged student, that her father has died and left her penniless.

Burnett, Frances H. *The Secret Garden*

A lonely child's life changes after she leaves her home in India to live on her uncle's estate in England, where she meets her invalid cousin.

Dahl, Roald *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

Four nasty, repulsive children and one honest, kind, and starving boy win a tour of the world's most famous fantastic chocolate factory.

Grahame, Kenneth *The Wind in the Willows*

The funny and at times poignant tales of Toad, Rat, Mole and Badger.

Grimes, Nikki *Meet Danitra Brown*

Zuri Jackson wants readers to meet her friend, Danitra Brown, the "most wonderful splendiferous girl in town".

Henry, Marguerite *Misty of Chincoteague*

Paul and Maureen work to raise money to buy the mysterious Phantom, a beautiful mare.

Lattimore, Eleanor *Little Pear*

An illustrated story of a five year-old Chinese boy.

Lawson, Robert *Ben and Me*

The life of Benjamin Franklin told by his biographer, Amos the mouse.

Lindgren, Astrid *Pippi Longstocking*

Pippi lives without any grown-ups in a little house at the edge of the village. Her adventures are both absurd and funny.

Lewis, C. S. *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

When they walk inside a wardrobe in an old country house, four children discover Narnia, a magical kingdom which a wicked witch has cursed with eternal winter.

MacDonald, George *The Princess and the Goblin*

Curdie, a miner's son, saves the princess Irene from being carried away by the goblins who live under the earth in her father's kingdom.

Milne, A. A. *Winnie the Pooh*

The adventures of Christopher Robin and his friends, in which Eeyore has a birthday, Piglet meets a Heffalump, and Pooh goes visiting.

Montgomery, L. M. Anne of Green Gables

When the Cuthberts decide to adopt a boy to help manage their farm, they are totally unprepared for the high-spirited redheaded girl who arrives instead.

Nesbit, E. Five Children and It

Some children discover a sand fairy who can grant their wishes, with unexpected results.

Norton, Mary The Borrowers

A family of little people borrow the objects they need from the unsuspecting humans in the house.

Sewell, Anna Black Beauty

A horse tells the story of the life he has lived under different masters.

Streatfeild, Noel Ballet Shoes

Three sisters by adoption go to ballet school in London.

Taylor, Sydney All-of-a-Kind Family

At the turn of the century, five Jewish sisters live with their parents on NYC's Lower East Side.

Travers, P. L. Mary Poppins

A remarkable nanny comes to look after the Banks family.

White, E. B. Charlotte's Web

In a quiet but busy farmyard, a friendship forms between Wilbur, a pig, and Charlotte, a spider.

### **PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHIES**

In recent years, many biographies in picture book format have appeared. While they vary in complexity of subject and writing style, the illustrations in the following books are quite appealing. When no illustrator is mentioned, the pictures were done by the author.

Pinkney, Andrea Davis Alvin Ailey (The African American dancer/choreographer)  
Illustrated by Brian Pinkney

Pinkney, Andrea Davis Dear Benjamin Banneker (The 18th century African American astronomer) Illustrated by Brian Pinkney

Corey, Shana You Forgot Your Skirt, Amelia Bloomer: A Very Improper Story  
Illustrated by Chesley McLaren

Demi Buddha (How Prince Siddhartha became the Enlightened One, Gautama  
Buddha. Exquisitely illustrated)

Ehrlich, Amy Rachel: The Story of Rachel Carson  
How Rachel was nurtured in the interests that led to her development as a writer  
and environmentalist.

Stanley, Diane Cleopatra

Stanley, Diane Charles Dickens: The Man Who Had Great Expectations

Cooney, Barbara Eleanor (The early years of Eleanor Roosevelt)

Pinkney, Andrea Davis Duke Ellington Illustrated by Brian Pinkney

Lasky, Kathryn The Librarian Who Measured the Earth (Eratosthenes, a  
geographer in ancient Greece) Illustrated by Kevin Hawkes

Kerley, Barbara The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins  
A magically illustrated tour into the life of the nineteenth century dinosaur  
model builder.

Winter, Jonah Frida  
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