

## Books 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will Enjoy Reading

### Fiction

Abbott, Tony. **The Crazy Case of Missing Thunder.** (JUV ABBOT)

Long-time friends and fellow sleuths Jeff Bunter, Brian Rooney, Mara Lubin, and Kelly Smitts, collectively known as the Goofballs, investigate the disappearance of Thunder the pony in their town of Badger Point.

Adderson, Caroline. **Star of the Week.** (JUV ADDER)

At last, it's Jasper's turn to be Star of the Week at school. Unfortunately, nothing turns out as planned. His Show and Tell falls flat and a new baby at his friend's house steals his spotlight. When Jasper decides to build himself a brother (named Earl) out of wood, Earl's schoolyard shenanigans send Jasper to the principal's office! But with a little help from family and friends, things start to turn around for Jasper.

Brown, Jeff. **Flat Stanley at the Firehouse.** (ER BROWN)

When Stanley's fire safety poster wins a contest, he gets to visit a firehouse, where he climbs onto a real fire truck, slides down the fire pole, and helps out in a real emergency.

Butler, Dori. **Case of the Library Monster.** (CHAPTER BUTLE)

Buddy the dog discovers a strange, blue-tongued creature in the school library, and investigates what it is and how it got there.

Clements, Andrew. **Jake Drake Class Clown.** (CHAPTER CLEME)

Miss Bruce is the new student teacher in Jake's second-grade class, and she never smiles. Never. But when Jake cracks up during class during a spelling bee, he sees the tiniest hint of a smile at the corner of her mouth. Suddenly, Jake has a new mission in life; to be so funny that even Miss Bruce will laugh!

Cronin, Doreen. **The Legend of Diamond Lil.** (JUV MYS CRONI)

JJ, the search and rescue dog, is ready for a bit of rest and relaxation after solving the mystery of the missing chicks, but there is a new dog next door who is stealing the attention of Moosh and her chicks and the threat of a roaming possum keeps JJ on the alert.

Davies, Nicola. **Welcome to Silver Street Farm.** (JUV DAVIE)

What are three friends to do when their newly adopted baby poodles turn out to be sheep and some rotten eggs hatch into ducklings? They turn the abandoned train station into a city farm! Throw in a friendly policeman, a chicken-herding dog, and a pair of runaway goats, and you've got the start of Silver Street Farm--the little farm in the big city.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig.** (CHAPTER DICAM)

After Mercy Watson follows the delightful scent and delicious taste of the pansies her thoughtful neighbors plant to beautify their yard, animal control officer Francine Poulet is called out to handle the case, which brings unexpected results.

Gauthier, Gail. **A Girl, a Boy, and a Monster Cat.** (CHAPTER GAUTH)

Three afternoons a week, Brandon reluctantly stays with his imaginative classmate, Hannah, and her oversized cat, Buttercup, playing games, but their adventures really begin when a new neighbor moves in with a ferocious Chihuahua named Bucky.

Greene, Stephanie. **Princess Posey and the New First Grader.** (CHAPTER GREEN)

When Posey's first grade class gets a new student, she worries her friends will like the new girl more than her.

Greenhut, Josh. **The African Safari Discovery.** (CHAPTER GREEN)

Flat Stanley, his father, and his brother travel to Africa in search of a recently discovered flat skull, hoping it will provide clues to Stanley's condition.

Hartnett, Sonya. **Sadie and Ratz.** (CHAPTER HARTN)

Hannah and her hands, named Sadie and Ratz, regularly get into trouble, especially when younger brother Baby Boy is around.

Jules, Jacqueline. **Freddie Ramos Stomps the Snow.** (CHAPTER JULES)

When a freak spring blizzard buries Starwood Park, Freddie works with Mr. Vaslov to clear the sidewalks using a new invention--Zapato Power snowshoes. But not even the snow can stop a thief from causing trouble in the neighborhood. Can Freddie solve the case, even if it means helping Erika, the Starwood Park bully?

Kirby, Stan. **Captain Awesome to the Rescue!** (CHAPTER KIRBY)

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. **Herbie Jones Sails into Second Grade.** (CHAPTER KLINE)

Herbie meets a new teacher and makes a new friend on his first day of second grade.

McDonald, Megan. **Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express.** (JUV MCDON)

Stink Moody, friends Webster and Sophie, and Mrs. Birdwistle visit tourist attractions in Virginia as they try to give away 101 guinea pigs rescued from a laboratory, although Stink is very reluctant to give away his favorite, Astro.

