



## Doggone Good Books for Third Graders

The following list contains a selection of books to satisfy the wide variety of reading levels and interests of third grade readers. Many of these authors have other titles which are appropriate for this reading level. The books on this list can be found in the “J” fiction section unless otherwise indicated.

### Adventure and Survival

Bledsoe, Lucy	<u>Tracks in the Snow.</u>
Bodeen, S.A.	<u>Shipwreck Island.</u>
Brown, Jeff	<u>The Mount Rushmore Calamity.</u>
Charman, Katrina	<u>The Titanic.</u>
Clements, Andrew	<u>A Week in the Woods.</u>
Doder, Joshua	<u>A Dog Called Grk.</u>
Earhart, Kristin	<u>Rain Forest Relay.</u>
Fleischman, Sid	<u>The Whipping Boy.</u>
Hardy, Vashti	<u>Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure.</u>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<u>The Poet’s Dog.</u>
Maddox, Jake	<u>Extreme Ice Adventure.</u>
Messner, Kate	<u>Rescue on the Oregon Trail.</u>
Osborne, Mary Pope	<u>Tigers at Twilight.</u>
Rosen, Michael	<u>A Tale of Rescue.</u>
Smith, Alex T.	<u>Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure.</u>
Tarshis, Lauren	<u>The Shark Attacks of 1916.</u>

### Animal Stories

#### Real Animals

Arnold, Elana K.	<u>A Boy Called Bat.</u>
Banerjee, Anjali	<u>Seaglass Summer.</u>
Byars, Betsy	<u>My Dog, My Hero.</u>
Cameron, W. Bruce	<u>Lily to the Rescue.</u>
Colfer, Eoin	<u>The Dog Who Lost His Bark.</u>
Creech, Sharon	<u>Saving Winslow.</u>
Davies, Nicola	<u>Manatee Rescue.</u>
DiCamillo, Kate	<u>Because of Winn-Dixie.</u>
Frost, Helen	<u>Blue Daisy.</u>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<u>White Fur Flying.</u>
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	<u>Shiloh.</u>
Rodowsky, Colby F.	<u>Not My Dog.</u>

Rosoff, Meg  
Stoddard, Lindsey

Good Dog, McTavish.  
Brave Like That.

## Talking Animals

Bar-el, Dan  
Birney, Betty G.  
Boyer, Crispin  
Coverly, Dave  
DiCamillo, Kate  
Greenwald, Tom  
King-Smith, Dick  
Lawson, Robert

The Very, Very Far North.  
The World According to Humphrey.  
The Quest for the Golden Fleas.  
Night of the Living Worms.  
Flora & Ulysses.  
My Dog Is Better Than Your Dog.  
The School Mouse.  
Ben and Me: A New and Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin as Written by His Good Mouse Amos.

Napoli, Donna Jo

The Prince of the Pond: Otherwise Known as De Fawg Pin.

Oulton, Harry  
Patton, Jack  
Schmidt, Annie  
Seidler, Tor  
Selfors, Suzanne  
Sherry, Kevin  
Willems, Mo

A Pig Called Heather.  
The Lizard War.  
The Cat Who Came in Off the Roof.  
Oh, Rats!  
Wedgie & Gizmo  
Remy Sneakers vs. The Robo-Rats.  
The Story of Diva and Flea.

## Biographies

J B G372b

Bardoe, Cheryl

Nothing Stopped Sophie: The Story of Unshakable Mathematician Sophie Germain.

J B T885c

Cline-Ransome, Lesa

Before She Was Harriet.

J B C622c

Conrad, Vicki

Just Like Beverly.

J B B452

Denise, Anika

Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpre.

J B B873d

Duncan, Alice Faye

A Song for Gwendolyn Brooks.

J B G646.2

Goodall, Jane

My Life with the Chimpanzees.

J B L516h

Hagar, Erin

Awesome Minds: The Inventors of Lego Toys.

J B H557

Hernandez, Laurie

I Got This: To Gold and Beyond.

JP B R917k

Krull, Kathleen

Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman.

J B G493L

Levy, Debbie

I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark.

J OVERSIZE B L673m

Maslo, Lina

Through the Wardrobe: How C.S. Lewis Created Narnia.

J B M886m

Maurer, Tracy

Samuel Morse, That's Who!

J B Si623n

Nelson, S.D.

Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People.

J B C628p

Pipe, Jim

You Wouldn't Want to Be Cleopatra! An Egyptian Ruler You'd Rather Not Be.

J 576.8 D228r

Radeva, Sabina

Charles Darwin's on the Origin of Species.

JP B D737r

Rappaport, Doreen

Frederick's Journey: The Life of Frederick

J 923 St77

Stabler, David

Douglass.

Kid Presidents: True Tales of Childhood from America's Presidents.

