

*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.

*Accidental Trouble Magnet* by Zanib Mian.

**JF MIAN Z**

Imaginative Omar goes through the ups and downs of starting a new school and making new friends with the help of his wonderful (and silly) Muslim family.

*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.

*Fantastic Frame: Danger! Tiger Crossing* by Lin Oliver.

**JF OLIVER L**

Ten-year-old Tiger and his new friend, Luna, are drawn into a copy of Henri Rousseau's painting, *Surprised!*, through a magical golden frame by which their neighbor's son disappeared fifty years earlier.

*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.



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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 ATWATER**

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.

*How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell.

**J SERIES HOW COWELL**

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.

*The Creature of the Pines* by Adam Gidwitz.

**JF GIDWIT A**

After encountering a Jersey Devil while on a field trip to the Pine Barrens, Elliot and his new friend Uchenna help their weird teacher Professor Fauna rescue the mythological creature from a pair of greedy billionaire brothers.

*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.

*Bunnacula* 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 foundling 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 Missing Baseball* by Mike Lupica.

**JF LUPICA M**

Eight-year-old twins Zach and Zoe follow clues to find Zach's missing baseball, signed by his favorite major league player, while competing in Spirit Week events at school.

*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.