

(Multi) (J/E Doo) unpag 340L  
 Edwards, Michelle ..... **Pa Lia's First Day** (Jackson Friends Book #1) 50p 390L  
 Guback, Georgia ..... **Luka's Quilt** (J/E Gub) 360L (Hawaiian)  
 Mora, Pat ..... **Birthday Basket for Tia** (J/E Mor) 440L (Mexican American)  
 Pomerantz, Charlotte..... **The Outside Dog** (B) 62p 410L (Puerto Rican)  
 Recorvits, Helen ..... **My Name is Yoon** 32p 320L (Korean American)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Books for Girls

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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  
 June 2007

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No fingers:	This book may be too easy for you.
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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.

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**PB=Juvenile Paperback**



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## Beginning Readers

Adler, David ..... **Young Cam Jansen and the Lost Tooth** 32p 360L  
 Avi..... **Abigail Takes the Wheel** 45p 390L  
 Baker, Betty ..... **The Turkey Girl** 64p  
 Batten, Mary ..... **Baby Wolf** 48p 400L  
 Blackaby, Susan ..... **The Ugly Duckling** 32p  
 Bliss, Corinne ..... **The Shortest Kid in the World** 400L  
 Buckless, Andrea..... **Class Picture Day** unpag 370L  
 Bulla, Robert Clyde..... **Singing Sam** 46p 240L  
 Byars, Betsy ..... **Hooray for the Golly Sisters!** 64p 350L  
 Cazet, Denys ..... **Minnie and Moo Go Dancing** 47p 150L  
 Choi, Sook Nyul..... **The Best Older Sister** 47p 520L  
 Coerr, Eleanor ..... **The Josefina Story Quilt** 64p 420L  
 Coerr, Eleanor ..... **The Big Balloon Race** 62p 400L  
 Cole, Joanna ..... **Bony-Legs** unpag 370L  
 Cristaldi, Kathryn ..... **Baseball Ballerina Strikes Out** 48p  
 Cushman, Doug..... **Aunt Eater's Mystery Vacation** 61p 290L  
 Dussling, Jennifer ..... **The Longest Yawn** 32p  
 Ehrlich, Amy..... **Leo, Zack, and Emmie** 64p  
 Greer, Gery ..... **Bill the Ghost and Me** 48p 270L  
 Guest, Elissa Haden..... **Iris and Walter** 43p 330L  
 Hall, Katy ..... **Chickie Riddles** 48p  
 ..... **Grizzly Riddles** 48p  
 Hautzig, Deborah..... **Beauty and the Beast** 48p 360L  
 Hautzig, Deborah..... **The Little Mermaid** 48p 410L  
 Hayden, Kate..... **Horse Show** 32p 370L

Hooks, William.....**The Monster From the Sea** 32p  
420L  
Kramer, Sydelle.....**Wagon Train** 48p 360L  
Kulling, Monica.....**Marmee's Surprise: A Little  
Women Story** 48p 370L  
Levinson, Nancy.....**Prairie Friends** 63p 480L  
Little, Jean.....**Emma's Yucky Brother** 63p  
200L  
Lundell, Margo.....**Lad, a Dog: Lad to the Rescue**  
44p 380L  
Madsen, Ross.....**Perrywinkle's Magic Match** 40p  
360L  
McDonald, Megan.....**Beezy at Bat** 47p  
Minarik, Else Holmelund.....**Little Bear** 63p 370L  
Parish, Peggy.....**Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping**  
55p 50L  
Penner, Lucille Recht.....**Twisters!** 45p  
Peters, Lisa Westburg.....**The Hayloft** 48p  
Pomerantz, Charlotte.....**The Outside Dog** 64p 410L  
Rockwell, Anne.....**The Story Snail** 40p  
Roop, Peter.....**Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie**  
40p 260L  
Rylant, Cynthia.....**Henry and Mudge Get the Cold  
Shivers** 48p 480L  
Schecter, Ellen.....**The Warrior Maiden** 48p 530L  
Siracusa, Catherine.....**The Parrot Problem** 45p  
Stamper, Judith Bauer.....**Five Funny Frights** 45p  
Tripp, Valerie.....**Fair-share Pair** 48p  
Turner, Ann.....**Dust for Dinner** 62p 390L  
Walker, Sally M.....**The 18 Penny Goose** 61p 370L  
Wetterer, Margaret K.....**Kate Shelley and the Midnight  
Express** 48p 490L  
White, Mark.....**The Ant and the Grasshopper**  
24p