J 011.48 WHO RIDE

Stine, Megan

Who Was Sally Ride?

J B G493w

Winter, Johah

Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality.

## Fantasy

J GRAPHIC NOVEL

Auch, Mary Jane

I Was a Third Grade Science Project.

Bishop, Sylvia

Bookstore Girl.

Burgis, Stephanie

The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart.

Butler, Dori

The Haunted Library.

Catling, Patrick

The Chocolate Touch.

Christie, Robert

Quirk's Quest: Into the Outlands.

Coakley, Lena

Wicked Nix.

Coville, Bruce

The Monster's Ring.

Elliott, Zetta

Dragons in a Bag.

Gannett, Ruth

Three Tales of My Father's Dragon.

Gidwitz, Adam

The Creatures of the Pines.

James, Anna

The Bookwanderers.

Kessler, Liz

The Tail of Emily Windsnap.

Kuenzler, Lou

A Royal Disaster.

Lacey, Josh

The Dragonsitter.

LaFevers, R.L.

Flight of the Phoenix.

Martin, Ann M.

The Doll People.

Meriano, Anna

A Dash of Trouble.

Mlynowski, Sarah

Upside-Down Magic.

Murphy, Jill

The Worst Witch.

Oliver, Lin

The Attack of the Growling Eyeballs.

Phelan, Matt

Knights vs. Dinosaurs.

Pounder, Sibeal

Witch Wars.

Primavera, Elise

Marigold Star.

Prineas, Sarah

The Magic Thief.

Scieszka, Jon

Knights of the Kitchen Table.

Selfors, Suzanne

The Sasquatch Escape.

Snicket, Lemony

The Bad Beginning.

Vernon, Ursula

Harriet the Invincible.

Zink, Valija

All the Colors of Magic.

## Funny Books

Amato, Mary

Snarf Attack, Underfoodle, and the Secret of Life:

The Riot Brothers Tell All.

Captain Underpants

Captain Underpants and the Wrath of the Wicked

Wedgie Woman.

Cronin, Doreen

The Trouble with Chickens.

Dean, Justin

Awesome Dog 5000.

Fisher, Isla

Marge in Charge.

Gardner, Lyn

The Lost Treasure of Little Snoring.

## J PICTURE BOOK

Greenwald, Tom	<u>A Zombie Ate My Homework.</u>
Griffiths, Andy	<u>The Day My Butt Went Psycho!</u>
Griffiths, Andy	<u>The 13-Story Treehouse.</u>
Howe, Deborah	<u>Bunnica: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery.</u>
Korman, Gordon	<u>Why Did the Underwear Cross the Road?</u>
Mian, Zanib	<u>Accidental Trouble Magnet.</u>
My Weirdest School	<u>Mr. Cooper Is Super!</u>
O'Hara, Mo	<u>My FANGtastically Evil Vampire Pet.</u>
O'Malley, Kevin	<u>Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude.</u>
Reeve, Philip	<u>Pugs of the Frozen North.</u>
Schlitz, Laura Amy	<u>Princess Cora and the Crocodile.</u>
Smith, Alex T.	<u>Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure.</u>
Trine, Greg	<u>The Curse of the Bologna Sandwich.</u>
Willis, Jeanne	<u>Supercat vs. the Fry Thief.</u>

## Ghost and Scary Stories

Cummings, Troy	<u>Rise of the Balloon Goons.</u>
Dahl, Michael	<u>Zombie Cupcakes and Other Scary Tales.</u>
Ford, Mike	<u>Don't Let the Doll In.</u>
Hahn, Mary Downing	<u>The Doll in the Garden: A Ghost Story.</u>
Hale, Bruce	<u>The Curse of the Were-Hyena.</u>
Half-Minute	<u>Half-Minute Horrors.</u>
Hutchison, Barry	<u>Night of the Living Ted.</u>
Kent, Derek Taylor	<u>Scary School.</u>
LaReau, Kara	<u>Rise of Zombert.</u>
O'Hara, Mo	<u>My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish.</u>
Poblocki, Dan	<u>The Gathering.</u>
Reynolds, Aaron	<u>The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter.</u>
Reynolds, J.H.	<u>The Boy Who Cried Werewolf.</u>
Riddell, Chris	<u>Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse.</u>
Selznick, Brian	<u>The Boy of a Thousand Faces.</u>
Stilton, Geronimo	<u>Cat and Mouse in a Haunted House.</u>