Messner, Kate. **Marty McGuire Digs Worms.** (CHAPTER MESSN)

With help from her Grandma Barb, Marty builds a habitat for worms in her school cafeteria as part of the Save the Earth Project.

Nolan, Lucy. **Smarter than Squirrels.** (CHAPTER NOLAN)

Recounts the adventures of a rambunctious dog who thinks her name is Down Girl and her next door neighbor, Sit, as they try to keep the world safe from dangerous squirrels, the paper boy, and a frightening creature named "Here Kitty Kitty."

O'Connor, Jane. **Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth.** (JUV OCONN)

In her chapter book debut, Nancy Clancy must find the culprit when a prized possession goes missing at school.

Pennypacker, Sara. **Clementine, Friend of the Week.** (CHAPTER PENNY)

Clementine's beloved teacher, Mr. D'Matz might be leaving for the rest of the year to go on a research trip to Egypt. The only solution, she decides, is to hatch a plan to get Mr. D'Matz back even if it means ruining his once-in-a-lifetime chance.

Pinkwater, Daniel. **Mrs. Noodlekugel.** (CHAPTER PINKW)

Nick and Maxine have a new babysitter--the eccentric Mrs. Noodlekugel who lives in the funny little house behind their drab high-rise apartment building along with her feline butler, Mr. Fuzzface, and three myopic mice.

Schoenberg, Jane. **The One and Only Stuey Lewis.** (CHAPTER SCHOE)

Stuey Lewis makes his way through second grade facing reading problems, pulling off a great Halloween caper, joining a soccer team, and more with the help of family, friends, and a special teacher.

Sternberg, John. **Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie.** (JUV STERN)

When Eleanor's beloved babysitter Bibi moves away to care for her sick father, Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to a new babysitter while mourning the loss of her old one.

Thorpe, Kiki. **In a blink.** (CHAPTER THORP)

When four friends are whisked out of their ordinary lives to Never Land, home to fairies and mermaids, Queen Clarion and Tinker Bell have to figure out a way for them to get home.

Trine, Greg. **Melvin Beederman, Superhero: the curse of the bologna sandwich.**  
(JUV FAN TRINE)

After graduating from the superhero academy, Melvin heads for Los Angeles, where he teams up with Candace Brinkwater, school play actress, to nab the evil McNasty Brothers.

Vande Velde, Vivian. **8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel [Divided by] 1 Dog = Chaos.**  
(CHAPTER VANDE)

A dog chases a squirrel into an elementary school one night, creating monumental chaos.

Voake, Steve. **Daisy Dawson is on her way.** (CHAPTER VOAKE)

One day when Daisy is late for school, an encounter with a butterfly leaves her suddenly able to communicate with animals, and when Boom, a stray dog, is caught by the pound, she enlists the help of a host of other animals to rescue him.

Voake, Steve. **Hooley Higgins and the Shark.** (CHAPTER VOAKE)

Hooley Higgins and his best friend Twig plan to capture a shark and charge people to see it in order to raise money to buy a large chocolate egg in Mr. Danson's store window and end up finding something amazing.

**Check out the following series that we recommend for this reading level.  
All of the series listed below are located in Youth Services in the Chapter Book section.  
Series are arranged alphabetically by the author's last name.**

**A to Z Mysteries** by Ron Roy  
**Andrew Lost** by J.C. Greenburg  
**Ballpark Mysteries** by David Kelly  
**Capital Mysteries** by Ron Roy  
**Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist** by Jim Benton  
**Geronimo Stilton** by Geronimo Stilton  
**Ivy and Bean** by Annie Barrows  
**Jigsaw Jones Mysteries** by James Preller  
**Junie B. Jones** by Barbara Park  
**Katie Kazoo Switcheroo** by Nancy Krulik  
**Kylie Jean** by Marci Peschke  
**Magic Tree House** by Mary Pope Osborne  
**Milo and Jazz Mysteries** by Lewis Montgomery  
**My Weird School** by Dan Gutman  
**My Weird School Daze** by Dan Gutman  
**My Weirder School** by Dan Gutman  
**Nancy Drew Notebooks** by Carolyn Keene  
**Rainbow Magic** by Daisy Meadows  
**Ready Freddy** by Abby Klein  
**Roscoe Riley Rules** by Katherine Applegate  
**Weird Planet** by Dan Greenburg  
**Zack Files** by Dan Greenburg