

Judy Moody by Megan McDonald
JF MCDONA M

Third grader Judy Moody is in a bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece.

The Borrowers by Mary Norton
JF NORTON M

Miniature people who live in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.

Bill Peet: An Autobiography by Bill Peet
JB PEET BILL PEET

The well-known author and illustrator relates the story of his life and work.

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar
JF SACHAR L

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

So You Want to Be President? by Judith St. George
J 923.173 SAI

Presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents.

Knights of the Kitchen Table by Jon Scieszka
JF SCIESZ J

When Joe, Fred, and Sam are sent back in time by a magic book, they find themselves face-to-face with giants, dragons, wizards, and the Knights of the Round Table.

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
J 811.54 SIL

A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings.

Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli
JF SPINEL J

George 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.

Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder
JF WILDER L

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 and neighbors.



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RECOMMENDED READS FOR THIRD GRADE



The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
JF APPLG K

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater
JF ATWATE R

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

Frindle by Andrew Clements.
JF CLEMEN A

When he decides to turn his teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Molly's Pilgrim by Barbara Cohen
JF COHEN B

Told to make a Pilgrim doll for the Thanksgiving display at school, Molly is embarrassed when her mother tries to help her out by creating a doll dressed as she herself was dressed before leaving Russia to seek religious freedom.

How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell
JF COWELL C

Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan by catching and training a dragon.

Matilda by Roald Dahl
JF DAHL R

Matilda, a brilliant, sensitive little girl, uses her talents and ingenuity to seek revenge on her crooked father, lazy mother, and the terrifying Miss Trunchbull, her wicked headmistress, and save her beloved teacher, Miss Honey.

Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo
JF DICAMI K

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

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
JF DICAMI K

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
JF FITZHU L

Eleven-year-old Harriet keeps notes on her classmates and neighbors in a secret notebook, but when some of the students read the notebook, they seek revenge.

Rapunzel's Revenge by Shannon Hale
GN JF HALE S

In this Old West-inspired retelling, Rapunzel uses her hair as a lasso to take on outlaws, including the woman she calls Mother.

Zita the Spacegirl by Ben Hatke
GN JF HATKE B

When her best friend is abducted by aliens, Zita leaps to the rescue and finds herself a stranger on a strange planet.

Bunnicula by Deborah and James Howe
JF HOWE D

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire.

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
JF JUSTER N

A journey through a land where Milo learns the importance of words and numbers and finds a cure for his boredom.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin
JF LIN G

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
JF MACLAC P

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.

The Doll People by Ann M. Martin
JF MARTIN A

A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

The Candymakers by Wendy Mass
JF MASS W

When four children compete in the Confectionary Association's annual contest, they unexpectedly become friends and uncover secrets about themselves during the process.