

# Character Counts

Cameron, Ann.....	<i>The Stories Julian Tells</i> 71p (Trustworthiness) 520L
Cooper, Ilene .....	<i>The Annoying Team</i> 75p (Respect)
Cooper, Ilene .....	<i>Absolutely Lucy</i> 76p (Respect) 360L
Howe, James.....	<i>Pinky and Rex and the Bully</i> 48p (Respect) 480L
Krensky, Stephen .....	<i>Arthur's Mystery Envelope</i> 58p (Trustworthiness) 370L
McKissack, Pat.....	<i>Miami Gets It Straight</i> 89p (Respect) 300L
Mills, Claudia .....	<i>Gus and Grandpa at Basketball</i> (B) 47p (Responsibility)
Seuling, Barbara.....	<i>Oh No, It's Robert</i> (Responsibility) 118p 500L

## A Note to Parents and Other Adults:

Books have been placed on this list based on the reading level determined by the publisher, reviewers, or by our librarians. Don't be misled by the number of pages a book has. Sometimes books with more pages have less text, because at this level many books contain full-page illustrations.

For the most part, we have included only one book per author on these lists. If your child enjoys a particular book, he might also enjoy other books by the same author, especially books in the same series.

If you would like to know the Lexile reading level of any of these books, or if you would like further reading recommendations or help finding these books, please talk to a librarian at the Help Desk. The Lexile range for 2nd grade is 300L to 500L. Happy Reading!

Compiled by the Kids' Library Staff  
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Young readers can use the 5 finger test to check their understanding of a book:

Open the book to the middle and choose a page of text to read. Read the page (aloud if possible). Hold up one finger for every word you do not know or cannot pronounce.

No fingers:	This book may be too easy for you.
1 Finger:	This book is o.k. for you.
2 Fingers:	Still good.
3 Fingers:	Could be a bit hard for you to understand.
4 Fingers:	May be difficult to read and understand.
5 Fingers:	We suggest you choose another book.

F=Juvenile Fiction

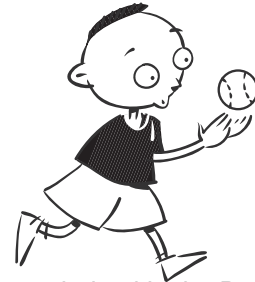
PB=Juvenile Paperback



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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Books for Boys at the Elmhurst Public Library



Beginning Readers are shelved in the Beginning Reader section alphabetically by authors' last names.

All other titles on this list are shelved in the fiction section alphabetically by authors' last names, unless otherwise noted.

Lexile reading levels are provided for some titles, for example, "430L."

## Beginning Readers

Antle, Nancy .....	<i>Sam's Wild West Show</i> 40p
Barker, Henry.....	<i>It Came from Outer Space</i> 32p
Benchley, Nathaniel.....	<i>A Ghost Named Fred</i> 54p 320L
Benchley, Nathaniel.....	<i>Sam the Minuteman</i> 62p 410L
Benchley, Nathaniel.....	<i>Small Wolf</i> 64p 430L
Berger, Melvin.....	<i>Chomp! A Book about Sharks</i> 36p
Berger, Melvin.....	<i>Splash! A Book about Whales and Dolphins</i> (J 599.5 Ber) 430L
Bonsall, Crosby .....	<i>The Case of the Double Cross</i> 64p 390L
Brenner, Barbara .....	<i>Wagon Wheels</i> 64p 380L
Brown, Marc .....	<i>Arthur Loses a Friend</i> 24p 420L
Buller, Jon.....	<i>Baseball Camp on the Planet of the Eyeballs</i> 47p 460L
Cazet, Denys.....	<i>Minnie and Moo: The Case of the Missing Jelly Donut</i> 45p
Coerr, Eleanor .....	<i>Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express</i> 64p 430L
Cosby, Bill.....	<i>Shipwreck Saturday</i> 430L
Cosby, Bill.....	<i>The Meanest Thing to Say</i> 34p 350L
Hall, Katy .....	<i>Mummy Riddles</i> (J 818.5402 Hal) 48p 360L
Hall, Katy .....	<i>Rabbit Riddles</i> 40p
Hautzig, Deborah.....	<i>Aladdin and the Magic Lamp</i> 48p 440L
Hay, Samantha.....	<i>Creepy Customers</i> 48p
Hayes, Geoffrey.....	<i>Mystery of the Pirate Ghost</i> 48p 350L
Himmelman, John.....	<i>Animal Rescue Club</i> 48p 360L

