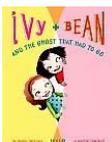


# GREAT READS FOR SECOND & THIRD GRADERS



**Adler, David. *Cam Jansen and the Secret Service Mystery* (JFIC ADLER)**

Cam and her friend Danny help solve the mystery of a stolen pearl necklace when the governor comes to visit their school for the dedication of the new library.



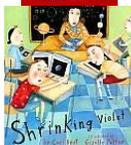
**Barrows, Annie. *Ivy and Bean and the Ghost That Had to Go* (JFIC BARROWS)**

Second-graders Ivy and Bean set out to expel the ghost who is living in the girls' bathroom at their school.



**Benton, Jim. *The Frandidate* (JFIC BENTON)**

Determined to be elected class president, mad scientist Franny K. Stein uses her Atomic Combiner to create a suit that makes her seem to be whatever a voter wants her to be, but the suit has plans of its own.



**Best, Carl. *Shrinking Violet* (PICTURE BEST)**

Violet, who is very shy and hates for anyone to look at her in school, finally comes out of her shell when she is cast as Lady Space in a play about the solar system and saves the production from disaster.



**Christopher, Matt. *Soccer Scoop* (JFIC CHRISTOP)**

Cougars goalie Mac Williams sets out to uncover the anonymous artist ridiculing him in a school newspaper cartoon for his on-field chatter, hoping that a friend has not betrayed him.



**Clements Andrew. *Frindle* (JFIC CLEMENTS)**

When he decides to turn his fifth-grade 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.



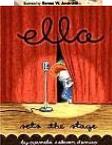
**Clements, Andrew. *Jake Drake, Class Clown* (JFIC CLEMENTS)**

Jake acts like a class clown in order to cheer his teacher up.



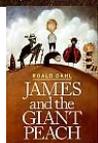
**Conford, Ellen. *Annabel the Actress* (JFIC CONFORD)**

Though a little disappointed that her first acting part is to be a gorilla at a birthday party, Annabel determines to really get into the role.



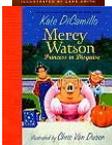
**D'Amico, Carmela. *Ella Sets the Stage* (PICTURE D'AMICO)**

Believing that she has no special abilities to share in the school talent show, Ella the elephant takes over the event's organization and discovers something important in the process.



**Dahl, Roald. *James and the Giant Peach* (JFIC ROALD)**

A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach.



**DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson: Princess in Disguise* (JFIC DICAMILLO)**

Mercy the pig is in for a Halloween adventure when Mr. and Mrs. Watson decide to dress her up as a princess and take her trick-or-treating.



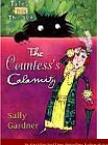
**Dowell, Frances. *Phineas MacGuire Erupts! The First Experiment* (JFIC DOWELL)**

Fourth-grade science whiz Phineas MacGuire is forced to team up with the new boy in class on a science fair project, but the boy's quirky personality causes Phineas to wonder if they have any chance of winning.



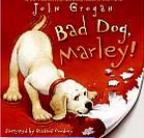
**Friedman, Laurie. *Mallory on Board!* (JFIC FREIDMAN)**

Mallory's two best friends' parents are getting married, and Mallory fears that she will become a third wheel when Mary Ann and Joey become stepbrother and stepsister.



**Gardner, Sally. *The Countess's Calamity* (JFIC GARDNER)**

With the help of a nice mouse couple and friends, five dolls left in a box in the park must learn how to survive



**Grogan, John. *Bad Dog Marley* (PICTURE GROGAN)**

Marley, a rambunctious puppy, causes lots of trouble in his new home--and feels very sad about it--but then proves beyond a doubt that he is a valuable member of the household.



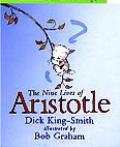
**Haas, Jessie. *Jigsaw Pony* (JFIC HAAS)**

Twins Kiera and Fran have never agreed on anything but when their dream comes true and their father surprises them with a pony, they must learn to work together to care for their new pet.



