

2015 3rd Grade Summer Reading

Sorted by Author / Title.

- LS F ABB Abbott, Tony, 1952-. The crazy case of missing Thunder. New York : Egmont USA, c2012.
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.
- LS F AIN Ain, Beth Levine. Starring Jules (as herself). New York : Scholastic Press, c2013.
Jules is an ordinary seven-year-old girl, concerned with school and friends and other ordinary things--until a chance meeting with a casting director leads to an audition for a television commercial.
- LS F BAK Baker, E. D. The wide-awake princess. 1st U.S. ed. New York : Bloomsbury Books for Young Readers, 2010.
Annie, younger sister of the princess who would be known as Sleeping Beauty, is immune to magic and stays awake when the rest of the castle falls into an enchanted sleep, then sets out to find a way to break the spell.
- LS BTR BAR Barss, Karen. Funny bone jokes and riddles. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.
Presents a collection of humorous pet-themed jokes and riddles that stars Martha the talking dog.
- LS F BAU Baum, L. Frank (Lyman Frank), 1856-1919. The wonderful wizard of Oz. New York : Morrow, c1987.
On the arm of a cyclone, Dorothy and Toto are borne from the Kansas prairie to the land of Munchkins. And so starts a wonderful trip to the land of Oz.
- LS 793.8 BEC Becker, Helaine. Magic up your sleeve : amazing illusions, tricks, and science facts you'll never believe. Toronto, Ont. : Maple Tree Press ;, c2010.
Reveals the science behind magic tricks, using dozens of activities to show how the world of magic manipulates simple scientific principles of illusion and perception to leave audiences baffled.
- LS F BIR Birney, Betty G. The world according to Humphrey. New York : G. P. Putnam's Sons, c2004.
Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.
- LS F BON Bond, Michael. A bear called Paddington. Boston, : Houghton Mifflin, 1960.
A very small bear found by Mr. and Mrs. Brown at Paddington station becomes one of the family.

- LS F BRA Branford, Anna. Violet Mackerel's personal space. First US edition. Violet finds a special way to cope with moving to a new home after Mama marries Vincent.
- LS F CAL Calmenson, Stephanie. No dogs allowed. First edition. Best friends and dog lovers Kate and Lucie live in apartments where dogs are not allowed, but a pair of unusual necklaces they find in a thrift store allow them to become dogs whenever they wish.
- LS 598.072 CAT Cate, Annette LeBlanc. Look up! : bird-watching in your own backyard. Somerville, MA : Candlewick Press, 2013. Explains how to identify various birds by color, shape, behavior, birdcall, and other characteristics.
- LS 741.5 CAV Cavallaro, Michael, 1969-. L. Frank Baum's The Wizard of Oz : the graphic novel. New York : Puffin Books, 2005. A graphic novel version of the classic fantasy novel tells of Dorothy's adventures in the magical land of Oz.
- LS F CHE Chew, Ruth, author, illustrator. The would-be witch. First Random House Edition. When a small white cat follows them home from Zelda's antique store, Robin and Andy find themselves in the middle of an adventure involving magic polish that brings anything it touches to life, and a coven of would-be witches.
- LS F CLE Cleary, Beverly. Ramona the pest. New York, : W. Morrow, [1968]. Ramona meets lots of interesting people in kindergarten class, like Davy whom she keeps trying to kiss and Susan whose springy curls seem to ask to be pulled.
- LS F COA Coatsworth, Elizabeth Jane, 1893-. The cat who went to heaven. New York, : Macmillan, [1958].
- LS F DUF Duffey, Betsy. The gadget war. New York, N.Y., U.S.A. : Viking, 1991.
- LS 811 LET Let's play! : poems about sports and games from around the world. Collects thirty-seven poems celebrating such sports and games as football, baseball, judo, table tennis, netball, cycling, chess, and scrabble.
- LS F ENR Enright, Elizabeth, 1909-1968. The Saturdays. New York : Henry Holt and Co., 2002, c1941. Four New York City siblings decide to pool their resources so that each can do a special thing on the Saturday that is his turn to receive the combined allowance.
- J F ERD Erdrich, Louise. The birchbark house. 1st ed. New York : HyperionBooks for Children, 1999.

Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

eBook gr.2-up F EST

Estes, Eleanor, 1906-1988. Ginger Pye. San Diego : Harcourt, 2000, c1951.

The disappearance of a new puppy named Ginger and the appearance of a mysterious man in a mustard yellow hat bring excitement into the lives of the Pye children.

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LS B ScienceMath BROWN

Fern, Tracey E. Barnum's bones : how Barnum Brown discovered the most famous dinosaur in the world. 1st ed. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 2012.