Kwitz, Mary DeBall ..... **Little Vampire and the Midnight Bear** 48p  
 Laurence, Daniel ..... **Captain and Matey Set Sail** 64p 360L  
 Law, Karina..... **The Truth About Hansel and Gretl** 32p  
 Lewis, Thomas P. .... **Hill of Fire** 63p 350L  
 Lundell, Margo..... **Lad, a Dog: Lad is Lost** 44p  
 Marzollo, Jean ..... **Baseball Brothers** 31p 200L  
 Mills, Claudia ..... **Gus and Grandpa at Basketball** 47p 310L  
 Monjo, F. N. .... **The Drinking Gourd: A Story of the Underground Railroad** 62p 370L  
 Murphy, Frank..... **George Washington and the General's Dog** 48p 380L  
 Parish, Peggy..... **Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia** 64p 220L  
 Phillips, Louis..... **Monster Riddles** un p  
 Pinkwater, Daniel M..... **Second Grade Ape** 45p 330L  
 Porte, Barbara Ann..... **Harry's Pony** 56p 410L  
 Rocklin, Joanne..... **How Much Is That Guinea Pig in the Window?** 46p 420L  
 Rosenbloom, Joseph..... **Deputy Dan and the Bank Robbers** 47p 220L  
 Rylant, Cynthia ..... **Henry and Mudge series**  
 Sandin, Joan..... **Pioneer Bear** 48p 370L  
 Schwartz, Alvin ..... **Busy Buzzing Bumblebees and Other Tongue Twisters** 64p 510L  
 Sharmat, Marjorie ..... **Nate the Great series**  
 Shea, George ..... **First Flight: The Story of Tom Tatean and the Wright Brothers** 36p 460L  
 Stamper, Judith Bauer..... **Five Creepy Creatures** 45p 310L  
 Stamper, Judith Bauer..... **Five Goofy Ghosts** 45p 400L  
 Standiford, Natalie ..... **The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto** 47p  
 Torrey, Richard ..... **Beans Baker's Best Shot** 48p 530L  
 White, Mark ..... **The Lion and the Mouse** 24p  
 Wilson, Jacqueline..... **Mr. Cool** 48p  
 Yolen, Jane..... **Commander Toad & the Intergalactic Spy** 64p 480L

## Mysteries

Adler, David ..... **Cam Jansen & the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds** 58p 420L  
 Adler, David ..... **The Fourth Floor Twins and the Fish Snitch Mystery** 58p  
 Adler, David A. .... **Onion Sundaes (A Houdini Club Magic Mystery #1)** 72p 450L  
 Apablasa, Bill..... **Rhymen' Simon and the Mystery of the Fat Cat** 62p  
 Bunting, Eve ..... **The Skate Patrol** 39p  
 Cameron, Ann..... **Julian, Secret Agent** 62p 460L  
 Christian, Mary Blount..... **Merger on the Orient Expressway** 44p  
 Christian, Mary Blount..... **The Phantom of the Operetta** 53p  
 Christian, Mary Blount..... **Sebastian (Super Sleuth) & the Bone to Pick Mystery** 55p  
 Clifford, Eth..... **Flatfoot Fox and the Case of the Missing Whoooo** 46p  
 Gelsey, James ..... **Scooby-Doo! And the Mummy's Curse** (PB) 56p

Graves, Bonnie..... **Mystery of the Tooth Gremlin** 54p 540L  
 Hutchins, Pat ..... **Follow that Bus!** 102p  
 Joosse, Barbara M. .... **Ghost Trap** 66p 400L  
 Koller, Jackie French ..... **Mole and Shrew Find a Clue** 72p  
 Krensky, Stephen ..... **The Three Blind Mice Mystery** 46p (PB)  
 Landon, Lucinda..... **Meg Mackintosh and the Case of the Missing Babe Ruth Baseball** 48p  
 Levine, Caroline..... **The Detective Stars and the Case of the Super Soccer Team** 45p  
 Levy, Elizabeth ..... **The Mixed-Up Mask Mystery** 71p 510L  
 Levy, Elizabeth ..... **The Mystery of the Missing Dog** 46p 410L  
 Levy, Elizabeth ..... **The Schoolyard Mystery (Invisible Inc. #1)** 44p 410L  
 Preller, James..... **The Case of the Stinky Science Project (A Jigsaw Jones Mystery) (F&PB)** 74p 260L  
 Roy, Ron..... **The Absent Author (A to Z Mysteries)** (PB) 86p 510L  
 Sachar, Louis..... **Marvin Redpost: Kidnapped at Birth?** (F & PB) 68p 290L  
 Saunders, Susan ..... **The Mystery of the Hard Luck Rodeo** 62p  
 Scheffler, Ursel..... **The Spy in the Attic** 63p  
 Siracusa, Catherine..... **The Peanut Butter Gang** 44p 390L  
 Stefanec-Ogren, Cathy..... **Sly, P.I.: The Case of the Missing Shoes** 47p  
 Tashjian, Janet..... **Marty Frye, Private Eye** 78p 330L

