

Books Every

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# Second Grader

*Should Know*

Woodson, Jacqueline **The Other Side** (E WOO)

Two girls, one white and one black, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town.

Young, Ed **Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story From China** (E398.2 YOU)

Three sisters staying home alone are endangered by a hungry wolf who is disguised as their grandmother.

Adler, David A.

**Young Cam Jansen and the Dinosaur Game** (E ADL)

When 8-year-old sleuth Cam Jansen and her friend Eric go to a birthday party, she uses her photographic memory to solve the puzzle of the dinosaur count.

Applegate, Katherine

**Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs** (J APP)

When the first-graders' bee antennae would not stay on their heads and the drummers would not stay in their seats for the open house play, Roscoe decides to help by using the "don't-you-dare" glue.

Averill, Esther **The Fire Cat** (E AVE)

Pickles, a spotted cat, was given a new home by Mrs. Goodkind, but runs away. Ultimately, he becomes a fire cat and lives at the firehouse.

Barrows, Annie **Ivy + Bean** (J BAR)

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.

Brown, Jeff

**Flat Stanley, His Original Adventure** (J BRO)

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

Bruel, Nick **Bad Kitty Gets a Bath** (J BRU)

This title takes a humorous look at the normal way cats bathe, why it is inappropriate for humans to bathe that way, and the challenges of trying to give a cat a real bath with soap and water.

Brunhoff, Jean de

**The Story of Babar: The Little Elephant** (E BRU)

After his mother is killed by a hunter, Babar avoids capture by escaping to the city, where he is befriended by the kindly Old Lady. He becomes educated and cultured and, upon his return to the great forest, is crowned King of the Elephants.



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Cronin, Doreen **Diary of a Worm** (E CRO)

A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.

Deedy, Carmen Agra **The Library Dragon** (E DEE)

Miss Lotta Scales is a dragon who believes her job is to protect the school's library books from the children, but when she finally realizes that books are meant to be read, the dragon turns into Miss Lotty, librarian and storyteller.

DiCamillo, Kate **Bink & Gollie** (E DIC)

Two roller-skating best friends — one tiny, one tall — share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

Hoberman, Mary Ann

**You Read to Me, I'll Read to You** (E811.54 HOB)

Here's a book with something new — You read to me. I'll read to you. We'll read each page to one another. You'll read one side, I the other.

Isaacs, Anne **Swamp Angel** (E ISA)

Along with other amazing feats, Angelica Longrider, also known as Swamp Angel, wrestles a huge bear, known as Thundering Tarnation, to save the winter supplies of the settlers in Tennessee.

Kann, Victoria **Pinkalicious** (E KAN)

A little girl who is obsessed with the color pink eats so many pink cupcakes that she herself turns pink.

Kirby, Stan **Captain Awesome to the Rescue!** (J KIR)

When second-grader Eugene and his family move to a new neighborhood and he starts at a new school, he has a chance to bring out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, to find the kidnapped class hamster.

Kline, Suzy **Horrible Harry in Room 2B** (J KLI)

Doug discovers that though being Harry's best friend in Miss Mackle's second grade class isn't always easy, as Harry likes to do horrible things, it is often a lot of fun.



Krensky, Stephen **Arthur's Mystery Envelope** (J KRE)

It looks like trouble when the principal asks Arthur to take home a large envelope marked "confidential."

McCloskey, Robert

**Make Way for Ducklings** (E MACC)

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring.

McDonald, Megan **Judy Moody** (J MACD)

Third-grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.

Muth, Jon J. **Zen Shorts** (E MUT)

Stillwater, a giant panda, moves into the neighborhood and tells amazing ancient tales.

Park, Barbara

**Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus** (J PAR)

In her own words, a young girl describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home.

Rylant, Cynthia **Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures** (E RYL)

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

Schwartz, Alvin **In a Dark, Dark Room** (E SCH)

Seven scary stories to tell at night in front of a fire or in the dark, based on traditional stories and folktales from various countries.

Sharmat, Marjorie **Nate the Great** (J SHA)

Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture.

Viorst, Judith **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** (E VIO)

On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.

