

Books Every **Third Grader** Should Know

Blume, Judy Freckle Juice (J BLU)

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

Bond, Michael A Bear Called Paddington (J BON)

From the day Paddington was discovered on a railway platform in London, he was seldom far from imminent disaster, but it always seemed to turn into hilarious fun.

Bulla, Clyde Robert The Chalk Box Kid (J BUL)

Nine-year-old Gregory's house does not have room for a garden, but he creates a surprising one in an unusual place.

Catling, Patrick S. The Chocolate Touch (J CAT)

A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

Cleary, Beverly Muggie Maggie (J CLE)

Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade, until she discovers that knowing how to read and write cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge to her.

Gutman, Dan Miss Daisy is Crazy (JGUT)

Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J.

Kline, Suzy Herbie Jones (J KLI)

Herbie's experiences in the third grade include finding bones in the boy's bathroom, wandering away from his class on their field trip, and being promoted to a higher reading group.

LeGuin, Ursula Catwings (J LEG)

Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two children with kind hands.

Levine, Ellen Henry's Freedom Box (ELEV)

A fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.



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Lindgren, Astrid Pippi Longstocking (J LIN)

Enjoy the escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey—but without any parents—at the edge of a Swedish village.

Look, Lenore Alvin Ho Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things (JLOO)

A young boy who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.

MacLachlan, Patricia Sarah, Plain and Tall (J MACL)

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.

Mathis, Sharon Bell The Hundred Penny Box (J MAT)

Michael's love for his great-great-aunt who lives with his family leads him to intercede with his mother who wants to toss out all her old things.

Meadows, Daisy Ruby the Red Fairy (J RAI RAI 1)

Rainbow Fairies Rachel and Kirsty must find the other Rainbow Fairies in order to prevent Fairyland from losing its colors and turning gray forever.

Milne, A. A. Winnie-the-Pooh (J MIL)

Christopher Robin and his friends have adventures including Pooh Bear using a balloon to get honey, Piglet meeting a Heffalump, and Eeyore having a birthday.

Peterson, John The Littles (J PET)

Only a few inches tall, the Little family encounters a myriad of dangers, especially when the house cat comes their way.

Polacco, Patricia Chicken Sunday (E POL)

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

Prelutsky, Jack The New Kid on the Block (J 811 PRE)

Humorous poems about such strange creatures and people as Baloney Belly Billy and the Gloopy Gloopers.

Roop, Connie & Peter Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie (EB BUR)

In the winter of 1856, a storm delays the lighthouse keeper's return to an island off the coast of Maine, and so his daughter Abbie must keep the lights burning by herself.

Roy, Ron The Absent Author (J ROY)

Dink Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author Wallis Wallace.

San Souci, Robert The Talking Eggs (E 398.21 SAN)

A Southern folktale in which kind Blanche follows the instructions of an old witch and gains riches, while her greedy sister makes fun of the old woman and is duly rewarded.

Soto, Gary The Skirt (J SOT)

When Miata leaves the skirt she needs for a dance performance on the school bus, she needs all her wits to get it back without her parents finding out that she has lost something yet again.

Stilton, Geronimo

Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye (J STI)

When Geronimo's sister, Thea, discovers an old, mysterious map showing a secret treasure hidden on a faraway island, the gang of the "Rodent's Gazette" is dragged into a treasure hunt.

Van Allsburg, Chris Jumanji (E VAN)

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler The Boxcar Children (J WAR)

Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny are orphans. Determined to make it on their own, they set out to find a safe place to live. They discover an old, red boxcar that provides shelter from a storm and become the Boxcar Children.

White, E. B. Stuart Little (J WHI)

Debonair mouse Stuart Little sets out into the world, trying to find his dearest friend, a little bird he met in his family's garden.