**Howe, James. *It Came from Beneath the Bed* (JFIC HOWE)**

With help from his Uncle Harold, who wrote books about Bunnicle, Howie the wire-haired dachshund writes a story in which he saves the world from a science experiment gone awry.



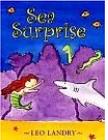
**King-Smith, Dick. *Nine Lives of Aristotle* (JFIC KING-SMI)**

Aristotle, a little white kitten, goes to live with a witch in an old cottage, where he finds so many opportunities for risky adventures that he soon has only one life left.



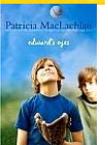
**Kline, Sy. *Horrible Harry Goes to Sea* (JFIC KLINE)**

The students in Miss Mickle's third-grade class enjoy a boat trip on the Connecticut River after a class discussion of ancestors reveals that Sidney and Ida both have connections to the sea.



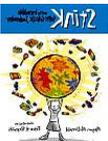
**Landry, Leo. *Sea Surprise* (JFIC LANDRY)**

Kate the mermaid and her undersea friends try to help an electric eel recover his "zap."



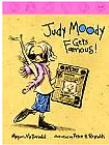
**MacLachlan, Patricia. *Edward's Eyes* (JF MACLACHLA)**

Edward is one of a large and close family that loves baseball, music, books and each other. When he unexpectedly dies and his parents donate his organs, his wonderful eyes go to a perfect recipient.



**McDonald, Megan. *Stink and the Incredible Super-Galactic Jawbreaker* (JFIC MCDONALD)**

Seven-year-old Stink Moody, having discovered that he can get free samples by writing letters of complaint to companies, gets so caught up in his letter writing campaign that he misses his best friend's birthday, but he plans a super surprise to make up for his mistake.



**McDonald, Megan. *Judy Moody Gets Famous* (JFIC MCDONALD)**

When a third grade classmate gets her picture in the paper for winning a spelling bee, Judy is determined to find a way to become famous herself.



**Monfried, Lucia. *No More Animals* (JFIC MONFRIED)**

Charlie has some unusual pets, but when he adds a skink to his collection his mother thinks he's gone too far.



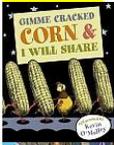
**Montes, Marisa. *Crazy Mixed-up Spanglish Day* (JFIC MONTES)**

In Northern California, Maritza Gabriela Morales Mercado struggles to deal with the third grade bully, to control her temper, and to remember to speak Spanish at home and English at school.



**Murray, Martine. *Henrietta's There's No One Better* (JFIC MURRAY)**

Henrietta, whose favorite color is red, describes some of her life with her baby brother Albert, her dog Madge, her best friend Olive.



**O'Malley, Kevin. *Gimme Cracked Corn and I Will Share* (PICTURE O'MALLEY)**

Chicken dreams about a treasure and sets off on a dangerous journey to find it.



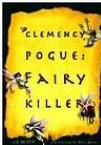
**O'Malley, Kevin. *Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude* (PICTURE O'MALLEY)**

Cooperatively writing a fairy tale for school, a girl imagines a beautiful princess whose beloved ponies are being stolen by a giant, and a boy conjures up the muscular biker who will guard the last pony in exchange for gold



**Osborne, Mary. *Dragon of the Red Dawn* (JFIC OSBORNE)**

When Merlin is weighed down by sorrows, Jack and Annie travel back to feudal Japan to learn one of the four secrets of happiness.



**Petty, John. *Clemency Pogue: Fairy Killer* (JFIC PETTY)**

Clever and resourceful Clemency must travel the world to reanimate fairies she has accidentally killed by proclaiming she does not believe in fairies



**Pilkey, Dav. *Adventures of Captain Underpants* (JFIC PILKEY)**

When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen.



**Pinkwater, Daniel. *Bad Bear Detectives* (PICTURE PINKWATE)**

Irving and Muktuk, polar bears at the zoo in Bayone, New Jersey, are the natural suspects when someone steals a shipment of imported muffins, but they decide to prove that they are not bad bears by finding the real thief.



