



# TREKKING INTO THIRD GRADE

 <p>KATE DiCAMILLO <i>The Puppets of SPELHORST</i> A Norendy Tale Illustrated by JULIE MORSTAD</p>	<p><b><i>The Puppets of Spelhorst</i></b> by Kate DiCamillo and Julie Morstad</p>	<p>Shut up in a trunk by an old sea captain with a secret, five friends--a king, a wolf, a girl, a boy, and an owl--bicker, boast, and comfort one another in the dark. When at last their shared fate arrives, landing them on a mantel in a blue room in the home of two little girls, the truth is more astonishing than any of them could have imagined.</p>
 <p><i>The Remarkable Rescue at Milkweed Meadow</i> Elaine Dimopoulos Illustrated by Doug Salati</p>	<p><b><i>The Remarkable Rescue at Milkweed Meadow</i></b> by Elaine Dimopoulos and Doug Salati</p>	<p>Butternut, a young rabbit who loves stories, makes friends among the other animals and birds of Milkweed Meadow, and convinces them to help her rescue a litter of orphaned coyote pups.</p>
 <p>CHRIS HARRIS <b>MY HEAD HAS A BELLYACHE</b> AND MORE NONSENSE Illustrated by ANDREA TSURUMI</p>	<p><b><i>My Head Has a Bellyache</i></b> by Chris Harris and Andrea Tsurumi</p>	<p>A hilarious book of poetry, filled with mind-bending verbal and visual riddles and comedic chaos. Hilarious hijinks hide around every corner, whether it's a buffalo that escapes one poem and roams through others or a meteor threatening to land on the book and obliterate everything.</p>
 <p><i>Stella and the Night Sprites</i> Knit-Knotters SCHOLASTIC by Sam Hay</p>	<p><b><i>Stella and the Night Sprites series</i></b> by Sam Hay</p>	<p>Stella discovers that her new glasses are magic, allowing her to see the knit-knotters--night sprites that are flitting around town tying knots in children's hair so they need haircuts--and when a conversation with one of them reveals the reason, Stella comes up with a plan to deal with the mischievous fairies.</p>
 <p><b>THE SECRET EXPLORERS</b> AND THE LOST WHALES</p>	<p><b><i>The Secret Explorers series</i></b> by SJ King</p>	<p>Meet the Secret Explorers! This group of brilliant kids come together from all four corners of the globe to fix problems, solve mysteries and gather knowledge all over the planet and beyond.</p>





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	<p><b><i>The Apartment House on Poppy Hill</i></b> by <b>Nina LaCour and Sonia Albert</b></p>	<p>Determined to make two new tenants feel welcome, bighearted, curious and mischievous 9-year-old Ella, who knows all the neighbors except for the mysterious Robinsons who live on the top floor, hopes a special celebration will change that.</p>
	<p><b><i>Miles Lewis series</i></b> by <b>Kelly Starling Lyons and Wayne Spencer</b></p>	<p>A spinoff of the author's <i>Jada Jones</i> series, this early chapter book series stars Miles Lewis, a young Black boy, and friend of Jada. Each story features a science, sports, or history topic and a social-emotional lesson at school or home.</p>
	<p><b><i>The Life of Ty series</i></b> by <b>Lauren Myracle and Jed Henry</b></p>	<p>Ty gets into mischief and big-hearted schemes while navigating school and becoming a big brother.</p>
	<p><b><i>Jo Jo Makoons series</i></b> by <b>Dawn Quigley and Tara Audibert</b></p>	<p>Even though Jo Jo loves her #1 best friend Mimi (who is a cat), she's worried that she needs to figure out how to make more friends. Fern, her best friend at school, may not want to be friends anymore.</p>
	<p><b><i>Pets Rule! series</i></b> by <b>Susan Tan and Wendy Tan Shiau Wei</b></p>	<p>This hilarious story follows rescue Chihuahua Ember, who, while assembling an army to take over the neighborhood, finds himself growing attached to his "minions"--the Chin family.</p>

