

A Note to Parents and Other Adults:

As closely as we can determine, these books are all on a third grade reading level. A third grade reading level, however, is a fairly wide range going from what the average third grader can read at the beginning of the school year to what he can read at the end of third grade. And many third graders read at a higher or lower reading level than is included in this range.

Please don't hesitate to consult our list of books written on a second or fourth grade reading level. And if you're looking for more titles written on a third grade reading level, check out the list for third grade girls. There's a lot your child may enjoy on that list also.

Books have been placed on this list based on the reading level determined by the publisher, reviewers, or by our librarians. Don't be misled by the number of pages a book has. Sometimes books with more pages have less text, because at this level many books contain full-page illustrations.

For the most part, we have included only one book per author on these lists. If your child enjoys a particular book, he might also enjoy other books by the same author, especially books in the same series.

If you would like to know the Lexile reading level of any of these books, or if you would like further reading recommendations or help finding these books, please talk to a librarian at the Help Desk. Happy Reading!

Compiled by the Kids' Library Staff
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Young readers can use the 5 finger test to check their understanding of a book:

Open the book to the middle and choose a page of text to read. Read the page (aloud if possible). Hold up one finger for every word you do not know or cannot pronounce.

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| No fingers: | This book may be too easy for you. |
| 1 Finger: | This book is o.k. for you. |
| 2 Fingers: | Still good. |
| 3 Fingers: | Could be a bit hard for you to understand. |
| 4 Fingers: | May be quite difficult to read and understand. |
| 5 Fingers: | Choose another book. |



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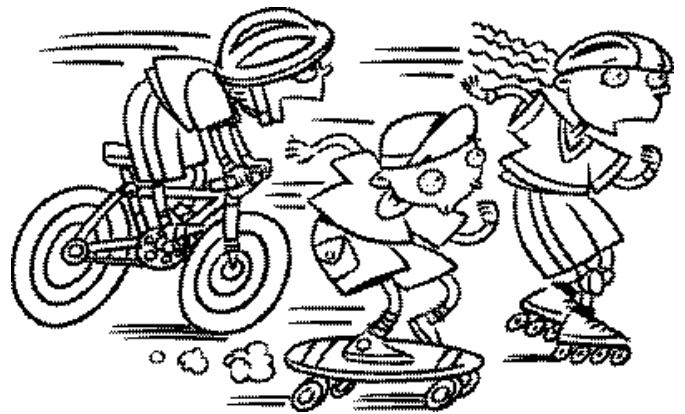
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3rd Grade

Books for Boys

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Mysteries

- Brown, Marc *Arthur's Mystery Envelope* (F) 58p
Christian, Mary Blount.. *Sebastian (Super Sleuth) and the Impossible Crime* (F) 64p
Farber, Erica *The Mummy's Curse* (F) 48p
Kline, Suzy..... *Orp* (F) (Orp series) 94p
Leroe, Ellen *Ghost Dog* (F) 63p
Leroe, Ellen *Racetrack Robbery* (F) 63p
Levy, Elizabeth *The Mixed-Up Mask Mystery* (F) 86p
Levy, Elizabeth *Rude Rowdy Rumors* (Brian and Pea Brain Mystery series) (F) 90p
Sobol, Donald J. *Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective* (The Encyclopedia Brown series) (F) 92p
Stanley, George E. . *The Clue of the Left-Handed Envelope* (Third-Grade Detectives series) (F) 62p
Titus, Eve..... *Basil of Baker Street* (F) 96p
Warner, Gertrude Chandler . *The Mystery on Blizzard Mountain* (Boxcar Children #86) (F & PB) 121p

Fantasy

- Brown, Jeff..... *Flat Stanley* (F) 44p
Bulla, Clyde Robert... *My Friend the Monster* (F) 75p
Coville, Bruce..... *The Weeping Werewolf* (F) 71p
Cuyler, Margery..... *Weird Wolf* (F) 72p
Dahl, Roald..... *George's Marvelous Medicine* (PB) 89p
Gannett, Ruth..... *My Father's Dragon* (F) 87p
Yep, Laurence..... *The Imp That Ate My Homework* (F) 87p



Science Fiction

- Buckley, James..... *Spider-Man's Amazing Powers* (F) 47p
Cerasini, Marc A. *Star Wars Episode I: Anakin's Fate* (F & PB) 48p
Coville, Bruce..... *Space Brat* (F & PB) 68p
Hapka, Cathy..... *Tale of the Toa* (PB) 136p
Howe, James..... *Howie Monroe and the Doghouse of Doom* (F) 90p
Manes, Stephen..... *That Game from Outer Space* (F) 58p
Pinkwater, Daniel..... *Ned Feldman: Space Pirate* (F) 47p
Scieszka, Jon..... *Knights of the Kitchen Table* (The Time Warp Trio series) (F & PB) 73p
Slobodkin, Louis..... *The Space Ship Under the Apple Tree* (F) 116p
West, Tracey..... *Island of the Giant Pokemon* (PB/Pokemon) 85p