## Mysteries

Adler, David A.....**Cam Jansen & the Mystery of  
the Stolen Diamonds** 58p  
420L  
Clifford, Eth.....**Flatfoot Fox and the Case of the  
Missing Whoooo** 46p  
Dicks, Terrance.....**Sally Ann and the Mystery  
Picnic** 61p  
Gelsey, James.....**Scooby-Doo and the Mummy's  
Curse** 56p  
Herman, Emily.....**The Missing Fossil Mystery**  
56p 530L  
Keene, Carolyn.....**The Slumber Party Secret (The  
Nancy Drew Notebooks  
#1)** (PB) 76p 390L  
Landon, Lucinda.....**Meg Mackintosh and the Case  
of the Missing Babe Ruth  
Baseball** 48p  
Levy, Elizabeth.....**The Case of the Gobbling  
Squash** 49p  
Levy, Elizabeth.....**The Karate Class Mystery** 45p  
440L  
Levy, Elizabeth.....**The Mixed-up Mask Mystery  
(A Fletcher Mystery)** 71p  
510L  
Levy, Elizabeth.....**Parents' Night Fright (Invisible  
Inc. #6)** 45p 520L  
Levy, Elizabeth.....**Something Queer in Outer  
Space** 48p  
Markham, Marion M.....**The Birthday Party Mystery** 48p  
Quackenbush, Robert.....**Surfboard to Peril** 48p  
Roy, Ron.....**The Absent Author (A to Z  
Mysteries)** (PB) 86p  
510L

Siracusa, Catherine.....**The Peanut Butter Gang** 44p  
390L  
Tashjian, Janet.....**Marty Frye, Private Eye** 78p  
330L  
Williams, Philip C.....**The Rainbow Monster (The  
Screech Owl Mysteries)**  
30p

## Fantasy

Dicks, Terrance.....**Sally Ann on Her Own** 60p  
Duey, Kathleen.....**Moonsilver (Unicorn's Secret #1)**  
78p  
French, Vivian.....**Princess Charlotte and the  
Birthday Ball (The Tiara  
Club #1)** 69p  
Hanel, Wolfram.....**Lila's Little Dinosaur** 60p  
Harvey, Jayne.....**Great-Uncle Dracula** 72p  
Leverich, Kathleen.....**Brigid Bewitched (F & PB)** 78p  
310L  
Loehr, Mallory.....**Water Wishes (Magic Elements  
Quartet #1)** (PB) 117p  
410L  
Malcolm, Jahanna N.....**The Ruby Princess Runs Away  
(The Jewel Kingdom #1)**  
68p 520L  
Nixon, Joan Lowery.....**Magnolia's Mixed-Up Magic**  
43p  
Palazzo-Craig, Janet.....**The Adventures of Mole, Rat  
and Toad (Kenneth  
Grahame's The Wind in  
the Willows)** 32p  
Scheidl, Gerda Marie.....**Loretta and the Little Fairy** 61p  
420L  
Worth, Bonnie.....**Going Quackers (Babe: The  
Sheep Pig)** (PB) 61p

## Science Fiction

Greenburg, Dan.....**Dude, Where's My Spaceship?  
(Weird Planet #1)** (PB)  
81p  
McMullan, K.H.....**The New Kid at School (Dragon  
Slayers' Academy)** (PB)  
91p 510L  
Osborne, Mary Pope.....**Dinosaurs Before Dark (Magic  
Tree House)** (F & PB) 68p  
240L  
Pfeffer, Susan Beth.....**Sara Kate, Superkid** 58p  
Pinkwater, Daniel.....**Mush, A Dog from Space** 55p  
410L  
Sadler, Marilyn.....**Bobo Crazy (Girl of the 21st  
Century)** 88p 400L  
Standiford, Natalie.....**Space Dog in Trouble** (PB) 74p  
West, Tracey.....**Sailor Moon: The Return of  
Sailor Moon (Sailor Moon  
Junior Chapter Book #1)**  
(PB) 48p

