

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden.

JF SELDEN G

Tells the story of a country cricket with unique musical talents who lands in the middle of New York's Times Square where he and his newfound friends, Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat, put his unique musical skills to use and bring joy to the citizens of New York.

Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat.

ER SHARMA

Neighborhood detective Nate investigates the disappearance of his friend Annie's favorite painting.

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly.

J 510.9252097 SHE

Explores the previously uncelebrated but pivotal contributions of NASA's African American women mathematicians to America's space program, describing how Jim Crow laws segregated them despite their groundbreaking successes.

Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective by Donald Sobol.

JF SOBOL D

"Encyclopedia" Leroy Brown solves ten mysteries and, by putting the solutions at the back of the book, challenges the reader to do the same.

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe.

E STEPTO

Mufaro's two beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a wife.

Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie by Julie Sternberg.

JF STERNB J

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

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner.

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The story of four orphaned siblings who find an abandoned boxcar in the forest and decide to make it their home.

EllRay Jakes is Not a Chicken by Sally Warner.

JF WARNER S

Eight-year-old EllRay's father has promised a family trip to Disneyland if EllRay can stay out of trouble for a week, but not defending himself against Jared, the class bully, proves to be a real challenge.

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White.

JF WHITE E

When he discovers that he is destined to be someone's dinner, Wilbur the pig is desolate until his spider friend Charlotte decides to help him.



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RECOMMENDED READS FOR SECOND GRADE



Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day by Betty Birney.

J SERIES HUMPHR TINY BIRNEY

When Mandy, one of the students from classroom 26, brings a special hamster-sized racecar to class, it means just one thing - Humphrey is going to be in a hamster race.

The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey.

GN JF BLABEY A

The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the dogs in the city dog pound, but their plan soon goes awry.

King and Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats by Dori Hillestad Butler.

JF BUTLER D

King's human, Kayla, has baked some treats for a friend's new puppy, Thor, but some go missing and it is up to King to find the culprit.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary.

JF CLEARY B

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

The Chicken Squad by Doreen Cronin.

JF CRONIN D

Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar might be chicks, but they sure aren't chicken. They're the Chicken Squad, and it's up to them to figure out what Tail, the not-so-brave squirrel, is so afraid of.

The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess by Tom Gauld.

E GAULD

When a wooden robot prince forgets to say the magic words that turn his sister from a log into a princess she is thrown away, so he goes on an epic journey to find her and bring her back.

Dory Fantasmagory by Abby Hanlon.

JF HANLON A

Dory, the youngest in her family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.

The Rock From the Sky by Jon Klassen.

E KLASSE

There is a spot. It is a good spot. It is the perfect spot to stand. There is no reason to ever leave. But somewhere above there is also a rock. A rock from the sky.

Grilled Cheese and Dragons by Nancy Krulik.

JF KRULIK N

Princess Serena (or as she prefers, Princess Pulverizer) doesn't want to be a princess; she wants to be knight. But her father the king thinks she still has a lot to learn.

Polly Diamond and the Magic Book by Alice Kuipers.

JF KUIPER A

Polly loves words, writing, and telling stories, so when she receives a fancy book and discovers that anything she writes in it actually happens she is really excited. But Polly soon realizes that she has to be very careful what she writes because that kind of power can be dangerous.

Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry.

JF LOWRY L

A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid by Megan McDonald.

J SERIES STINK MCDONA

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

The Littles by John Peterson.

JF PETERS J

The Littles live in the walls of the Bigg family house. In return they make sure the house is always in good repair. But when you're only a few inches tall, even everyday things can bring big danger and excitement!

Dog Man by Dav Pilkey.

GN JF PILKEY D

Dog Man, a crimefighter with the head of a police dog and the body of a policeman, faces off against his archnemesis Petey the cat.

Nothing Rhymes with Orange by Adam Rex.

E REX

All the fruits gather together and enjoy a rhyming party, but poor Orange feels left out because he does not rhyme with anything - until Apple invents a new word.

Unstoppable! by Adam Rex.

E REX

When a bird and a crab team up to combine the advantages of flight and claws, it gives them an idea: why not expand the team to include other animals who have a special trait - and soon they all set out to rescue their lake from development, because united together they are unstoppable.

After the Fall by Dan Santat.

E SANTAT

After falling off the wall, Humpty Dumpty is very afraid of climbing up again, but is determined not to let fear stop him from being close to the birds.

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka.

E SCIESZ

The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.