

A Note to Parents and Other Adults:

As closely as we can determine, these books are all on a third grade reading level. A third grade reading level, however, is a fairly wide range going from what the average third grader can read at the beginning of the school year to what she can read at the end of third grade. And many third graders read at a higher or lower reading level than is included in this range.

Please don't hesitate to consult our list of books written on a second or fourth grade reading level. And if you're looking for more titles written on a third grade reading level, check out the list for third grade boys. There's a lot your child may enjoy on that list also.

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, she 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. 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.

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| 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 quite difficult to read and understand. |
| 5 Fingers: | Choose another book. |



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3rd Grade

Books for Girls

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Mysteries

- Ball, Duncan *Emily Eyefinger, Secret Agent* (F) 83p
Cirrone, Dorian *The Missing Silver Dollar* (F) 74p
Brown, Marc *Arthur's Mystery Envelope* (F) 58p
Doolittle, June..... *The Case of the Great Elephant Escape* (The New Adventures of Mary-Kate & Ashley) (PB Olson) 83p
Giff, Patricia Reilly .. *Kidnap at the Catfish Café* (The Adventures of Minnie & Max) (F & PB) 73p
Greenberg, Daniel A. *The Great Baseball Card Hunt* (Southside Sluggers series) (F) 104p
Levy, Elizabeth *Rude Rowdy Rumors* (F) 90p
Monsell, Mary Elise *The Mysterious Cases of Mr. Pin* (F) 53p
Pearson, Susan..... *Eagle-Eye Ernie Comes to Town* (F) 70p
Stanley, George E. . *The Clue of the Left-Handed Envelope* (Third-Grade Detectives series) (F) 62p

Humor

- Ahlberg, Allan *The Children Who Smelled a Rat* (F) 80p
Charbonnet, G *Tutu Much Ballet* (F) 89p
Friedman, Laurie *In Business with Mallory* (F) 159p
Gilson, Jamie *It Goes Eeeeeeeeeeeeeee!* (F) 68p
King-Smith, Dick *Lady Lollipop* (F) 120p
Levy, Elizabeth *Take Two, They're Small* (F) 86p
McDonald, Megan .. *Judy Moody* (F & PB) 160p
McDonald, Megan .. *Judy Moody Gets Famous!* (F & PB) 126p
Morgenstern, Susie.. *Princesses are People, Too* (F & PB) 52p
Pinkwater, Daniel.... *Fat Camp Commandos* (F) 88p
Speck, Katie..... *Maybelle in the Soup* (F) 58p
Wojciechowski, Susan... *Beany and the Dreaded Wedding* (F) 121p
Yolen, Jane *The Acorn Quest* (F) 58p

Animal Stories

- Birney, Betty *Trouble According to Humphrey* (F) 176p
Byars, Betsy *Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the WOOOF Society* (F) 72p
Byars, Betsy *Little Horse* (F) 45p
Charbonnet, G *Snakes Are Nothing to Sneeze At* (F) 70p
Cox, Judy..... *Cool Cat, School Cat* (F) 84p
Cresswell, Helen.... *Meet Posy Bates* (F) 95p
Dale, Jenny..... *Pogo and Pip* (F) 61p
Delaney, Michael.... *Obie, Gerbil on the Loose!* (F) 160p
Gregory, Philippa.... *Florizella and the Wolves* (F) 80p
Haas, Dorothy..... *Poppy and the Outdoors Cat* (F) 128p
Haas, Jessie..... *Beware the Mare* (F) 64p
Haas, Jessie..... *Birthday Pony* (F) 80p
Hesse, Karen..... *Sable* (F) 81p
Jukes, Mavis..... *No One Is Going To Nashville* (F) 36p
Kimmel, Elizabeth... *Balto and the Great Race* (J 636.73 Kim & PB) 97p
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds..... *Cuckoo Feathers* (F) 88p
Rylant, Cynthia *The Storm* (The Lighthouse Family series) (F) 79p
Simon, Jo Ann *Star* (F) 62p
Szymanski, Lois..... *Sea Feather* (PB) 74p
Voake, Steve..... *Daisy Dawson Is on Her Way!* (F) 112p