Multicultural

- Bontemps, Arna..... *The Pasteboard Bandit* (Mexican) (F) 93p
Kilborne, Sarah..... *Leaving Vietnam* (Vietnamese) (J/B) 48p
Matthews, Mary..... *Magid Fast for Ramadan* (Islamic) (F) 48p
Nelson, Vaunda..... *Mayfield Crossing* (African American) (F & PB) 88p
Schwartz, Ellen..... *Jesse's Star* (Jewish Canadian) (PB) 108p
Yep, Laurence..... *The Magic Paintbrush* (Chinese American) (F) 89p
Yin..... *Coolies* (Chinese American) (J E Yin) 40p

Animal Stories

- Birney, Betty..... *Trouble According to Humphrey* (F) 176p
Byars, Betsy..... *Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the WOOF Society* (F) 72p
Byars, Betsy..... *Tornado* (F & PB) 49p
Cox, Judy..... *Cool Cat, School Cat* (F) 84p
Crisp, Marty..... *My Dog, Cat* (F) 106p
Dicks, Terrance..... *Goliath and the Burglar* (PB) 52p
Dicks, Terrance..... *Goliath at the Dog Show* (PB) 52p
Duffey, Betsy..... *Lucky in Left Field* (F) 87p
Duffey, Betsy..... *Puppy Love* (The Pet Patrol series) (F) 72p
Gardiner, John..... *Stone Fox* (F) 81p
Hesse, Karen..... *Sable* (F) 81p
Hiser, Constance.... *Critter Sitters* (F) 84p
Kimmel, Elizabeth..... *Balto and the Great Race* (J 636.73 Kim) 99p
King-Smith, Dick..... *A Mouse Called Wolf* (F) 98p
Rogers, Jean..... *The Secret Moose* (F) 64p
Quattlebaum, Mary... *The Magic Squad and the Dog of Great Potential* (F) 123p
Waggoner, Karen.... *Partners* (F) 94p

Humor

- Brown, Marc..... *Arthur and the Crunch Cereal Contest* (F) 62p
Cuyler, Margery..... *Weird Wolf* (F) 72p
Dadey, Debbie..... *The Slime Wars* (PB) 68p
Dahl, Roald..... *The Twits* (F) 76p
Delaney, Michael..... *Birdbrain Amos* (F) 153p
Hoban, Russell..... *Trouble on Thunder Mountain* (F) 37p
Gilson, Jamie..... *It Goes Eeeeeeeeeeeeeee!* (F) 68p
Greenwald, Sheila.... *Alvin Webster's Surefire Plan for Success (and How It Failed)* (F) 95p
Griffiths, Andy..... *The Cat on the Mat is Flat* (F) 176p
Hurwitz, Johanna..... *The Adventures of Ali Baba Bernstein* (F) 82p
King-Smith, Dick..... *Dinosaur Trouble* (F) 128p
Knudson, Mike..... *Raymond and Graham Rule the School* (F) 136p
Pilkey, Dav..... *The Adventures of Captain Underpants* (F) 117p
Pinkwater, Daniel..... *Fat Camp Commandos* (F) 88p
Pinkwater, Daniel..... *Blue Moose* (F) 47p
Quigley, James..... *Johnny Germ Head* (F) 72p
Seuling, Barbara..... *Robert and the Practical Jokes* (F) 134p
Sincic, Alan..... *Edward is Only a Fish* (F) 55p