## Fantasy

Dicks, Terrance..... **Enter T. R.** 52p  
 Gerstein, Mordicai ..... **Fox Eyes** 73p  
 Gordon, Amy..... **Midnight Magic** 63p  
 Manes, Stephen ..... **Monstra vs. Irving** (F & PB) 74p  
 McMullan, K.H. .... **The New Kid at School (Dragon Slayers' Academy)** (PB) 91p 500L  
 Osborne, Mary Pope ..... **Dinosaurs Before Dark (Magic Tree House)** (PB) 68p 240L  
 Spinner, Stephanie ..... **Gerbilitis (The Weebie Zone)** 75p 480L  
 Stolz, Mary..... **Belling the Tiger** 64p

## Science Fiction

Buller, Jon..... **Ron Rooney and the Million Dollar Comic** 62p  
 Duffey, Betsy ..... **Alien for Rent** 71p 230L  
 Pinkwater, Daniel..... **Wallpaper from Space** 32p  
 Roy, Ron..... **Who Cloned the President?** 75p 340L  
 Siracusa, Catherine..... **The Banana Split from Outer Space** 48p  
 Spinner, Stephanie ..... **Aliens for Breakfast** (F & PB) 62p  
 Wells, H. G. .... **Time Machine** (adapted) (PB) 93p

# Adventure

- Cole, Joanna ..... *Doctor Change* 32p 530L  
Goodman, Susan E. .... *Robert Henry Hendershot* 56p  
Hanel, Wolfram ..... *Rescue at Sea!* 60p  
Hanel, Wolfram ..... *The Other Side of the Bridge*  
47p  
Hopkinson, Deborah ..... *From Slave to Soldier* 44p  
Ransom, Candice F. .... *Rescue on the Outer Banks* 47p  
Simonson, Jane ..... *Cowboy without a Horse*  
(*Cowboys of Many Races*  
series) 46p  
Zoehfeld, Kathleen ..... *Fossil Fever* 44p

# Animal Stories

- Baylor, Byrd ..... *Coyote Cry* 39p  
Duffey, Betsy ..... *A Boy in the Doghouse* 84p  
460L  
Fleischman, Sid ..... *A Carnival of Animals* 48p  
500L  
Gondosch, Linda ..... *Brutus the Wonder Poodle*  
61p 290L  
Graeber, Charlotte ..... *Nobody's Dog* 29p  
Livingstone, Star ..... *Harley* 60p 200L  
Moore, Lillian ..... *Little Raccoon* 64p  
Newman, Nanette ..... *That Dog!* 47p  
Scheidl, Gerda Marie ..... *Andy's Wild Animal Adventure*  
47p  
Sharmat, Marjorie ..... *The Great Genghis Khan Look-*  
*Alike Contest* 73p  
Stanley, George Edward.... *Snake Camp* 43 p

# Humor

- Bendall-Brunello, John ..... *The Seven-and-one-half Labors*  
*of Hercules (Speedsters)*  
62p  
Bowdish, Lynea ..... *Living with My Stepfather Is Like*  
*Living with a Moose* 54p  
Burnard, Damon ..... *Pork and Beef's Great*  
*Adventure* 45p  
Busser, Marianne ..... *King Bobble* 63p  
Graves, Bonnie ..... *Taking Care of Trouble* 70p  
470L  
Herman, Charlotte ..... *Max Malone the Magnificent* 59p  
Marshall, James ..... *Rats on the Roof and Other*  
*Stories* 79p  
Park, Barbara ..... *Junie B. Jones and the Stupid*  
*Smelly Bus* (F & PB) 69p  
Proimos, James ..... *The Many Adventures of*  
*Johnny Mutton* 42p  
Sanfield, Steve ..... *The Great Turtle Drive* un p  
Sathre, Vivian ..... *Leroy Potts Meets the*  
*McCrooks* 45p