Science Fiction

- Auch, Mary Jane..... *I Was a Third Grade Science Project* (F & PB) 96p
Coville, Bruce *Space Brat* (F & PB) 68p
Etra, Jonathan *Aliens for Lunch* (F & PB) 62p
Greenburg, Dan..... *My Son the Time Traveler* (F & PB) 57p
Hooks, William..... *The Girl Who Could Fly* (F) 53p
Howe, James..... *Howie Monroe and the Doghouse of Doom* (F) 90p
Mahy, Margaret..... *Raging Robots and Unruly Uncles* (F) 93p
Pinkwater, Daniel.... *Wallpaper from Space* (F) 32p

Fantasy

- Conford, Ellen..... *The Frog Princess of Pelham* (F) 106p
Connor, Catherine .. *Alison Saves the Wedding* (The Magic Attic Club) (PB) 72p
Dadey, Debbie *Goblins Don't Play Video Games* (The Bailey School Kids series) (PB) 82p
Freschet, Berniece .. *Kangaroo Red* (F) 41p
Karr, Kathleen..... *Lighthouse Mermaid* (F) 57p
King-Smith, Dick..... *Harriet's Hare* (F) 104p
Le Guin, Ursula K... *Jane On Her Own* (F) 42p
Luenn, Nancy *Unicorn Crossing* (F) 51p
Plumb, A.R..... *A Thief in the Night: The Further Adventures of Aladdin* (F & PB) 59p
Rodda, Emily *Something Special* (F) 74p
Wallace, Carol and Bill . *The Flying Flea, Callie, and Me* (F) 85p



Historical Fiction

- Borden, Louise *The Little Ships: The Heroic Rescue at Dunkirk in WWII* (F) 28p
Gauch, Patricia..... *This Time, Tempe Wick?* (F) 43p
Gregory, Kristiana... *We Are Patriots* (My America series) (F) 105p
Hest, Amy *Love You, Soldier* (F) 47p
Hooks, William H. ... *Pioneer Cat* (PB) 62p
Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie.... *Canada Geese Quilt* (F & PB) 60p
Krensky, Stephen ... *The Iron Dragon Never Sleeps* (F) 90p
Lasky, Kathryn..... *Grace the Pirate* (F & PB) 51p
Lee, Milly *Nim and the War Effort* (F) 38p
Littlefield, Holly *Fire at the Triangle Factory* (F) 48p
Love, Anne D. *Dakota Spring* (F & PB) 90p
McKenzie, Ellen Kindt... *Stargone John* (F & PB) 67p
McKenzie, Ellen Kindt... *The King, the Princess, and the Tinker* (PB) 69p
Peck, Robert Newton.... *Trig Sees Red* (F) 59p
Porter, Connie..... *Addy Studies Freedom* (American Girls Short Stories) (F) 47p
Skurzynski, Gloria... *The Minstrel in the Tower* (F) 63p
Tripp, Valerie..... *Felicity's New Sister* (American Girls Short Stories) (F) 47p
Weiss, Ellen..... *Civil War Days* (Hitty's Travels series) (F) 79p
Wells, Rosemary *Mary on Horseback: Three Mountain Stories* (F) 53p
Whelan, Gloria..... *Next Spring an Oriole* (F) 60p

Multicultural

- Giff, Patricia Reilly .. **Good Dog, Bonita** (Hispanic American) (F) 69p
 Godden, Rumor..... **Great Grandfather's House** (Japanese) (F) 76p
 Montes, Marisa **A Crazy Mixed-Up Spanglish Day** (Hispanic American) (F) 120p
 Nelson, Vaunda..... **Mayfield Crossing** (African American) (F & PB) 88p
 Rose, Deborah Lee **The Rose Horse** (Jewish American) (F) 60p
 Thomas, Dawn **Kai: A Mission for Her Village** (African) (F) 71p
 Tripp, Valerie..... **Josefina Saves the Day: A Summer Story** (Mexican American) (American Girl Series) (F) 69p
 Yingling, Phyllis S... **My Best Friend Elena Pappas** (Greek American) (F) 46p

