

Suggested Reading for

# 3rd Grade

at the Sioux City Public Library

## **Mr. Popper's Penguins**

Richard Atwater J Atw  
Mr. Popper trains his band of penguins to star in a vaudeville tour.

## **I Was a Third Grade Science Project**

Mary Jane Auch J Auc  
While trying to hypnotize his dog for the science fair, Brian accidentally makes his best friend think he's a cat.

## **Poppy**

Avi J Avi  
A brave young mouse challenges the owl that rules the territory in order to save her family.

## **Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great**

Judy Blume J Blu  
A new friend shows Sheila that you have to admit your fears before you can overcome them.

## **Time Voyage**

Steve Brezenoff J Bre  
While unpacking a collection of Titanic artifacts, two friends touch a canceled ticket that transports them back to Queenstown, where the ship is boarding.

## **The Amazing Mexican Secret**

Jeff Brown J Paperback Bro  
Sent to Mexico for a secret herbal ingredient that his mother must have, Stanley hopes to succeed where international spies and thieves have failed.

## **The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe**

Loree Griffin Burns J638.1 Bur  
After beekeepers discover the strange abandonment of hundreds of hives, scientists seek to understand this catastrophic phenomenon.

## **The Dog That Pitched a No-Hitter**

Matt Christopher J Chr  
Harry solves his owner's pitching problems.

## **Jake Drake, Know-It-All**

Andrew Clements J Cle  
To win the grand prize in the school's first science fair, Jake must beat the know-it-alls by becoming one himself.

## **The BFG**

Roald Dahl J Dah  
Snatched from her orphanage by a Big Friendly Giant (BFG) who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie teams up with him to save the world from man-gobbling cannibull giants.

## **Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon**

Paula Danziger J Dan  
Amber learns her best friend is moving to Alabama.

## **Bink & Gollie**

Kate DiCamillo J DiC  
Two roller-skating best friends share comical adventures and a most unlikely companion.

## **Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride**

Kate DiCamillo J DiC  
Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive turns into an adventure the day his pet pig finds herself behind the wheel.

## **North: The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration**

Nick Dowson J591.56 Dow  
Explore the migrations of millions of creatures, including gray whales, caribou, and more.

## **Nikki & Deja: The Newsy News Letter**

Karen English J Eng  
When an arrogant new girl comes to school, best friends Nikki and Deja form a club that excludes her but find the results are not what they expected.

## **The Hundred Dresses**

Eleanor Estes J Est  
Students are puzzled by Wanda who wears the same dress to school every day but claims to have 100 dresses at home.

## **The Homework Machine**

Dan Gutman J Gut  
Four students—geek, class clown, teacher's pet, and slacker—as well as their teacher and mothers, relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

## **Just Grace**

Charise Mericle Harper J Har  
Seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

## **Doubles Troubles**

Betty Hicks J Hick  
Henry wants to win the doubles tennis trophy more than anything. Can Henry serve up an ace on and off the court?

## **Amazing Monty**

Johanna Hurwitz J Hur  
Montgomery enjoys an exciting year as his class acquires a pair of parakeets as pets, he loses his first tooth, and he becomes a big brother.

## **Invisible Inkling**

Emily Jenkins J Jen  
When Hank runs into trouble in the form of a lunch-stealing bully, he finds an ally in an invisible refugee named Inkling.

## **How to Clean a Hippopotamus: A look at Unusual Animal Partnerships**

Steven Jenkins and Robin Page J591.7 Jen  
Learn about the ingenious lifestyles among the world's most unusual animal partners.

## **Earwig and the Witch**

Diana Wynne Jones J Jon  
An orphan named Earwig has always enjoyed living at St. Morwald's, but when she is taken in by foster parents who are a witch and a demon, she has a hard time trying to adapt.

## **Lucy Rose, Here's the Thing About Me**

Katy Kelly J Kel  
Eight-year-old Lucy Rose keeps a diary of her first year in Washington, D.C., makes new friends, and longs to convince her teacher to let her take care of the class pet.