School, Family and Friends

- Armstrong, Robb.....***Drew & the Bub Daddy Showdown*** (F) 81p
 Auch, Mary Jane.....***I Was a Third Grade Science Project*** (F & PB) 96p
 Banks, Kate.....***Howie Bowles, Secret Agent*** (F) 89p
 Berenstain, Stan & Jan.....***Accept No Substitutes*** (F) 98p
 Bonners, Susan.....***The Silver Balloon*** (F) 69p
 Byars, Betsy.....***Beans on the Roof*** (F) 65p
 Cameron, Ann.....***The Stories Julian Tells*** (F) 71p
 Clements, Andrew ..***Jake Drake, Bully Buster*** (F & PB) 73p
 Cohen, Barbara.....***213 Valentines*** (F) 55p
 Cox, Judy.....***That Crazy Eddie and the Science Project of Doom*** (F) 88p
 Dakos, Kalli.....***If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand*** (J 811.54 Dak) 60p
 Davis, Gibbs.....***Camp Sink or Swim*** (PB) 78p
 Denslow, Sharon.....***Georgie Lee*** (F) 91p
 Duffey, Betsy.....***Spotlight on Cody*** (F) 74p
 Flood, Pansie Hart..***Tiger Turcotte Takes on the Know-it-All*** (F) 71p
 Gardiner, John.....***General Butterfingers*** (F) 84p
 Gauthier, Gail.....***A Girl, a Boy, and a Monster Cat*** (F) 87p
 Giff, Patricia Reilly ..***Shark in School*** (F) 103p
 Gordon, Sheila.....***A Monster in the Mailbox*** (F) 71p
 Gordon, Shirley.....***The Boy Who Wanted a Family*** (F) 90p
 Greene, Stephanie ..***Owen Foote, Mighty Scientist*** (F) 90p
 Harding, William Harry..***Alvin's Famous No-Horse*** (F) 71p
 Hendry, Diana.....***Kid Kibble*** (F) 79p
 Herman, Charlotte ..***Max Malone and the Great Cereal Rip-Off*** (F) 60p
 Hill, Elizabeth Star..***Bird Boy*** (F) 56p
 Hiser, Constance***No Bean Sprouts Please!*** (F) 57p
 Honeycutt, Natalie ..***Granville Jones: Commando*** (F) 105p
 Honeycutt, Natalie ..***The Best-Laid Plans of Jonah Twist*** (F) 115p
 Kenah, Katharine....***Eggs Over Easy*** (F) 84p
 Kline, Suzy.....***Herbie Jones*** (Herbie Jones series) (PB) 101p
 Levinson, Marilyn....***The Fourth-Grade Four*** (F & PB) 57p
 Levy, Elizabeth.....***Wolfman Sam*** (F) 72p
 Look, Lenore.....***Alvin Ho Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things*** (F) 160p
 McKenna, Colleen ..***Doggone... Third Grade!*** (F) 82p
 McKissack, Patricia ..***Miami Gets it Straight*** (Road to Reading) (F) 89p
 Myers, Laurie.....***Earthquake in the Third Grade*** (F) 62p
 Myers, Laurie.....***Garage Sale Fever*** (F) 86p
 Nagda, Ann.....***Tarantula Power*** (F) 93p
 Petersen, P.J.***Can You Keep a Secret?*** (F) 106p
 Shreve, Susan.....***The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates*** (F) 82p
 Smith, Janice Lee...***The Monster in the Third Dresser Drawer*** (F) 86p
 Spurr, Elizabeth.....***Mama's Birthday Surprise*** (F) 57p
 Whelan, Gloria.....***Are There Bears in Starvation Lake?*** (Road to Reading) (F) 73p
 Wittman, Sally.....***Stepbrother Sabotage*** (F) 71p

Historical Fiction

- Bodkin, Odds.....***Ghost of the Southern Belle: A Sea Tale*** (F) 30p
 Gackenbach, Dick ..***The Leatherman*** (F) 47p
 Gerrard, Roy.....***The Roman Twins*** (F) 30p
 Hall, Donald.....***When Willard Met Babe Ruth*** (F) 41p
 Hopkinson, Deborah..***Pioneer Summer*** (Prairie Skies series) (F) 74p
 Karr, Kathleen.....***Spy in the Sky*** (F) 55p
 Kudlinski, Kathleen V....***Earthquake!*** (F) 54p
 Stolz, Mary.....***A Ballad of the Civil War*** (F) 54p
 Waddell, Martin.....***Little Obie and the Flood*** (F) 79p
 Waters, Kate.....***The Mysterious Horseman*** (F) 40p
 Wells, Rosemary***Wingwalker*** (F) 64p



Sports

- Auch, Mary Jane.....***Angel and Me & the Bayside Bombers*** (F) 60p
 Bledsoe, Lucy Jane.....***The Big Bike Race*** (F) 90p
 Christopher, Matt. ...***Stranger in Right Field*** (F) 61p
 Christopher, Matt. ...***The Captain Contest*** (F) 58p
 Christopher, Matt....***The Lucky Baseball Bat*** (PB) 58p
 Gutman, Dan.***The Million Dollar Shot*** (F) 114p
 Hicks, Betty.....***Basketball Bats*** (F) 64p
 Lewis, Marjorie.***Wrongway Applebaum*** (F) 63p
 Regan, Dian Curtis. ***The Peppermint Race*** (F) 74p