Documents the work of an early twentieth-century paleontologist, named after the famous circus icon by his ambitious parents, who grew up to work for the American Museum of Natural History and discovered the first documented skeletons of the Tyrannosaurus Rex and other noteworthy species.

LS 811 FLO

Florian, Douglas. UnBEElievables : honeybee poems and paintings. 1st ed. New York : Beach Lane Books, c2012.

A comprehensive natural history of bees shares fourteen fact-filled poems and paintings that detail the unexpected wonders of the busy insect's lifestyle and community while explaining the bee's essential role in the ecosystem.

LS E GRA

Grahame, Kenneth. The reluctant dragon. 1st U.S. ed. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2004.

In this illustrated, abridged version of the original, the boy who finds the dragon in the cave knows it is a kindly, harmless one, but how can he convince the frightened villagers and, especially, St. George the dragon killer that there is no cause for concern?.

LS F GRE

Greene, Stephanie. Queen Sophie Hartley. New York : Clarion Books, c2005.

A suggestion from her mother leads Sophie to befriend the new girl at school and an elderly, grouchy woman, and helps her overcome the feeling that she is not good at anything.

LS F GRI

Griffiths, Andy, 1961-. The 13-story treehouse. 1st U.S. ed. New York : Feiwel and Friends, 2013.

Follows the efforts of Andy and Terry to meet a latest book deadline despite numerous distractions in their sophisticated tree house home, including flying cats, giant bananas, and sea monsters pretending to be mermaids.

- LS F HAL Hale, Bruce, author, illustrator. Big Bad Detective Agency. Accused of ransacking the houses of the Three Little Pigs, Wolfgang is given one day by the ruler of Fairylandia to find the real culprit, aided by a fourth pig.
- LS F HAR Harper, Charise Mericle. Just Grace, star on stage. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2012. When her teacher announces that the class will be putting on a play, Grace hopes she will win the part of the forest fairy queen.
- LS 523.5 HAR Hartland, Jessie. How the meteorite got to the museum. 1st ed. Maplewood, NJ : Blue Apple, 2013. Details the steps that brought a meteor from outer space, across the eastern United States, to the roof of a car in Peekskill, New York, and thereafter to be verified, tested, and exhibited at the American Museum of Natural History.
- LS F HAR Hartnett, Sonya. Sadie and Ratz. 1st U.S. ed. Somerville, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2012. Hannah and her hands, named Sadie and Ratz, regularly get into trouble, especially when younger brother Baby Boy is around.
- J B ERDOS Heiligman, Deborah. The boy who loved math : the improbable life of Paul Erdős. 1st ed. New York : Roaring Brook Press, 2013. An introduction to the unconventional life of the eminent mathematician describes the phenomenal math talents he demonstrated from an early age while revealing how he was often stymied by everyday tasks.
- LS F HEN Henry, Marguerite, 1902-. Misty of Chincoteague. New York, N.Y. : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [1988], c1947. The determination of two youngsters to own a Chincoteague pony is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among those rounded up for the yearly auction.
- LS F HOL Holub, Joan. Hades and the Helm of Darkness. 1st Aladdin hardcover ed. New York : Aladdin, 2013. When Zeus, Hades, and Poseidon continue on a new quest in the search for the Helm of Darkness, they discover many things in the Underworld that Hades does not fear except a giant three-headed dog.
- LS F HOL Holub, Joan. Poseidon and the sea of fury. 1st Aladdin pbk. ed. New York : Aladdin, 2012. Zeus, Hera, and Poseidon continue on their mysterious quest, but when they must find a magical trident that can calm the angry sea, Poseidon reveals that he is terrified of the water.
- LS F HOL Holub, Joan. Zeus and the thunderbolt of doom. 1st Aladdin hardcover ed. New York : Aladdin, 2012. When ten-year-old Zeus is kidnapped, he discovers he can defend himself with a magical thunderbolt.

