

Silverstein, Shel - **Every Thing On It**

More than one hundred and thirty never-before-seen poems and drawings selected by Silverstein's family from his archives.

Service, Pamela - **Alien Expedition (series)**

Young alien agent Zack joins an archaeological dig in Mongolia to ensure that there is no trouble from the dinosaur-like scientists from Vraj's home planet who are on a similar dig nearby.

Speck, Katie - **Maybelle in the Soup**

When Mr. and Mrs. Peabody invite a guest to dinner, Maybelle the cockroach, who lives under their refrigerator, ignores the warnings of Henry the flea to be sensible and ends up "splashing" into a big adventure.

Sweet, Melissa - **Balloons Over Broadway**

Tony Sarg, a puppeteer since his childhood, became the inventor of the giant balloons of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade.

Van Draanen, Wendelin - **Shredderman (series)**

Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity – Shredderman!

Vernon, Ursula - **Dragonbreath, Ahoy (series)**

Danny Dragonbreath and his friend Wendell get an up-close underwater tour of the Sargasso Sea from Danny's sea-serpent cousin, encountering giant squid and mako sharks--and learn about standing up to bullies in the process.

White, E. B. - **Charlotte's Web**

The classic story of friendship between a spider and a pig.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls - **Little House in the Big Woods (series)**

A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier, as they help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions with relatives or neighbors.

**These are just a few of the many books that third and fourth graders enjoy. Ask your local librarian for further suggestions.**

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## Books for Grades 3 and 4



Atwater, Richard & Florence - **Mr. Popper's Penguins**

When Mr. Popper acquires a penguin, all of the Poppers have to make major adjustments in their lives.

Avi - **Poppy (series)**

Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

Barrett, Tracy - **The Sherlock Files: The Missing Heir series**

Xena and Xander Holmes, an American brother and sister living in London, use clues from their ancestor Sherlock Holmes' casebook to help classmate Alice Banders, who goes missing following the announcement that she will be crowned queen of Borogovia after her thirteenth birthday.

Barrows, Annie - **Ivy & Bean (series)**

When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

Bauer, Marion Dane - **Runt**

Runt, the smallest wolf cub in the litter, seeks to prove himself to his father, King, and the rest of the pack and to earn a new name.

Birney, Betty G. - **The World According to Humphrey**

Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.

Black, Holly - **Spiderwick Chronicles (series)**

Follow Jared, Simon, and Mallory Grace as they enter a world filled with elves, goblins, dwarves, and trolls.

Carris, Joan - **Magic at the Bed and Biscuit**

The family of animals at the Bed and Biscuit are expected to welcome and help protect Malicia, a mean-spirited city chicken who tours with a magic show, but all are afraid of her temper and powers.

Cleary, Beverly - **Ramona the Pest (series)**

Comical and energetic Ramona tackles the challenges of kindergarten.

Clements, Andrew - **No Talking**

The noisy fifth-grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a “no talking” contest.

Coulumbis, Audrey - **Lexie**

When ten-year-old Lexie goes with her father to the beach for a week, she is surprised to find that he has invited his girlfriend and her two sons to join them for the entire week.

Creech, Sharon - **Love That Dog**

A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.

Daley, Michael J. - **Rat Trap**

Bioengineered Rat and her twelve-year-old human companion, Jeff, stand together when Dr. Vivexian, who considers Rat his masterpiece, arrives at the space station to capture her.

Davis, Tony - **Roland Wright, Future Knight (series)**

In 1409, skinny, clumsy Roland, the ten-year-old son of a blacksmith, pursues his dream of becoming a knight.

DiCamillo, Kate - **Because of Winn-Dixie**

A gentle story about the healing power of a stray mutt with a lot of personality and a charismatic smile.

Fleischman, Paul - **The Dunderheads (series)**

When Miss Breakbone confiscates Junkyard's crucial find, Wheels, Pencil, Spider, and the rest of the Dunderheads plot to teach her a lesson.

Gannett, Ruth Stiles - **My Father's Dragon (series)**

A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.

Greene, Stephanie - **Princess Posey and the First Grade Parade (series)**

Posey's fear of starting first grade is alleviated when her teacher invites the students to wear their most comfortable clothes to school on the first day.

Haas, Jessie - **Bramble and Maggie**

Bramble the horse gets bored giving riding lessons, but regains her enthusiasm when she goes to live with a girl named Maggie.

Harper, Charise Mericle - **Just Grace (series)**

Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

Holm, Jennifer & Matthew Holm - **Babymouse: Queen of the World! (series)**

An imaginative mouse dreams of being queen of the world, but will settle for an invitation to the most popular girl's slumber party.

Holt, Kimberly Willis - **Piper Reed, Navy Brat (series)**

Piper is sad about leaving her home and friends behind when her father, a Navy aircraft mechanic, is transferred yet again, but with help from her often-annoying sisters and a surprise from their parents, she finds happiness in their new home in Pensacola, Florida.

Kerrin, Jessica Scott - **Martin Bridge: Onwards and Upwards (series)**

Martin Bridge faces the music and learns the ropes in this installment in the series.

Look, Lenore - **Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things (series)**

A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.

McDonald, Megan - **Judy Moody (series)**

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.

McMullan, Kate - **Dragon Slayers' Academy: The New Kid at School (series)**

Wiglaf is off to Dragon Slayers' Academy and in for a first day of school he will never forget.

Pennypacker, Sara - **Clementine (series)**

Clementine, a not-so-common third grader, knows her way around the principal's office as well as she does the art-supply closet.

Pilkey, Dav - **Adventures of Captain Underpants (series)**

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.

Rupp, Rebecca - **The Return of the Dragon**

Hannah, Zachary, and Sarah Emily return to Lonely Island to save their friend, Fafnyr, a three-headed dragon, from being captured by a rich man who wants to put the creature on display.