

Books 3rd and 4th graders Will Enjoy Reading

Fiction

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

At last, it's Jasper John Dooley's turn to be Star of the Week at school. Unfortunately, nothing turns out as planned. But with a little help from family and friends, things turn around for Jasper. And by the time Friday arrives, he is once again sure that he has what it takes to be a star.

Barden, Stephanie. **Cinderella Smith**. (JUV BARDE)

Cast off by her old friends, Cinderella agrees to help a new student deal with the stepsisters she will soon have, and meantime, a former friend tries to prevent Cinderella from dancing the lead in their tap recital.

Bruel, Nick. **Bad Kitty School Daze**. (CHAPTER BRUEL)

When Kitty's owners have finally had enough of her bad behavior, it's time to ship her off to obedience school.

Clements, Andrew. **No Talking**. (JUV CLEME)

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

Cronin, Doreen. **The Trouble With Chickens**. (JUV MYS CRONI)

A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures**. (JUV FAN DICAM)

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.

Gaiman, Neil. **Fortunately, the Milk**. (JUV GAIMA)

While picking up milk for his children's cereal, a father is abducted by aliens and finds himself on a wild adventure through time and space.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Winter Sky**. (JUV GIFF)

Almost 12-year-old Siria, who chases fire trucks in the middle of the night to ensure her firefighter dad's safety, learns bravery one winter as she tries to mend a broken friendship.

Henkes, Kevin. **The Year of Billy Miller**. (FICTION HENKE)

Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister and his parents, and has learned many important lessons.

Herrera, Robin. **Hope is a Ferris Wheel**. (JUV HERRE)

After moving from Oregon to a trailer park in California, ten-year-old Star participates in a poetry club, where she learns some important lessons about herself and her own hopes and dreams for the future.

Holm, Jennifer. **Comics Squad: Recess.** (JUV GN HOLM)

A collection of comics about every kid's favorite school subject: recess.

Lagercranz, Rose. **My Happy Life.** (CHAPTER LAGER)

Dani has been waiting to go to school her whole life. However, school also brings many unexpected things that Dani isn't sure she is ready to face.

Lowry, Lois. **The Birthday Ball.** (JUV LOWRY)

When a bored Princess Patricia Priscilla makes her chambermaid switch identities with her so she can attend the village school, her attitude changes and she plans a new way to celebrate her sixteenth birthday.

Lubar, David. **Stranger Things.** (CHAPTER LUBAR)

When ordinary third-grader Ed finds a coin with the words "strange" and "stranger" on both sides, weird things start happening around him. When his friends start blaming him for all the weirdness, Ed wonders if the coin is not too strange for comfort.

MacLachlan, Patricia. **White Fur Flying.** (JUV MACLA)

A sad and silent nine-year-old boy finds his voice when he moves next door to a family that rescues dogs.

McCall Smith, Alexander. **The Great Cake Mystery.** (JUV MYS MCCAL)

Before becoming the first female private investigator in Botswana, eight-year-old Precious Ramotswa tracks down a thief who has been stealing her classmates' snacks.

Pakkala, Christine. **Going Green.** (CHAPTER PAKKA)

Lola Zuckerman hates being last for everything. And she is having a particularly hard time right now. Why is everything always changing? What would make things much, much better is if Lola were to win the Going-Green Contest at school and beat Amanda Anderson, who is determined to win first place too. How can Lola, who is always last, prove that she's not least?

Peirce, Lincoln. **Big Nate: in a class by himself.** (JUV PEIRC)

Supremely confident middle school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.

Pennypacker, Sara. **Clementine.** (CHAPTER PENNY)

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Tarshis, Lauren. **I Survived.** (CHAPTER TARSH)

Each book in this series looks at a different historical disaster through a child's perspective. The characters are fictional, but the events are factual--black and white photos and facts accompany each story.