- LS F HOR Horvath, Polly. Lord and Lady Bunny -- almost royalty! 1st ed. New York : Schwartz & Wade Books, c2014.
Madeleine and her hippie parents travel to England to run a candy shop; meanwhile, Mr. and Mrs. Bunny also travel to England, where Mrs. Bunny tries to weasel her way into the ranks of royalty.
- LS F HOW Howe, Deborah. Bunnacula : a rabbit-tale of mystery. Rev. format ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c1999.
This reissue of the classic story featuring the vampire rabbit celebrates the book's twentieth anniversary. Includes an essay by co-author James Howe on the origins of "Bunnacula."
- LS F HUR Hurwitz, Johanna, author. The two and only Kelly twins. First edition. Enjoying their special status as identical twins while dressing alike, sharing activities, and caring for identical pet ferrets, second-graders Arlene and Ilene begin feeling less special after meeting a set of triplets and struggle with other twin challenges until one of them is hospitalized, causing a first-time separation.
- LS E JEN Jenkins, Emily, 1967-. A fine dessert : four centuries, four families, one delicious treat. 1st ed. New York : Schwartz & Wade Books, c2015.
Depicts families, from England to California and from 1710 to 2010, preparing and enjoying the dessert called blackberry fool, in a book that includes a recipe and historical notes.
- LS F JEN Jenkins, Emily, 1967-. Invisible Inkling. 1st ed. New York, N.Y. : Balzer + Bray, c2011.
When Hank Wolowitz runs into trouble in the form of a lunch-stealing bully, he finds an unlikely ally in an invisible refugee pumpkin-loving bandapat named Inkling.
- LS 590 JEN Jenkins, Steve, 1952- author. The animal book : a collection of the fastest, fiercest, toughest, cleverest, shyest--and most surprising--animals on earth.
Animals! -- Family -- Animal senses -- Predators -- Defenses -- Animal extremes -- The story of life -- More information. Shares facts on over three hundred animals and offers a brief overview of the history of life on Earth.
- LS 595.76 JEN Jenkins, Steve, 1952-. The beetle book. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2012.
Introduces beetles, including their different parts, their life cycles, what they eat, and what makes them special in the insect world.
- LS F JEN Jennings, Patrick. Odd, weird & little.
Befriending a very strange new student, Toulouse, helps outsider Woodrow stand up to the class bullies who have been picking on them both.

- LS E JOY Joyce, William, 1957-. The mischievians. First edition.
Dr. Zooper answers questions about life's ordinary puzzles, such as why homework disappears or how a song gets stuck in one's head, by identifying and describing different kinds of Mischievians.
- LS LEGO KEN Kenney, Sean. Cool robots. 1st ed. New York : Henry Holt and Company, 2010.
Let's build some robots! -- Welcome to Robotopolis -- Family life -- Across space, across town -- Let's build! -- Special delivery -- Build a bot -- Flatten it down -- Strong bots -- Pocket sized crazy bots -- Build it BIG -- Building Robotopolis -- A tiny fleet - - Get creative with tools -- Take a break at the space station -- Time to relax at home -- About Sean. Discusses how to use LEGO building blocks to create robots, transformers and spaceships of all sizes, colors and features while also providing insider tips and landscape designs for diehard enthusiasts.
- LS F KLI Klimo, Kate. The dragon in the sock drawer. 1st ed. New York : Random House Childrens Books, c2008.
Cousins Jesse and Daisy always knew they would have a magical adventure, but they are not prepared when the "thunder egg" that Jesse has found turns out to be a dragon egg that is about to hatch.
- LS F KLI Klimo, Kate. Ginger. 1st ed. New York : Random House, 2013.
Ginger the golden retriever narrates the story of her life, from her birth in a puppy mill through the various people who have "owned" her.
- LS F KLI Klise, Kate. The show must go on! First edition.
Two mice and a crow, who travel with a circus, cleaning up the spilled popcorn after every performance, come to the rescue when a greedy con artist takes over the management of the circus.
- LS F LAG Lagercrantz, Rose, 1947- author. My heart is laughing. First American edition.
After her best friend moves away, Dani is trying her best to stay happy, but when some of the girls in Dani's class start bullying her, she becomes despondent, and her father steps in to help Dani sort out her feelings.
- LS F LEN Lenski, Lois, 1893-. Strawberry girl,. Philadelphia, : J. B. Lippincott company, [1945].
- LS 811 LEW Lewis, J. Patrick. If you were a chocolate mustache. 1st ed. Honesdale, Pa. : Wordsong, c2012.
A collection of poems about animals, school, wacky inventions, foods, and computers.
- LS 811 LEW Lewis, J. Patrick. Poem-mobiles : crazy car poems. 1st ed. New York : Schwartz & Wade Books, c2014.

Presents thirteen poems about wacky, imaginative cars, including the "Sloppy-Floppy-Nonstop-Jalopy," the "Bathtub Limousine," and the "High Heel Car."