Character Counts

- Clements, Andrew ..***Jake Drake, Bully Buster*** (responsibility) (F & PB) 73p
 Cohen, Barbara.....***Molly's Pilgrim*** (caring) (F) 28p
 Duffey, Betsy.....***Hey, New Kid*** (honesty) (F) 89p
 Lobel, Arnold.....***Fables*** (J 398.2 Lob) 40p
 Mahy, Margaret.....***The Seven Chinese Brothers*** (trustworthiness) (J 398.21 Mah) 35p
 Mochizuki, Ken.....***Baseball Saved Us*** (fairness) (F) 28p
 Chief Seattle.....***Brother Eagle, Sister Sky*** (respect) (J 811.3 Sea) 22p

Slightly Scary Stories

- Colfer, Eoin..... **Captain Crow's Teeth** (PB) 102p
Creech, Sharon..... **Pleasing the Ghost** (F) 89p
Hoffman, Mary..... **The Four-Legged Ghosts** (F) 90p
Levy, Elizabeth..... **Frankenstein Moved in on the 4th Floor** (F) 57p
Levy, Elizabeth..... **Dracula Is a Pain in the Neck** (F) 74p
Levy, Elizabeth..... **Wolfman Sam** (F) 72p
Mason, Jane B..... **Tales From the Cryptkeeper** (F) 48p

Biographies

- DePaola, Tomie..... **26 Fairmount Avenue** (J 921 DePaola) 57p
Dougherty, Terri..... **Sammy Sosa** (J 796.357092 Sosa) 31p
Korman, Justine..... **Abraham Lincoln: Lawyer, Leader, Legend** (J 921 Lincoln) 48p
Fritz, Jean..... **Where Do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus?** (J 921 Columbus) 76p
Glaser, Jason..... **Leif Eriksson** (J 921 Eriksson) 32p
Latham, Jean Lee... **Sam Houston** (J 921 Houston) 80p
Simon, Charan..... **Jesse Jackson: I Am Somebody!** (J 921 Jackson) 48p
Stanley, Diane..... **The True Adventure of Daniel Hall** (J 921 Hall) 80p



Adventure

- Birchman, David..... **Victorious Paints the Great Balloon** (F) 48p
Boston, L. M..... **The Fossil Snake** (F) 53p
Eubank, Patricia..... **Seaman's Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark** (J 591.4 Kal) 32p
Gardiner, John..... **Stone Fox** (F) 81p
Gordon, Amy..... **Midnight Magic** (F) 63p
Hanel, Wolfram..... **Rescue at Sea!** (F) 58p
Hart, Alison..... **Rescue: A Police Story** (F) 87p
Sherman, Charlotte... **Eli and the Swamp Man** (F) 90p

Nonfiction

- Bailey, Jacqui..... **Monster Bones: The Story of a Dinosaur Fossil** (J 567.9 Bai) 31p
Ball, Jacqueline A... **The Leopard Son** (J 599.7554 Bal) 29p
Daly-Weir, Catherine.. **Knights** (J 940.1 Dal) 48p
Kalman, Bobbie..... **How Do Animals Adapt?** (J 591.4 Kal) 32p
McClung, Robert M. **Snakes: Their Place in the Sun** (J 597.96 McC) 61p
Shea, George..... **First Flight: The Story of Tom Tate and the Wright Brothers** (J B Shea) 36p
Wilkinson, Philip..... **Spacebusters: The Race to the Moon** (PB & J 629.454 Wil) 48p
Yorke, Malcolm..... **Beastly Tales: Yeti, Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster** (J 001.944 Yor) 48p

Classics

- Blume, Judy..... **Freckle Juice** (F & PB) 40p
Brown, Jeff..... **Flat Stanley** (F & PB) 44p
Catling, Patrick..... **The Chocolate Touch** (F & PB) 126p
Howe, Deborah..... **Bunnicula: a Rabbit Tale of Mystery** (F & PB) 98p
Kline, Suzy..... **Herbie Jones** (F) 95p
Peck, Robert..... **Soup** (F) 96p
Scieszka, Jon..... **Knights of the Kitchen Table** (Time Warp Trio series) (F & PB) 55p
Sobol, Donald J..... **Encyclopedia Brown Lends a Hand** (F) 96p

Award Winners

- Cleary, Beverly..... **The Mouse & the Motorcycle** (F) 158p
Clifford, Eth..... **Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library** (F) 105p
Dahl, Roald..... **Esio Trot** (F & PB) 62p
Dalgliesh, Alice..... **Bears on Hemlock Mountain** (F) 64p
DePaola, Tomie..... **26 Fairmount Avenue** (J 921 DePaola) 57p
Hughes, Ted..... **The Iron Giant** (F & PB) 79p
Hurwitz, Johanna... **Class Clown** (F & PB) 98p
Van Allsburg, Chris..... **Jumanji** (F) 31p

