

Early Chapter Books

Mercy Watson to Rescue. Kate DiCamillo. After Mercy the pig spends the night in the Watson's bed, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor and it is up to Mercy to save them.

The Fete Escape. Christina Miesen. (Aussie Bites) Sooz Murphy is stuck in a rat costume for the Peppercorn Primary school fete when it is suppose to be about having fun.

The Science Fair From the Black . Mike Thaler. Hubie struggles with what to create for the science fair a clone of himself or a laughing machine.

The Trouble With Chickens. Doreen Cronin. A hard-bitten former search and rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.

The Biggest Star By Far. (Katharine the Almost Great series). Lisa Mullarkey. Katharine's third grade class is putting on a play, Kids Rock in Space! But there's a problem Katharine has stage fright-itis.

Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade. Stephanie Greene. Posey's fear of starting first grade is alleviated when her teacher invites the students to wear their most comfortable clothes on the first day of school.

Lions at Lunchtime. (Magic Tree House series) Mary Pope Osborne. Jack and Annie go to Africa where they meet up with wild animals, a hungry warrior and even solve a riddle.

More Advanced Chapter Books

Friend or Fiend? with the Pain & the Great One. Judy Blume. A reading circle mishap convinces Jake that he never wants to speak during class again and Abigale loses her trust in one of her best friends.

Flat Stanley. Jeff Brown. After the bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

Gotcha! Jamie Gilson. While trying to learn about spiders in Mrs. Zookey's class, Richard becomes the target of Patrick the Pest's pranks.

Jenius the Amazing Guinea Pig. Dick King-Smith. Eight-year-old Judy tries to convince her parents and classmates that her pet can do all of the tricks she says it can.

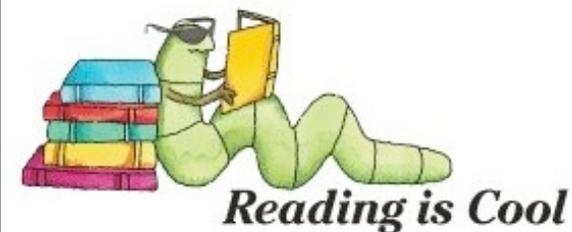
The Case of the Haunted, Haunted House. (Milo and Jazz Mysteries series). Lewis B. Montgomery. Milo and Jazz try to figure out if the haunted house they are building for the school fair has a real ghost.

Kylie Jean Hoop Queen. (series). Marcy Peschke. When her father signs her up for the school basketball team, Kylie Jean decides she wants to be the next Little Dribbler Queen.

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Picture Books

Pssst! Adam Rex. The animals at the zoo have some unusual requests for a young girl who goes to visit.

Stick. Steve Breen. An independent young frog goes on a wild adventure when he accidentally gets carried away by a dragonfly.

Willow. Denise Brennan-Nelson. In art class neatness conformity and imitation are encouraged, but when Willow brings imagination and creativity to her projects even Miss Hawthorne is influenced.

Tahi, One Lucky Kiwi. Drewery, Melanie. A true story of the remarkable team effort to save a kiwi that lost its leg.

Chester. Ayano Imai. Tired of being ignored by his human family, he sets off to find a new home.

Spoon. Amy Krouse Rosenthal. A small spoon, feeling rather envious of fork, knife and chopsticks, gets a lot to think about when his mother reminds him of all the things he can do that they cannot.

Millie Waits For the Mail. Alexander Steffensmier. Millie the cow loves to wait for the mailman to chase him.

The Were-Nana, not a bedtime story. Melinda Symanik. Simon enjoys scaring his little sister Stella Rose. Mysterious Nana Lupin is coming and Simon is having great fun.

Fearless. Colin Thompson. Fearless, a bulldog looks ferocious, so when the Claybourne-Williams, got Fearless as a little puppy, it seemed a good name for him. Except Fearless wasn't.

The Wakame Gatherers. Holly Thompson. When Nanami's gran from America comes to visit Japan, her Japanese grandmother takes them to the seashore to gather wakame.

Interrupting Chicken. David Ezra Stein. Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.

The Book That Eats People. John Perry. The reader is warned to be careful around this book, which has already eaten several people and is always hungry.

Chicken Big. Keith Graves. A giant chicken hatches from an enormous egg, but the other chickens cannot accept that he is one of them.

I Want My Hat Back. J. Klassen. A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.

Advanced Picture Books

The Eyes of the Unicorn. Teresa Bateman. A pure-hearted girl tries to protect a unicorn from her former playmate.

The Velveteen Rabbit. Margery Bianco Williams. By the time the velveteen rabbit is dirty, worn out and about to be burned he has almost given up on the idea of being real.

The Origami Master. Nathaniel Lachenmeyer. An origami master whose only company has been his creations captures someone who has been leaving him origami animals each night.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. William Kamkwamba. 14-year old William set out to find a way to bring electricity and water to his village.

Jack the Tripper. Gene Barretta. Someone is tripping students at the school and they might have to cancel the parade because of it.

Henry's Freedom Box. Levine, Ellen. A fictionalized account of how a Virginia slave escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden box to Philadelphia.

Here Comes the Garbage Barge. Joseph Winter. The town of Islip, New York and no place to put its 3.618 tons garbage so they set out on a 162 day journey.

The Royal Bee. Park, Frances. A poor boy from Korea is determined to win the spelling bee, even though poverty keeps him from attending school.

Basketball Belles: how two teams, and one scrappy player put women's hoops on the map. Sue Macy. The story of how women's basketball began.