## Graphic Novels

Aguirre, Jorge	<u>Giants, Beware!</u>
Baltazar, Art	<u>Encounter Volume 1, Out of This World.</u>
Benton, Jim	<u>Catwad. It's Me.</u>
Boothby, Ian	<u>Sparks!</u>
Cammuso, Frank	<u>The Night Door.</u>
Chantler, Scott	<u>Tower of Treasure.</u>
Dean, Justin	<u>Awesome Dog 5000.</u>
Goerz, Gillian	<u>Shirley &amp; Jamila Save Their Summer.</u>
Hale, Nathan	<u>One Trick Pony.</u>
Hatke, Ben	<u>Far from Home.</u>
Peirce, Lincoln	<u>Big Nate. Revenge of the Cream Puffs.</u>
Pittman, Eddie	<u>Red's Planet.</u>
Rosello, Jarod	<u>Red Panda &amp; Moon Bear.</u>
Sava, Scott Christian	<u>Pet Robots.</u>

Schweizer, Chris	<u>Night of the Frankenfrogs.</u>
Scieszka, Jon	<u>Battle Bunny.</u>
Siegel, Mark	<u>The Sand Warrior.</u>
Smart, Jamie	<u>Bunny vs. Monkey.</u>
Telegemeier, Raina	<u>Ghosts.</u>
Torres, J.	<u>BroBots and the Kaiju Kerfuffle!</u>
Tullien, Sean	<u>Super Billy Goats Gruff: A Graphic Novel.</u>
Weing, Drew	<u>The Creepy Case Files of Margo Maloo.</u>
Whamond, Dave	<u>Alien Nate.</u>
Wight, Eric	<u>Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom.</u>
Winick, Judd	<u>The Boy Who Crashed to Earth.</u>

## Historical Fiction

Appelfeld, Aharon	<u>Adam &amp; Thomas.</u>
Ayres, Katherine	<u>Silver Dollar Girl.</u>
Bishop, Claire	<u>Twenty and Ten.</u>
Brady, Esther	<u>Toliver's Secret.</u>
Burg, Ann E.	<u>Unbound: A Novel in Verse.</u>
Bustard, Anne	<u>Blue Skies.</u>
Cline-Ransome, Lesa	<u>Finding Langston.</u>
Dallas, Sandra	<u>Someplace to Call Home.</u>
Halahmy, Miriam	<u>Saving Hanno.</u>
Larson, Kirby	<u>Liberty.</u>
LeZotte, Ann Clare	<u>Show Me a Sign.</u>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<u>Sarah, Plain and Tall.</u>
Nannestad, Katrina	<u>When Mischief Came to Town.</u>
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	<u>Emily's Fortune.</u>
Rundell, Katherine	<u>The Good Thieves.</u>
Ryan, Pam Muñoz	<u>Riding Freedom.</u>
Scattergood, Augusta	<u>Making Friends with Billy Wong.</u>
Tarshis, Lauren	<u>The Bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941.</u>

## Immigration & Immigrant Families

Cheng, Andrea	<u>The Year of the Book.</u>
Cohen, Barbara	<u>Molly's Pilgrim.</u>
Dominguez, Angela	<u>Stella Diaz Has Something to Say.</u>
Kelkar, Supriya	<u>American as Paneer Pie.</u>
Lombard, Jenny	<u>Drita, My Homegirl.</u>
Lord, Bette	<u>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson.</u>
Nye, Naomi Shihab	<u>The Turtle of Oman: A Novel.</u>

## Information Books

J 641.65 Ar67	Archer, Joe	<u>Plant, Cook, Eat! A Children's Cookbook.</u>
J 577.3 B933	Bulion, Leslie	<u>Leaf Litter Critters.</u>
J 514.74 C191	Campbell, Sarah C.	<u>Mysterious Patterns: Finding Fractals in Nature.</u>
J 304.2 C881	Coy, John	<u>If We Were Gone: Imagining the World Without</u>

J 594.58 F597 Fleming, Candace  
 J 636.7 G135d Gagne, Tammy  
 J 636.8 H218 Hamilton, Kimberlie  
 J 745.5 H417 Hayes, Fiona  
 J 784.2 H777 Hood, Susan  
 J 636.70886 M165 MacLeod, Elizabeth

J OVERSIZE 796.357 N427 Nelson, Kadir

J 598.8 R845 Roth, Susan  
 J 612.82 Se46 Seluk, Nick  
 J 940.1 Sm64 Smith, Danna

J 658.11 Su96 Sutherland, Adam

People.  
Giant Squid.  
The Dog Encyclopedia for Kids.  
Fearless Felines: 30 True Tales of Courageous Cats.  
51 Things to Make with Cardboard Tubes.  
Ada's Violin.  
Top Dogs: True Stories of Canines That Made History.  
We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball.  
Birds of a Feather: Bowerbirds and Me.  
The Brain Is Kind of a Big Deal.  
The Hawk of the Castle: A Story of Medieval Falconry.  
Be a Young Entrepreneur: Get Inspired to Become a Business Whiz.

## Mystery

A to Z Mysteries

Adler, David  
 Barrett, Tracy  
 Briner, K. H.