- LS F LUD Ludwig, Trudy. Confessions of a former bully. 1st ed. Berkeley : Tricycle Press, c2010.
Nine-year-old Katie's punishment for bullying classmates includes making up for the hurt she has caused, and so she decides to write a book about bullying, why it is not okay, and how to start being a better friend.
- LS F MCC McCall Smith, Alexander, 1948-. The great cake mystery : Precious Ramotswe's very first case. New York : Anchor Books, c2012.
Before becoming the first female private investigator in Botswana, eight-year-old Precious Ramotswe tracks down a thief who has been stealing her classmates' snacks.
- LS F MCD McDonald, Megan. Judy Moody. 1st ed. Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 1999.
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.
- LS F MCD McDonald, Megan. Stink and the freaky frog freakout. 1st ed. Somerville, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2013.
After a close encounter with a mutant amphibian makes him freaky for frogs, water-shy Stink becomes a swimming success after being in the Polliwog swim class frog-ever.
- LS F MCD McDonald, Megan. Stink : solar system superhero. 1st ed. Somerville, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2010.
When Stink discovers that Pluto has been downgraded from a planet to a dwarf planet, he launches a campaign in his classroom to restore its status to that of a full-fledged member of the solar system.
- LS F MCK McKay, Hilary. Lulu and the cat in the bag.
Lulu befriends a cat left in a bag on her doorstep.
- LS F MIL Mills, Claudia. Annika Riz, math whiz. First edition.
Annika hopes to change her best friends' hatred of math by winning a Sudoku contest, but she does not realize how important their lack of mathematical ability is until they make a mistake at the school carnival.
- LS F MLY Mlynowski, Sarah, author. Dream on. First edition.
Abby, Jonah, and Robin get sucked into the magic mirror and end up in the story of Sleeping Beauty, but when Robin pricks her finger and uses up the sleeping spell, Abby has to come up with a new happily-ever-after ending.
- LS F MON Montgomery, Lewis B. The case of the stinky socks. New York : Kane Press, 2009.

Detectives-in-training Milo and Jazz join forces to tackle their first big case--finding out who stole the lucky socks from the high school baseball team's star pitcher.

LS 629.8 MOS

Moss, Jenny, 1958-. How robots work. North Mankato, Minn. : Capstone Press, c2013.
Explains how and where robots work today, as well as discusses new and developing advances in robotics.

LS F OCO

O'Connor, Jane. Nancy Clancy, super sleuth. 1st ed. New York : Harper, c2012.
Displaying their best work at school in preparation for Parents' Day, Nancy and her sidekick, Bree, are on the case when a prized possession goes missing, in a first chapter book starring the irrepressible Fancy Nancy.

LS F PEC

Peck, Robert Newton. Soup. New York, : Knopf, [1974].
The adventures and misadventures of two boys growing up in a small Vermont town.

LS F PEN

Pennypacker, Sara, 1951-. Clementine. 1st ed. New York : Hyperion Books for Children, c2006.
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.

LS 811 PRE

Prelutsky, Jack. Good sports : rhymes about running, jumping, throwing, and more. 1st ed. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 2007.
A collection of poems about football, skating, basketball, karate, and other sports celebrates the joy of competitive play, teamwork, and the importance of good sportsmanship.

LS F REN

Rennert, Laura. Dragon dreams. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c2012.
Attending her first year at the Royal Princess Academy, Emma prefers soccer to ballroom dancing and dreams of one day riding a dragon.

LS F RUP

Rupp, Rebecca. The dragon of Lonely Island. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick, 1998.
Three children spend the summer with their mother on an secluded island where they discover a three-headed dragon living in a cave and learn what it means to be a Dragon Friend.

LS FANTASY SAU

Sautter, Aaron. A field guide to elves, dwarves, and other magical folk.
A world of magical people -- Fairies -- Brownies -- Gnomes -- Halflings -- Dwarves -- Elves -- Dark elves -- Centaurs -- Satyrs and fauns -- Merfolk -- Treefolk -- World map -- Test your knowledge. Provides profiles on mythical creatures ranging from halflings and dwarves to elves and centaurs.

