

Grade 3 Fiction



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I was a Third Grade Science Project, by Mary Jane Auch/ K,W

While trying to hypnotize his dog for the third grade science fair, Brian accidentally makes his best friend Josh think he's a cat.

The Many Troubles of Andy Russell, by David Adler/ K,W

Boy, does Andy Russell have troubles! His gerbils escaped in the house, he's late for school, and his plan to ask his parents if his friend Tamika can live with them is in danger now that he's learned his mother is pregnant again!

Read the other books in the Andy Russell series, such as [School Trouble for Andy Russell](#)

Some Good News, by Cynthia Rylant/ K,W

It's spring on Cobble Street, and Lily has a great idea--the Cobble Street Cousin's own newspaper! Soon the very first edition of The Cobble Street Courier is hot off the presses, complete with a poem by Lily, Tess's favorite jokes, and Rosie's yummy recipe for shortbread.

Read the other books in the Cobble Street Cousins series, such as [A Little Shopping](#), and [In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen](#)

Little Wolf's Book of Badness, by Ian Whybrow/ K,W

When Little Wolf is just too well-behaved for his fierce wolf family, his parents send him off to Cunning College, where he will get lessons in badness from the nastiest wolf of all--his Uncle Big Bad!

Read the other books in the Little Wolf series, such as [Little Wolf's Diary of Daring Deeds](#) and [Little Wolf's Haunted Hall for Small Horrors](#)

Pajama Party, by Amy Hest/ K,W

Casey, Jenny & Kate are best friends, so what could be more fun than a slumber party? After the girls set the time, the place, and the rules--wear pajamas, bring something good to eat, and no more than one stuffed animal a piece--they are ready for a night of partying!

Read more about Casey, Jenny, & Kate in [Nannies for Hire](#) and [Party on Ice](#)

The Mystery of the Several Sevens, by Bill Brittain/ K

Simon and Becky are off on a great new adventure with Mr. Merlin, their substitute teacher, who is really a great wizard in disguise. This time Merlin transports them to a land where fairy tales, such as Rapunzel and Old King Cole, are real--and sometimes dangerous!

Tutu Much Ballet, by Gabrielle Charbonnet/ K

Charlotte is thrilled that she is staying home this summer instead of going to visit her nana. That means she and her best friend, Annabel, can finally practice gymnastics together at day camp. But to Charlotte's horror, her mom has other plans for her summer--ballet school!

Read more about Charlotte and Annabel in [Snakes are Nothing to Sneeze At](#)

Nasty, Stinky Sneakers, by Eve Bunting/ K

Colin has spent two weeks perfecting his sneaker odor for the Stinkiest Sneakers in the World contest. But now, after weeks of working toward stinky perfection--not washing his feet, wearing no socks, jogging to get his feet juicy, and even sleeping with his sneakers on--the nasty, stink sneakers are missing!

Ramona's World, by Beverly Cleary/ K,W

As she starts the fourth grade, Ramona believes that this year will be "the best year of her life, so far." She can show off her calluses from swinging on the rings in the park; the boy she calls Yard Ape sits across the aisle from her; her teacher praises her writing; and she has a new baby sister, Roberta. How could anything go wrong? Ramona is about to find out!

Read the other books in the Ramona Quimby series, such as [Ramona Quimby, Age 8](#), and [Beezus and Ramona](#)

The Velveteen Rabbit, by Margery Williams/ K,W

Do you believe in magic? You will after reading this tale of a toy rabbit who is briefly loved by a boy, then cast aside with the other toys, but finally changed into a "real" rabbit as a reward for his loyalty and love to the boy.

Something Queer in the Cafeteria, by Elizabeth Levy/ K,W

Yuck! The food in the newly remodeled cafeteria of Evergreen Avenue is even worse than in the old one. The pizza is soggy, everything burns in the oven, and the hot dogs are made from tofu. Why is the new cafeteria so bad? It's a mystery Gwen and Jill are determined to solve.

Read the other books in the Something Queer series, such as [Something Queer at the Scary Movie](#) and [Something Queer at the Library](#)

Joey's Head, by Gladys Yessayan Cretan/ K

Mike whips up a fake "magic" potion to get rid of his troublesome younger brother Joey, but when the potion actually works, Joey's head disappears!

The Gator Girls, by Joanna Cole & Stephanie Calmenson/ K,W

Alligator best friends Allie and Amy are upset when Allie's parents announce she is going to summer camp. At least she will be away from their arch-nemesis, the obnoxious Marvin, though. When it's time to pack for camp, things take a turn for the better when there's another opening at Camp Wogga-Bog, and Amy can go too. But guess who's also on the bus to camp? Marvin!

Read the other books in the Gators series, such as [Get Well Gators](#), [Rockin' Reptiles](#), and [Gator Halloween](#)

Sebastian (Super Sleuth) and the Impossible Crime, by Mary Blount Christian/ K,W

Sebastian, the Super Sleuth, and by the way, a dog, never expected to face a crime that couldn't have happened. But yet, right in the middle of a guest-filled reception at the museum, the most important painting disappeared. No one could have carried out the huge painting without being noticed. And yet it's been stolen! What will Sebastian do?

Read the other books in the Sebastian (Super Sleuth) series, such as [Sebastian \(Super Sleuth\) and the Copycat Crime](#), and [Sebastian \(Super Sleuth\) and the Flying Elephant](#).

Taxicab Tales, by Barbara Ann Porte/ K

"A man with a head like a donkey's got into my cab, going uptown," said Abigail and Sam's dad

one day after work. The next day he said he drove a famous movie actress, and each day after, he has another new story to tell about his days spent driving a taxi cab. Abigail and Sam wonder if their father's stories are true. But true or not, they like them, and you will too.

Read more about Abigail & Sam in [The Take-Along Dog](#)

Amelia's Notebook, by Marissa Moss/ K

Nothing gets by Amelia. She's one of those kids who is always wondering why things are the way they are--such as why her family had to move, or how her sister could possibly be so bratty--and she puts it all down in her handwritten notebook, complete with colorful cartoons and third-grade problems.

Read the other books in the Amelia series, such as [Amelia Takes Command](#) and [Amelia Writes Again](#)

The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates, by Susan Shreve/ K

Driving home from the beach on Labor Day, Joshua receives some shocking news from his mother--he must repeat the third grade!

Not My Dog, by Colby Rodowsky/ K,W

Ellie has been waiting for years to turn nine so she can finally get the puppy her parents promised her. So, she can't help but be disappointed when she inherits her great aunt's full-grown mutt, Preston, instead when she is eight. Now she'll never get a puppy!

Max Malone, Superstar, by Charlotte Herman/ K,W

When Max sees a sign announcing auditions for the Peppy Peanut Butter television commercial, he knows it's his big chance to become a superstar. But his dreams of instant Hollywood fame are crushed when his know-it-all sister Rosalie decides to become his acting coach.

Read the other books in the Max Malone series, such as [Max Malone Makes a Million](#), and [Max Malone the Magnificent](#)

The Van Gogh Cafe, by Cynthia Rylant/ K

The Van Gogh Cafe is a very strange place. There is a mysterious magic in the air, and things happen that don't--no can't, happen anywhere else in the world.

Don't forget to check out these series, too:

The Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne

Junie B. Jones by Barbara Parks

Horrible Harry & Mary Maroney by Suzy Kline

The Polk Street Kids by Patricia Reilly Giff

The Bailey School Kids by Debbie Dadey

Cam Jansen by David Adler

The Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka

Goosebumps by R.L. Stine