## Adventure

Ball, Brian.....**The Quest for Queenie** 78p  
Bauer, Marion Dane.....**Alison's Wings** 47p 190L  
Garfield, Leon.....**The Saracen Maid** 26p  
Skurzynski, Gloria.....**The Minstrel in the Tower** 63p  
Stevens, Carla.....**Anna, Grandpa, and the Big  
Storm** 59p 440L

# Animal Stories

Diggs, Lucy.....**Selene Goes Home** 55p  
Elste, Joan.....**True Blue** 48p 420L  
Fleischman, Sid.....**A Carnival of Animals** 48p  
500L  
Freeman, Martha.....**The Trouble with Cats** 77p  
300L  
Graeber, Charlotte.....**Nobody's Dog** 29p  
Griffith, Helen V. ....**Alex and the Cat** 50p  
Hanel, Wolfram.....**Mary and the Mystery Dog** 46p  
300L  
Haas, Jessie.....**Runaway Radish** 56p 340L  
Impey, Rose.....**No-Name Dog** 62p  
King-Smith, Dick.....**Jenius; the Amazing Guinea Pig**  
52p  
Livingstone, Star.....**Harley** 60p 200L  
Moore, Lilian.....**Little Raccoon** 64p  
Moore, Lilian.....**The Terrible Mr. Twitmeyer** 64p  
Ruepp, Krista.....**Midnight Rider** 58p

# Humor

Berenstain, Stan.....**The Goofy Goony Guy** 90p 190L  
Cole, Joanna.....**The Gator Girls** 59p 300L  
Conford, Ellen.....**Annabel the Actress, Starring in**  
**Hound of the Barkervilles**  
83p  
Conford, Ellen.....**Nibble, Nibble, Jenny Archer**  
62p 450L  
Donnelly, Elfie.....**A Package for Miss Marshwater**  
63p  
Keller, Holly.....**I Am Angela** 60p  
Koehler-Pentacoff, E. ....**Louise the One and Only** 64p  
Marshall, James.....**Rats on the Roof** 79p  
Park, Barbara.....**Junie B. Jones & the Stupid**  
**Smelly Bus** (F & PB) 69p  
380L  
Spinelli, Jerry.....**The Bathwater Gang** 59p 420L  
York, Carol Beach.....**Pudmuddles** 44p

# Historical Fiction

Citra, Becky.....**Ellie's New Home (Orca Young**  
**Reader #1)** 82p 390L  
Cohen, Barbara.....**Molly's Pilgrim** 32p 450L  
Hooks, William H.....**Pioneer Cat** 62p (PB) 410L  
McKissack, Patricia.....**Tippy Lemmey** 59p 380L  
O'Neal, Zibby.....**A Long Way to Go (Once Upon**  
**America)** 54p  
Roop, Peter and Connie...**Grace's Letter to Lincoln** 68p  
540L  
Weiss, Ellen.....**Civil War Days (Hitty's Travels**  
**#1)** 79p  
Wilder, Laura Ingalls.....**School Days** 68p 520L

# School, Family and Friends

Brisson, Pat.....**Little Sister, Big Sister** 56p  
310L  
Catalanotto, Peter.....**Secret Lunch Special (Second**  
**Grade Friends)** 56p  
Chall, Marsha Wilson.....**Mattie** 48p  
Christiansen, C. B.....**Sycamore Street** 42p  
Elliott, David.....**The Cool Crazy Crickets** 48p  
Friesinger, Alison.....**Friends In Deed Save the**  
**Manatee** (PB) 72p