- LS F SHE Sheinmel, Courtney. Stella Batts needs a new name. Ann Arbor, MI : Sleeping Bear Press, c2012.
When a classmate makes fun of her name, eight-year-old Stella picks a new one for herself, but discovers that the name she abandoned suits her just fine.
- LS F SHE Shelton, Dave. A boy and a bear in a boat. 1st American ed. New York : David Fickling Books, 2012.
A boy and a bear go to sea, equipped with a suitcase, a comic book, and a ukulele, for a short trip but soon their boat encounters "unforeseeable anomalies," strange storms, a terrifying sea monster, and the rank remains of The Very Last Sandwich.
- LS 811 SIN Singer, Marilyn. Follow follow : a book of reverso poems. 1st ed. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c2013.
Presents a collection of poems that from top to bottom they mean one thing and then reverse the lines and read from bottom to top they mean something else.
- LS 591.77 SKE Skerry, Brian, author. The whale who won hearts! : and more true stories of adventures with animals.
Follows an underwater wildlife photographer on four real-life adventures as he photographs leatherback sea turtles, harp seals, a whale named Wilma, and some gray reef sharks.
- LS F SMI Smith, Brooke, 1961-. Roger the rat is on the loose! New York : Better World Kids Books :, c2012.
Inspired by a notebook from her Aunt Bee, on whose farm she rescued several animals last year, Mimi advertises that she is available to help other animals in need and soon she and her three-legged dog, Maty, are on the trail of a lost rat.
- LS F SOB Sobol, Donald J., 1924-. Encyclopedia Brown, super sleuth. 1st ed. New York : Dutton Children's Books, c2009.
Idaville's secret weapon against lawbreakers, ten-year-old Leroy "Encyclopedia" Brown, helps the police force solve ten new cases, the solutions to which are found in the back of the book.
- LS F SOR Sorensen, Virginia Eggertsen, 1912-. Miracles on Maple Hill. [1st ed.]. New York, : Harcourt, Brace, [1956].
- LS F SPI Spinelli, Jerry. Third grade angels. 1st ed. New York : Arthur A. Levine Books, 2012.
George 'Suds' Morton competes with his third-grade classmates to earn the first 'halo' of the year for good behavior, but being good turns out to be more stressful than he anticipated.
- LS F TAS Tashjian, Janet, author. Einstein the class hamster. First edition.
Knowing lots of cool facts about science, art, and history, Einstein, a talking class hamster from a long, proud line of talking rodents, comes to the rescue when the class's teacher

proves to be too sleepy to prepare her students for an upcoming trivia game show.

LS F TAS

Tashjian, Janet. Einstein the class hamster and the very real game show. First edition.

When Ms. Moreno's class appears on the hit game show "Kids Know Stuff," the show's host walks off the set but with the assistance of a sound engineer, Ned and Marlon help Einstein get ready to host the show and save the day--if only he did not have stage fright.

LS F TEL

Tellegen, Toon, author. A great and complicated adventure. First North American edition.

Depicts a wondrous world of flying cakes, walking trees, and other fantastical elements that shape the daily lives of a squirrel, ant, elephant, and other animal friends.

LS 379.2 TON

Tonatiuh, Duncan. Separate is never equal : Sylvia Mendez & her family's fight for desegregation.

Years before the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling Brown v. Board of Education, Sylvia Mendez, an eight-year-old girl of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage, played an instrumental role in Mendez v. Westminster, the landmark desegregation case of 1946 in California.

LS F VAN

Vande Velde, Vivian. Three good deeds. 1st ed. Orlando, Fla. : Harcourt, c2005.

Caught stealing some goose eggs from a witch, Howard is cursed for his heartlessness and turned into a goose himself, and he can only become human again by performing three good deeds.

LS F WAT

Watson, Tom, 1962-. Stick dog. 1st ed. New York : Harper, c2013.

When Stick Dog's quest for hamburgers turns out to be more difficult than he could have ever imagined, he challenges his friends to come up with a master plan that includes unconventional solutions.

LS F WIL

Wilder, Laura Ingalls, 1867-1957. Little house in the big woods; . Newly illustrated, uniform ed. New York, : Harper, 1953.

A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier, as they help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions when they get together with relatives or neighbors.

LS F WIL

Wilder, Laura Ingalls, 1867-1957. Little house on the prairie; . Newly illustrated, uniform ed. New York, : Harper, 1953.

LS F WIS

Wissinger, Tamera Will, author. Gone fishing : a novel in verse.

In this novel told through poems, nine-year-old Sam loves fishing with his dad, so when his pesky little sister horns in on their fishing trip, he is none too pleased.

J F YOL

Yolen, Jane. Hobby : the young Merlin trilogy. 1st ed. San Diego :
Harcourt Brace, 1996.

Young Merlin is orphaned by a fire and joins a traveling pair of
magicians who help him begin to discover his true powers.

LS JOKES JUS

Just joking 2 : 300 hilarious jokes about everything, including
tongue twisters, riddles, and more! Washington, DC : National
Geographic, c2012.

Presents a variety of jokes and facts, including knock-knocks,
tongue twisters, riddles, and traditional question and answer
jokes.

LS JOKES JUS

Just joking : 300 hilarious jokes, tricky tongue twisters, and
ridiculous riddles. Washington, DC : National Geographic,
c2012.

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tongue twisters, riddles, and traditional question and answer
jokes.