- Bowe, Julie..... **My Last Best Friend** (F) 146p
 Broger, Achim **The Day Chubby Became Charles** (F) 90p
 Bulla, Clyde Robert.... **Shoeshine Girl** (F) 84p
 Buss, Nancy **The Lobster and Ivy Higgins** (F) 53p
 Cleary, Beverly **Muggie Maggie** (F) 70p
 Cleary, Beverly **Ramona the Brave** (F & PB) 189p
 Cleary, Beverly **Ramona Quimby, Age 8** (F & PB) 190p
 Conford, Ellen..... **Jenny Archer, Author** (F & PB) 61p
 Cox, Judy..... **Puppy Power** (F) 96p
 DeGroat, Diane..... **Annie Pitts, Swamp Monster** (F) 71p
 Edwards, Michelle .. **Zero Grandparents** (F) 58p
 Fowler, Susi Gregg... **Albertina the Practically Perfect** (F) 80p
 Friedman, Laurie **Back to School, Mallory** (F) 175p
 Giff, Patricia Reilly .. **Adios, Anna** (F) 71p
 Gifford, Peggy..... **Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little** (F) 91p
 Gondosch, Linda **The Monsters of Marble Avenue** (F) 60p
 Graeber, Charlotte.. **Olivia and the Real Live Pet** (F) 120p
 Greene, Carol..... **Robin Hill** (F) 71p
 Greenwald, Ellen **Give Us a Great Big Smile Rosy Cole** (Rosy Cole series) (F) 96p
 Harper, Cherise..... **Just Grace** (F) 144p
 Herman, Charlotte.. **Millie Cooper, 3B** (F) 73p
 Holt, Kimberly Willis..... **Mister and Me** (F) 74p
 Jacobson, Jennifer..... **Winnie (Dancing) on Her Own** (F) 105p
 Keller, Holly..... **Angela's Top-Secret Computer Club** (F) 60p
 Komaiko, Leah..... **Annie Bananie: Best Friends to the End** (F) 78p
 Korman, Gordon **Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire** (F) 84p
 Krensky, Stephen ... **Louise Goes Wild** (F) 80p
 Krull, Kathleen **Alex Fitzgerald's Cure for Nightmares** (F) 61p
 Levinson, Riki **Dinnie Abbie Sister-r-r!** (F) 90p
 Marsden, Carolyn ... **The Gold-Threaded Dress** (F) 71p
 McKenna, Colleen .. **Third Grade Wedding Bells** (F) 156p
 Moss, Marissa **Amelia's Notebook** (F) 30p
 Naylor, Phyllis..... **Anyone Can Eat Squid** (F) 76p
 Peterson, John **The Littles** (The Littles series) (F) 96p
 Pfeffer, Susan **The Riddle Streak** (F) 57p
 Pfeffer, Susan **The Trouble with Wishes** (F) 71p
 Pfeffer, Susan **Twin Troubles** (F) 55p
 Poploff, Michelle **Busy O'Brien and the Great Bubble Gum Blowout** (F) 96p
 Quattlebaum, Mary... **A Year on My Street: Poems** (PB) 46p
 Regan, Dian Curtis . **The Curse of the Trouble Dolls** (F & PB) 58p
 Rylant, Cynthia **In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen** (The Cobble Street Cousins series) (F) 53p
 Spinelli, Eileen **Lizzie Logan Wears Purple Sunglasses** (Lizzie Logan series) (F) 122p
 Spinelli, Eileen..... **Where I Live** (F) 112p
 Spinelli, Jerry..... **The Bathwater Gang** (F) 59p
 Spurr, Elizabeth **Mama's Birthday Surprise** (F) 57p
 Thomas, Jane..... **The Snoop** (F) 55p
 Warner, Sally **Sweet & Sour Lily** (F) 85p
 York, Carol Beach... **The Key to the Playhouse** (F) 70p