Giff, Patricia Reilly.....**A Glass Slipper for Rosie** 73p  
480L  
Greenwood, Pamela D.....**I Found Mouse** 47p  
Gruber, Wilhelm.....**The Upside-Down Reader** 60p  
Hesse, Karen.....**Lavender** 40p 500L  
Hest, Amy.....**Pajama Party** 40p  
Hooks, William H.....**The Girl Who Could Fly** 51p  
Howe, James.....**Pinky and Rex and the School**  
**Play** 40p 530L  
Kline, Suzy.....**Song Lee and the "I Hate You"**  
**Notes** 51p 520L  
Komaiko, Leah.....**Annie Bananie Best Friends to**  
**the End** 78p 360L  
Larson, Kirby.....**Second-Grade Pig Pals** 86p  
410L  
Macdonald, Maryann.....**Secondhand Star** 60p  
Macdonald, Maryann.....**No Room for Francie** 61p  
Medearis, Angela.....**The Adventures of Sugar and**  
**Junior** 32p 200L  
Miles, Miska.....**Pony in the Schoolhouse** 60p  
O'Connor, Jane.....**Corrie's Secret Pal (Here Come**  
**the Brownies series)** 62p  
320L  
Pfeffer, Susan Beth.....**Twin Surprises** (PB) 54p  
Regan, Dian Curtis.....**The Friendship of Milly & Tug**  
62p  
Spinelli, Jerry.....**Tooter Pepperday** (F & PB)  
85p 390L  
Stanley, George Edward...**The Secret Ingredient** (PB)  
59p 380L  
Vazquez, Sarah.....**The School Mural** 24p 540L  
Willner-Pardo, Gina.....**Daphne Eloise Slater, Who's**  
**Tall for Her Age** 39p  
Willner-Pardo, Gina.....**When Jane-Marie Told My**  
**Secret** 39p 230L  
Wyeth, Sharon Dennis.....**Ginger Brown: Too Many**  
**Houses** 69p 300L

# Sports

Auch, Mary Jane.....**Angel & Me and the Bayside**  
**Bombers** 60p  
Bang-Campbell, Monika...**Little Rat Sets Sail** 45p  
Berenstain, Stan.....**Too Small for the Team** 88p (F  
and PB)  
Hest, Amy.....**Party on Ice** 42p  
Kroll, Steven.....**New Kid in Town (The Hit and**  
**Run Gang)** (PB) 74p  
Levine, Caroline.....**The Detective Stars & the Case**  
**of the Super Soccer Team**  
45p  
Simon, Jo Ann.....**Star** 62p 520L

# Slightly Scary Stories

Bauer, Marion Dane.....**The Blue Ghost** 85p 440L  
Berenstain, Stan and Jan...**The Haunted Lighthouse** 88p  
270L (PB)  
Farber, Erica.....**The Headless Gargoyle**  
**(Critters of the Night)** 72p  
470L  
Fleischman, Sid.....**The Ghost on Saturday Night**  
(F & PB) 53p 420L  
Holub, Joan.....**The Spooky Sleepover (EEK!**  
**Stories to Make You**  
**Shriek)** 48p

- Levy, Elizabeth ..... **Frankenstein Moved in on the Fourth Floor** 57p 500L
- Stanley, George Edward... **Ghost Horse** 69p
- Wagener, Gerda ..... **The Ghost in the Classroom** 47p
- Weiss, Ellen..... **The Curse of the Calico Cat** 78p

## Biographies

- Adler, David A. .... **A Picture Book of Amelia Earhart** (J 921 Earhart) 28p
- Alexander, Carol..... **Florence Nightingale** (J 921 Nightingale) 32p 380L
- Birnbaum, Bette..... **Jane Goodall and the Wild Chimpanzees** (J 921 Goodall) 30p
- Carlson, Judy..... **"Nothing is Impossible," Said Nellie Bly** (J 921 Bly) 30p
- Eddy, Susan ..... **Mother Teresa** (J 921 Teresa) 32p 380L
- Evento, Susan ..... **Mary McLeod Bethune** (J 921 Bethune) 32p 440L
- Gleiter, Jan ..... **Booker T. Washington** (J 921 Washington) 32p 350L
- Greene, Carol..... **Pocahontas: Daughter of a Chief** (J 921 Pocahontas) 46p
- Krensky, Stephen ..... **Abe Lincoln and the Muddy Pig** 30p 480L
- Mara, Wil ..... **Colin Powell** (J 921 Powell) 32p 390L
- Mara, Wil ..... **Laura Bush** (J 921 Bush) 32p 380L
- Schaefer, Lola M..... **Henry Ford** 24p 410L (J921 Ford)
- Walker, Pamela ..... **Martin Luther King Jr.** (J 921 King) 24p 450L