# School, Family & Friends

- Blume, Judy ..... *Freckle Juice* 47p  
Brisson, Pat ..... *Hot Fudge Hero* 72p  
Bulla, Clyde Robert ..... *The Chalk Box Kid* 56p  
Cameron, Ann ..... *Julian's Glorious Summer*  
(F & PB) 62p  
Delton, Judy ..... *Cookies and Crutches (Pee*  
*Wee Scouts)* (F & PB)  
69p  
Elliott, David ..... *The Cool Crazy Crickets* 48p

- Giff, Patricia Reilly ..... *The Beast in Ms. Rooney's*  
*Room* 76p  
Gilson, Jamie ..... *Bug in a Rug* 69p  
Gilson, Jamie ..... *You Cheat!* 57p  
Gondosch, Linda ..... *The Monsters of Marble Avenue*  
60p  
Greene, Stephanie ..... *Owen Foote, Second Grade*  
*Strongman* 81p  
Greene, Stephanie ..... *Show and Tell* 84p  
Hooks, William H. .... *The Girl Who Could Fly* 53p  
Howe, James ..... *Pinky and Rex and the Bully* 48p  
Hurwitz, Johanna ..... *Russell Sprouts* 68p  
Kline, Suzy ..... *Herbie Jones Sails into Second*  
*Grade* 55p  
Kline, Suzy ..... *Horrible Harry in Room 2B*  
(F & PB) 56p  
Kline, Suzy ..... *Marvin and the Mean Words*  
81p  
Kroll, Steven ..... *I'm George Washington and*  
*You're Not!* 57p  
Krulik, Nancy E. .... *Doug Rules* 56p  
Pennypacker, Sara ..... *Stuart's Cape* 57p  
Petersen, P.J. .... *The Amazing Magic Show* 90p  
Sachs, Betsy ..... *Mountain Bike Madness* 60p  
Smith, Mark ..... *Pay Attention, Slosh!* 54p  
Williams, Suzanne ..... *Edwin and Emily* 48p  
Willner-Pardo, Gina ..... *Spider Storch's Teacher*  
*Torture* (F & PB) 56p

# Historical Fiction

- Bulla, Clyde Robert ..... *Pirate's Promise* (PB) 87p  
RL 2.1  
Bulla, Clyde Robert ..... *White Bird* (PB) 62p 330L  
Hopkinson, Deborah ..... *Billy and the Rebel* 44p  
Hopkinson, Deborah ..... *Pioneer Summer (Prairie Skies*  
*#1)* 74p 540L  
Kimmel, Eric A. .... *A Horn for Louis* (PB) 86p  
Ross, Alice ..... *The Copper Lady* 48p  
Welch, Catherine A. .... *Danger at the Breaker* 46p

# Sports

- Brown, Marc ..... *Arthur and the Goalie Ghost* 54p  
Christopher, Matt ..... *Wingman on Ice (Sports*  
*Series for Kids #1)* 125p  
510L  
Davis, Gibbs ..... *Camp Sink or Swim* (PB) 78p 50L  
Greene, Stephanie ..... *Owen Foote, Soccer Star* 88p  
Hughes, Dean ..... *Brad and Butter Play Ball!* 78p  
Marzollo, Jean ..... *Slam Dunk Saturday* 77p 370L  
Petersen, P.J. .... *The Fireplug Is First Base* 60p  
Tamar, Erika ..... *Soccer Mania!* (F & PB) 60p

# Slightly Scary Stories

- Farber, Erica ..... *The Headless Gargoyle (Critters*  
*of the Night)* 72p 470p  
Fleischman, Sid ..... *The Ghost on Saturday Night*  
(F & PB) 53p  
Hautzig, Deborah ..... *Walter the Warlock* (PB) 71p 460L  
Leroe, Ellen ..... *Ghost Dog* 63p  
Levy, Elizabeth ..... *Frankenstein Moved in on the*  
*Fourth Floor* 57p  
Mendoza, George ..... *GWOT! Horribly Funny*  
*Hairticklers* 40p

# Biographies

- Benitez, Mirna..... **George Washington Carver: Plant Doctor** (J 921 Carver) 31p
- Greene, Carol..... **John Philip Sousa: The March King** (J 921 Sousa) 47p
- Hill, Mary..... **George W. Bush** (J 921 Bush) 24p 510L
- Hill, Mary..... **J. K. Rowling** (J 921 Rowling) 24p 410L
- Krensky, Stephen..... **Christopher Columbus** (J 970.015 Kre) 48p 370L
- Latham, Jean Lee..... **Sam Houston** (J 921 Houston) 80p
- Murphy, Frank..... **Ben Franklin and the Magic Squares** (J 921 Franklin) 48p 400L
- Penner, Lucille Recht..... **Sitting Bull** (J 921 Sitting Bull) 48p
- Schaefer, Lola M..... **Cesar Chavez** (J 921 Chavez) 24p 420L