Clover, Andrew  
 Diamond, Jill  
 Greenfield, Amy butler  
 Griffin, N.  
 Krosoczka, Jarrett J.  
 Kuhlmann, Torben

Marois, André  
 McCall Smith, Alexander

McDonald, Andrew  
 Riddell, Chris  
 Smith, Alex T.  
 Sobol, Donald  
 Spratt, R.A.  
 Super

Warner, Gertrude Chandler  
 Winston, Sherri

The Lucky Lottery.  
Cam Jansen and the School Play Mystery.  
The 100-Year-Old Secret.  
Snowize & Snitch: Highly Effective Defective Detectives.  
Rory Branagan, Detective.  
Lou Lou & Pea and the Mural Mystery.  
Ra the Mighty: Cat Detective.  
Smashie McPerter and the Mystery of Room 11.  
The Frog Who Croaked.  
Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure.  
The Sandwich Thief.  
The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case.  
Real Pigeons Fight Crime!  
Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse.  
Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure.  
Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective.  
Friday Barnes, Girl Detective.  
Super Puzzletastic Mysteries: Short stories for Young Sleuths from Mystery Writers of America.  
Mystery Ranch.  
Jada Sly, Artist & Spy.

## School, Friends, & Family

Allen, Crystal  
 Amato, Mary

Balen, Katya

Spirit Week Showdown.  
Our Teacher Is a Vampire and Other (Not) True Stories.  
The Space We're In.

Barrows, Annie	<u>The Best of Iggy.</u>
Becker, Suzy	<u>Kate the Great Except When She's Not.</u>
Davies, Jacqueline	<u>The Lemonade War.</u>
Graff, Keir	<u>The Matchstick Castle.</u>
Gratz, Alan	<u>Ban This Book.</u>
Griffin, Adele	<u>The Becket List: A Blackberry Farm Story.</u>
Gutman, Dan	<u>The Get Rich Quick Club.</u>
Krishnaswami, Uma	<u>Book Uncle and Me.</u>
Lin, Grace	<u>The Year of the Dog: A Novel.</u>
Mackler, Carolyn	<u>Best Friend Next Door.</u>
Mackler, Carolyn	<u>Not If I Can Help It.</u>
Manternach, Karla	<u>Meena Meets Her Match.</u>
McCullough, Joy	<u>A Field Guide to Getting Lost.</u>
McDonald, Megan	<u>Judy Moody.</u>
McGovern, Cammie	<u>Just My Luck.</u>
Moss, Marissa	<u>Amelia's Notebook.</u>
Pennypacker, Sara	<u>Waylon! One Awesome Thing.</u>
Sachar, Louis	<u>Kidnapped at Birth?</u>
Smith, Janice Lee	<u>The Monster in the Third Dresser Drawer and Other Stories About Adam Joshua.</u>
Spinelli, Jerry	<u>Fourth Grade Rats.</u>
Winkler, Henry	<u>Niagara Falls, or Does It?</u>
Woodrow, Allan	<u>The Pet War.</u>
Ziegler, Jennifer	<u>Revenge of the Flower Girls.</u>

## Science Fiction

	Bacon, Lee	<u>The Last Human.</u>
	Brallier, Max	<u>Cosmoe's Wiener Getaway.</u>
	Buckley, Michael	<u>Finn and the Intergalactic Lunchbox.</u>
	Chen, Jeff	<u>Lunar Blitz.</u>
	Dean, Justin	<u>Awesome Dog 5000.</u>
	Hughes, Ted	<u>The Iron Giant: A Story in Five Nights.</u>
JP	Kelley, Jane	<u>Octo-Man and the Headless Monster.</u>
	Mass, Wendy	<u>Archie Takes Flight.</u>
	Reeve, Philip	<u>Cakes in Space.</u>
	Scieszka, Jon	<u>Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor.</u>
	Scieszka, Jon	<u>Spaceheadz: Book 1.</u>
	Star Wars	<u>Jedi Academy.</u>
	Winkler, Henry	<u>Alien Superstar.</u>

## Sports

	Bildner, Phil	<u>A Whole New Ballgame.</u>
J B N158c	Coy, John	<u>Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball.</u>
	Gutman, Dan	<u>The Million Dollar Shot.</u>
	Kelly, David	<u>The Gold Medal Mess.</u>
	Khan, Hena	<u>Power Forward.</u>
	Lupica, Mike	<u>The Turnover.</u>

Maddox, Jake  
Mills, Claudia  
Rosewater, Kit  
Stilton, Geronimo  
Wallace, Rich

Home-Field Football.  
Basketball Disasters.  
Kenzie Kickstarts a Team.  
Geronimo on Ice!  
Double Fake.

6/20  
SJS

Highland Park Public Library  
Youth Services Department  
494 Laurel Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035  
(847) 681-7030  
happly@hplibrary.org