## Nonfiction

- Avi..... **Finding Providence: The Story of Roger Williams** (J 974.502 Avi) 46p 450L
- Bauer, Marion Dane..... **Wind** (J 551.518 Bau) 32p 370L
- Bennett, Kelly ..... **Chesapeake Bay** (J 917.5518 Ben) 32p 430L
- Bokoske, Sharon ..... **Dolphins!** (J 599.53 Bok) 48p
- Dussling, Jennifer ..... **Gargoyles, Monsters in Stone** (J 729.5 Dus) 480L
- Dawson, Zoe ..... **China** (Postcards from...) (J 951 Daw) 32p 550L
- Fowler, Allan ..... **Cactuses** (J 583.47 Fow) 32p 440L
- Fowler, Allan ..... **How Animals See Things** (J 591.1823 Fow) 32p 550L
- Fowler, Allan ..... **Telling Tails** (J 591.47 Fow) 32p 520L
- Hayden, Kate..... **Twisters** (J 551.553 Hay) 490L
- Hewitt, Sally..... **The Plains People** (J 970.1 Hew) 24p
- Kuskin, Karla ..... **Soap Soup and Other Verses** (J 811.54 Kus) 64p 500L
- Milton, Joyce..... **Mummies** (J 932 Mil) 48p 530L
- Relf, Patricia ..... **The Magic School Bus Plants Seeds: A Book about How Living Things Grow** (J 582.03 Rel) 27p
- Ribke, Simone T. .... **Grouping at the Dog Show** (J 511.32 Rib) 32p 400L
- Robinson, Fay ..... **Recycle That!** (J 363.7282 Rob) 32p 530L
- Royston, Angela ..... **Fire Fighter!** (J 628.925 Roy) 32p 400L

- Ruffin, Frances ..... **Martin Luther King, Jr. and the March on Washington** (J 323.1196 Ruf) 48p 480L
- Sargent, Brian..... **Guess the Order** (J 513 Sar) 32p 230L
- Selsam, Millicent..... **How Kittens Grow** (J 636.8 Sel) 28p 470L
- Taylor-Butler, Christine ..... **The Missouri River** (J 917.78 Tay) 32p 540L
- Zollman, Pam ..... **Lake Tahoe** (J 917.9438 Zol) 32p 440L

## Classics

- Barrie, J. M. .... **Peter Pan** (adapted) (PB) 93p
- Bulla, Clyde Robert..... **Sword in the Tree (King Arthur)** 113p 380L
- Collodi, Carlo..... **Pinocchio** (adapted) (PB) 103p
- Dickens, Charles ..... **Great Expectations** (adapted) (PB) 100p
- Leroux, Gaston..... **The Phantom of the Opera** (adapted) (PB) 96p
- Warner, Gertrude..... **Boxcar Children (Boxcar Children #1)** 154p 490L

## Award Winners

- Barrows, Annie ..... **Ivy and Bean (Ivy and Bean #1)** (ALA Notable Book) 113p
- Danziger, Paula ..... **Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown (A is for Amber #1)** (Garden State Award) 48p 480L
- DiCamillo, Kate..... **Mercy Watson to the Rescue (Mercy Watson #1)** 68p (ALA Notable Book) 450L
- Gerstein, Mordicai ..... **What Charlie Heard** (J 780.92 IVES) 36p (Parents' Choice Award) 330L
- Kasza, Keiko..... **My Lucky Day** (J/E Kas) 32p (Monarch Award 2006)
- Muth, Jon J. .... **Zen Shorts** (Caldecott Honor Book) (J/E Mut) unpag. 540L
- Silverman, Erica ..... **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa** (Geisel Honor Book) (J/E Sil) unpag 400L
- Steig, William..... **When Everybody Wore a Hat** (New York Times Notable Book) (J 921 Steig) unpag. 240L
- Van Leeuwen, Jean ..... **Amanda Pig and the Really Hot Day** (B) (Geisel Honor Book) 48p 290L

## Character Counts

- Allen, Debbie ..... **Dancing in the Wings** (J/E All) 32p (Respect) 540L
- Cohen, Barbara ..... **Molly's Pilgrim** 32p 450L (Caring)
- Cox, Judy..... **Cool Cat, School Cat** 84p (Responsibility)
- Kline, Suzy..... **Mary Marony and the Chocolate Surprise** 85p (Trustworthiness) 490L
- Korman, Gordon..... **Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire** 84p (Trustworthiness) 460L
- Stevens, Carla..... **Lily and Miss Liberty** 64p (Citizenship) 550L

## Multicultural

- Croll, Carolyn..... **Too Many Babas** (B) 64p 450L (Russian)
- Dooley, Norah..... **Everybody Brings Noodles**