# Nonfiction

- Bauer, Marion Dane..... **Snow** (J 551.5784 Bau) 32p 440L
- Blevins, Wiley..... **You Can Use a Magnifying Glass** (J 502.82 Ble) 32p 370L
- Brill, Marlene Targ..... **Allen Jay and the Underground Railroad** (J 973.7115 Bri) 48p
- Chrismer, Melanie..... **Math Tools** (J 530.8 Chr) 32p 320L
- Demuth, Patricia..... **Way Down Deep: Strange Ocean Creatures** (J 551.46 Dem) 48p 490L
- Donnelly, Judy..... **The Titanic: Lost...and Found** (J 910.453 Don) 48p
- Donnelly, Judy..... **Tut's Mummy: Lost and Found** (J 932.01 Don) 46p 370L
- Fowler, Allan..... **Ferns** (J 587.3 Fow) 32p 390L
- Fowler, Allan..... **Mirror, Mirror** (J 535.323 Fow) 31p 550L
- Fowler, Allan..... **North, South, East, and West** (J 526.6 Fow) 32p 500L
- Hayden, Kate..... **Astronaut: Living In Space** (J 629.477 Hay) 32p 530L
- Hopkins, Lee Bennett..... **Sports! Sports! Sports!** (J 811.008 Spo) 48p
- Keller, Charles..... **Colossal Fossils: Dinosaur Riddles** (J 818.5402 Kel) 63p
- Knudsen, Michelle..... **Colorful Chameleons!** (J 597.95 Knu) 48p 410L
- Kramer, S. A..... **Football Stars** (J 796.33264092 Kra) 48p
- Milton, Joyce..... **Dinosaur Days** (J 567.91 Mil) 47p
- Milton, Joyce..... **Gorillas; Gentle Giants of the Forest** (J 599.88 Mil) 530L 48p
- Milton, Joyce..... **Mummies** (J 932 Mil) 48p
- Murphy, Patricia J..... **Up and Down** (J 531.11 Mur) 32p 490L
- Robinson, Fay..... **Too Much Trash** (J 363.728 Rob) 32p 550L
- Schulte, Mary..... **The Amazon River** (J 918.11 Sch) 32p 410L
- Trumbauer, Lisa..... **What is Volume?** (J 530.81 Tru) 32p 360L

# Classics

- Burroughs, Edgar Rice..... **Tarzan of the Apes** (adapted) (PB) 94p
- Dalgliesh, Alice..... **The Bears on Hemlock Mountain** 64p
- Dickens, Charles..... **Oliver Twist** (adapted) (PB) 93p
- Ingle, Annie..... **Robin Hood** (adapted) (PB) 93p
- Little, Emily..... **The Trojan Horse: How the Greeks Won the War** 48p 450L
- Spinner, Stephanie..... **Magic of Merlin** 42p

# Award Winners

- Blake, Robert J..... **Togo** (J/E Bla) 44p (Texas Bluebonnet Award) 420L
- Byars, Betsy..... **Tornado** 49p (Texas Bluebonnet Award) 500L
- Gerstein, Mordicai..... **The Wild Boy** (J 155.4 Ger) (ALA Notable Book) 530L
- Jordan, Deloris..... **Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream** (North Carolina Children's Book Award) (J/E Jor) 29p 460L
- Horowitz, Ruth..... **Breakout at the Bug Lab** (B) 48p (Monarch Award) 260L
- Kimmel, Eric..... **Three Samurai Cats: A Story from Japan** (Parents' Choice Award) un. 440L
- Rylant, Cynthia..... **Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas** (B) (Geisel Award) 40p 460L
- Schwartz, Alvin..... **In a Dark, Dark Room and Other Scary Stories** (PB) (ALA Notable Book) 430L

# Multicultural

- Bulla, Clyde Robert..... **The Paint Brush Kid** (PB) 64p 300L (Mexican American)
- Coerr, Eleanor..... **Chang's Paper Pony** (B) 64p 440L (Chinese American)
- Hill, Elizabeth..... **Bird Boy** 55p (Chinese) 540L
- Hoffman, Mary..... **The Color of Home** 24p (Somalia) 540L
- Hooks, William..... **Peach Boy** (B) 48p 440L (Japanese)
- Mann, Kenny..... **I Am Not Afraid! Based on a Masai Tale** (B) 31p 360L (Masai)