## **Horrible Harry and the Secret Treasure**

Suzie Kline J Paperback Kli  
Third-grader Harry thinks of a way to patch up a conflict with his schoolmate Mary and include his friends in a fun detective case.

## **Waiting for the Magic**

Patricia MacLachlan J Mac  
When Papa goes away for a while, his family tries to cope by adopting four dogs and a cat.

## **Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer**

Megan McDonald J Paperback McD  
Judy's summer plans seem ruined when her best friends go away and her parents leave her and Stink with Aunt Opal, until a "thrill-a-delic" plan has her racing toward fun.

## **Stink and the Midnight Zombie Walk**

Megan McDonald J McD  
Stink and his friends try to earn money to buy the latest book in the Nightmare on Zombie Street series and go to the book release party.

## **Marty McGuire**

Kate Messner J Mes  
When tomboy Marty is cast as the princess in the 3rd grade play, she learns about improvisation, which helps her become more adaptable.

## **Domino**

Ellen Miles J Paperback Mil  
Finding a lost kitten in the snow, Michael tries to reunite it with its rightful owner.

## **Fractions = Trouble!**

Claudia Mills J Mil  
Third grader Wilson struggles with fractions and, much to his embarrassment, his parents sign him up to work with a math tutor.

## **The Borrowers**

Mary Norton J Nor  
Miniature people who survive by borrowing things from humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.

## **Leprechaun in Late Winter**

Mary Pop Osborne J Pop  
Jack and Annie travel back to 19th-century Ireland to inspire Augusta Gregory to share her love of Irish legends and folktales with the world.

## **Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Graceful Ice Princess**

Rachel Renée Russell J Rus  
Nikki and her friends enter an ice-skating competition to help raise money for the animal shelter.

## **The Night Fairy**

Laura Amy Schlitz J Sch  
When her wings are broken and she cannot fly, Flory the night fairy has to do things differently.

## **Tales for Very Picky Eaters**

Josh Schneider J Sch  
James refuses to eat his food until his dad gives him some very unusual reasons to try it.

## **Summer Reading is Killing Me!**

Jon Scieszka J Sci  
Joe, Sam and Fred become trapped inside their summer reading list in a battle between good and evil characters from well-known children's books.

## **The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures**

Brian Selznick J Sel  
An orphan's undercover life is jeopardized when he meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter in a Paris train station in 1931.

## **Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Secret UFOs**

Donald J Sobol J Sob  
Find out if a diary of George Washington's mother is authentic, and if a UFO picture is real.

## **Loser**

Jerry Spinelli J Spi  
Though his classmates consider him a loser, Donald's optimism and family support do not allow him to feel like one.

## **Gator on the Loose!**

Sue Stauffacher J Sta  
Chaos ensues when Keisha's father brings an escaped alligator home to Carter's Urban Rescue.

## **All-of-a-Kind Family**

Sydney Taylor J Tay  
Five girls have simple but happy times, with parents rich in kindness but poor in money.

## **No Such Thing As Ghosts**

Ursula Vernon J Ver  
The school bully dares Danny and Wendell to enter a haunted house on Halloween night, where they may have to give their candy to a ghost.

## **Game-Day Jitters**

Rich Wallace J Wal  
With help from his older brother, a 9-year-old learns to cope with his nervousness about the Kickers League playoffs. Kickers series

## **EllRay Jakes Is Not a Chicken**

Sally Warner J War  
EllRay's father has promised a family trip to Disneyland if 8-year-old EllRay can stay out of trouble for a week. However, not defending himself against the class bully proves to be a challenge.

## **On the Banks of Plum Creek**

Laura Ingalls Wilder J Wil  
After moving to Minnesota, the Ingalls family encounters a terrible blizzard and a grasshopper plague.

## **The Chestnut King**

N. D. Wilson J Paperback Wil  
Discovering dozens of cupboards hidden behind his bedroom wall, Henry frees an immortal witch whose power-hungry schemes threaten to destroy the cupboard worlds.



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