

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 cannybull 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 Hic
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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