**Pinkwater, Daniel. *Fat Camp Commandos* (JFIC PINKWATE)**

Ralph and Sylvia Nebula and their friend Mavis Goldfarb are bitter at being sent to a bogus weight-loss camp, so they decide to escape and find a way to take revenge on those responsible for promoting the idea that thin is better.



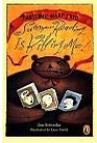
**Sachar, Louis. *Marvin Redpost: A Magic Crystal?* (JFIC SACHAR)**

When Marvin Redpost's new friend Casey shares with him her magic crystal that can make wishes come true, things get out of control.



**Scieszka, Jon. *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* (PICTURE SCIESZKA)**

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



**Scieszka, Jon. *Summer Reading is Killing Me* (JFIC SCIESZKA)**

At the beginning of summer vacation Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list, involved in a battle between good and evil characters from well-known children's books.



**Sierra, Judy. *The Secret Science Project That Almost Ate the School* (PICTURE SIERRA)**

A girl sends off for "Professor Swami's Super Slime" to use as her science fair project and then has to cope with the funny disaster that follows



**Sobol, Donald. *Encyclopedia Brown Takes the Case* (JFIC SOBOL)**

Idaville's secret weapon against lawbreakers, ten-year-old Encyclopedia Brown, assists the police force with ten insoluble cases. Solutions are at the back of the book



**Teague, Mark. *Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from dog Obedience School* (PICTURE TEAGUE)**

Gertrude LaRue receives typewritten and paw-written letters from her dog Ike, entreating her to let him leave the Igor Brotweiler Canine Academy and come back home.



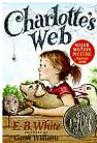
**Torrey, Michele. *The Case of the Graveyard Ghost* (JFIC TORREY)**

Now in fifth grade, Drake Doyle and Nell Fossey continue to combine their detective and scientific investigation skills to solve a variety of cases, involving a noisy laundry chute, a ruined flower show, and a ghost.



**Warner, Gertrude. *The Ghost at the Drive In Movie* (JFIC WARNER)**

Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny experience the fun of a drive-in movie theater when they visit a friend who owns one, but when strange pranks interrupt their fun, and a ghost is spotted walking the grounds, they wonder if the teenage staff might be hiding a secret.



**White, E. B. *Charlotte's Web* (JFIC WHITE)**

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

**NONFICTION TITLES**



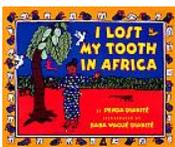
**Brenner, Barbara. *One Small Place by the Sea* (J577.69 BRENNER)**

For one afternoon, a child visitor observes the cycle of change within a tidepool, a small place at the edge of the sea that is home to many plants and animals.



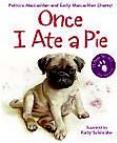
**Cottringer, Sue. *Movie Magic: Star is Born* (J791.43 COTTRING)**

Follows a girl as she auditions for a part in a science fiction movie, spends a day filming at a movie studio, meets all the people involved in the making of a film, and attends the gala opening to see the results.



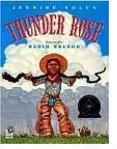
**Diakite, Penda. *I Lost My Tooth in Africa* (J398.2 DIAKITE)**

While visiting her father's family in Mali, a young girl loses a tooth, places it under a calabash, and receives a hen and a rooster from the African Tooth Fairy.



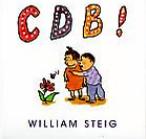
**MacLachlan, Patricia. *Once I Ate A Pie* (J811 MACLACHLA)**

A collection of fourteen poetic examples of a dog's life from the perspective of the animals.



**Nolen, Jeddine. *Thunder Rose* (J398.2 NOLEN)**

Unusual from the day she is born, Thunder Rose performs all sorts of amazing feats, including building metal structures, taming a stampeding herd of steers, capturing a gang of rustlers, and turning aside a tornado.



**Steig, William. *C D B!* (J793.7 STEIG)**

Letters and numbers are used to create the sounds of words and simple sentences 4 u 2 figure out with the aid of illustrations