

***Gooney Bird Greene* by Lois Lowry (J FIC L—Young Reader)**

An unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories.

(Sequels: *Gooney Bird Greene and the Room Mother* and *Gooney, the Fabulous*)

***Judy Moody* by Megan McDonald (J FIC M—Young Reader)**

Third-grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself.

(Series: *Judy Moody* books)

***A Crazy Mixed-Up Spanglish Day* by Marisa Montes (J FIC M—Young Reader)**

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.

(Series: *Get Ready for Gabi*)

***Sallie Gal and the Wall-a-Kee Man* by Sheila P. Moses (J FIC M—Young Reader)**

Sallie Gal wants pretty ribbons to wear in her hair, but she knows that they cannot afford them and Momma has too much dignity to accept charity.

***Amelia's Sixth-Grade Notebook* by Marissa Moss (J FIC M—Young Reader)**

Problems arise for Amelia when she starts sixth grade at the same school where her sister is an eighth grader, and she gets the school's meanest teacher for three of her classes.

(Series: *Amelia* notebooks)

***Sly the Sleuth and the Pet Mysteries* by Donna Jo Napoli (J FIC N—Young Reader)**

Sly the Sleuth, also known as Sylvia, solves three mysteries for her friends and neighbors, all involving pets.

***Junie B. Jones and the Stupid, Smelly Bus* by Barbara Park (J FIC P—Young Reader)**

In her own words, Junie B. Jones describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home.

(Series: *Junie B. Jones* books)

***Clementine* by Sarah Pennypacker (J FIC P—Young Reader)**

While sorting through difficulties with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while helping her father to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

(Sequel: *The Talented Clementine*)

***Only Emma* by Sally Warner (J FIC W—Young Reader)**

Third-grader Emma's peaceful life as an only child is disrupted when she has to temporarily share her tidy bedroom with four-year-old Anthony Scarpetto.

(Sequels: *Not-So-Weird Emma* and *Super Emma*)

***Beany and the Meany* by Susan Wojciechowski (J FIC W—Young Reader)**

When Beany's best friend Carol Ann pairs with the new girl at school to create a science project, Beany must work with Kevin the bully.

(Series: *Beany* books)

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***Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds* by David Adler (J FIC A—Young Reader)**

Cam Jansen, a fifth grader with a photographic memory, and her friend Eric, solve the mystery of the stolen diamonds. (Series: *Cam Jansen Adventures*)

***The Fran That Time Forgot* by Jim Benton (J FIC B—Young Reader)**

When her embarrassing middle name is revealed, Franny K. Stein experiments with time in order to return to the past. (Series: *Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist*)

***Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows (J FIC B—Young Reader)**

Ivy and Bean think that they'll never be friends, but when Bean plays a joke on her sister Nancy, Ivy comes to the rescue. (Sequel: *Ivy and Bean and the Ghost That Had to Go*)

***Ramona the Pest* by Beverly Cleary (J FIC C)**

Five-year-old Ramona Quimby has many adventures as she starts kindergarten. (Series: *Ramona Quimby* books)

***Mimmy and Sophie All around the Town* by Miriam Cohen (J FIC C—Young Reader)**

Describes the experiences of two sisters growing up in Brooklyn in the time of Shirley Temple movies and trolleys.

***A Job for Jenny Archer* by Ellen Conford (J FIC C—Young Reader)**

Convinced that her family is poor because they refuse to get her a horse or a swimming pool, nine-year-old Jenny Archer follows her own path to make money. (Series: *Jenny Archer* books)

***Amber Brown is Not a Crayon* by Paula Danziger (J FIC D—Young Reader)**

The year she is in third grade is a sad time for Amber because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move. (Series: *Amber Brown* books)

***Annie Pitts, Artichoke* by Diane De Groat (J FIC D—Young Reader)**

When Annie and her third grade class put on a play about nutrition, it has more surprises than the teacher expected.

***Harriet, the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh (J FIC F)**

Harriet is a sixth grader who spends part of every day "observing" her classmates and neighbors in her secret notebook. (Sequels: *The Long Secret, Sport, and Harriet Spies Again*)

***Mallory on the Move* by Laurie Friedman (J FIC F)**

After moving to a new town, eight-year-old Mallory remains torn between old and new friends. (Series: *Mallory* books)

***Kidnap at the Catfish Café* by Patricia Reilly Giff (J FIC G—Young Reader)**

Assisted by her cat Max, sixth grader Minnie investigates a kidnapping and a thief who'll steal anything. (Series: *Adventures of Minnie and Max*)

***Rosy Cole's Memoir Explosion* by Sheila Greenwald (J FIC G—Young Reader)**

When Rosy Cole writes a memoir about herself and her friends for a school assignment, she is surprised when they aren't thrilled with the result. (Series: *Rosy Cole* books)

***Janey and the Famous Author* by Mary Downing Hahn (J FIC H—Young Reader)**

Third-grader Janey is so excited about meeting her favorite author at a literature festival that she almost ruins the day for her entire class.

***Starring Grace* by Mary Hoffman (J FIC H—Young Reader)**

Grace and her friends have all sorts of adventures on their summer vacation—going to the circus, taking an imaginary safari, pretending to be astronauts, and making friends with an elderly neighbor. (Sequel: *Encore, Grace!*)

***Elisa in the Middle* by Johanna Hurwitz (J FIC H—Young Reader)**

Five-year-old Elisa has an older brother and a new baby brother, but her grandmother says the middle is best, just like the filling in a sandwich. (Series: *Elisa* books)

***Mary Marony and the Chocolate Surprise* by Suzy Kline (J FIC K—Young Reader)**

Mary decides to cheat to win a special lunch with her favorite teacher, but the results of her dishonesty end up surprising the whole second grade class. (Series: *Mary Marony* books)

***Ruby Lu, Brave and True* by Lenore Look (J FIC L—Young Reader)**

"Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks, and learns to drive! (Sequel: *Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything*)