Character Counts

- Cohen, Barbara **Molly's Pilgrim** (caring) (F) 28p
 Duffey, Betsy **Hey, New Kid** (honesty) (F) 89p
 Jacobson, Jennifer... **Winnie at Her Best** (caring) (F) 84p
 Jeffers, Susan..... **Brother Eagle, Sister Sky: The Words of Chief Seattle** (J 811.3 Sea) 26p
 Komaiko, Leah..... **Annie Bananie and the People's Court** (citizenship) (F) 88p
 Lobel, Arnold..... **Fables** (J 398.2 Lob) 40p
 Mahy, Margaret..... **The Seven Chinese Brothers** (trustworthiness) (J 398.21 Mah) 35p
 Mead, Alice **Isabella's Above-Ground Pool** (sharing) (F) 106p
 Chief Seattle **Brother Eagle, Sister Sky** (respect) (J 811.3 Sea) 22p
 Warner, Sally **Sweet & Sour Lily** (responsibility) (F) 85p

School, Family and Friends

- Aver, Kate **Joey's Way** (F) 39p
 Baker, Barbara..... **Third Grade Is Terrible** (PB) 104p
 Barrows, Annie **Ivy & Bean** (F & PB) 113p
 Bartlett, Susan..... **Seal Island School** (F & PB) 69p



Sports

- Adler, David.....**Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball** (F & PB) 74p
- Christopher, Matt**The Dog That Pitched a No-Hitter** (PB) 42p
- Dubowski, Cathy.....**The Case of the Slam Dunk Mystery** (The New Adventures of Mary Kate and Ashley series) (PB Olsen) 81p
- Greenburg, Dan.....**My Grandma, Major League Slugger** (PB) 58p
- Hicks, Betty.....**Swimming with Sharks** ((F) 55p
- Kline, Suzy.....**Molly Gets Mad** (F) 71p
- Patrick, Jean L. S. ...**The Girl Who Struck Out Babe Ruth** (PB) 48p
- Pfeffer, Susan.....**Sara Kate, Superkid** (F) 58p
- Pinkney, Andrea.....**Solo Girl** (F) 51p



Slightly Scary Stories

- Bauer, Marion Dane.....**The Secret Life of the Painted House** (F) 112p
- Benton, Jim.....**Lunch Walks Among Us** (Franny K. Stein series) (F & PB) 102p
- Clifford, Eth.....**Never Hit a Ghost With a Baseball Bat** (F) 111p
- Flora, James.....**Grandpa's Ghost Stories** (F) 28p
- Graeber, Charlotte.. **The Thing in Kat's Attic** (F) 49p
- Howe, James.....**It Came from Beneath the Bed!** (F) 90p
- Jones, Marcia.....**Ghost Class** (Ghostville Elementary series) (PB) 111p
- Paton Walsh, Jill.....**Birdy and the Ghosties** (F) 46p

Adventure

- Clifford, Eth.....**Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library!** (F) 105p
- Flory, Jane.....**Miss Plunkett to the Rescue** (F) 84p
- Grover, Wayne.....**Dolphin Treasure** (F & PB) 63p
- Karr, Kathleen.....**The Lighthouse Mermaid** (F) 57p
- Lasky, Kathryn.....**Grace the Pirate** (F & PB) 51p
- Mahy, Margaret.....**The Five Sisters** (F) 80p
- Mahy, Margaret.....**The Great Piratical Rumbustification & The Librarian and the Robbers** (F & PB) 63p
- Naylor, Phyllis.....**Roxie and the Hooligans** (F) 116p
- Orr, Wendy.....**Mokie and Bik** (F) 74p
- Wells, Rosemary**Mary on Horseback: Three Mountain Stories** (F) 53p

Biographies

- Coles, Robert.....**The Story of Ruby Bridges** (J 921 Bridges) 24p
- Ferris, Jeri.....**Walking the Road to Freedom** (J 921 Truth) 64p
- Kulling, Monica.....**Vanished! The Mysterious Disappearance of Amelia Earhart** (J 921 Earhart) 47p
- Keep, Linda.....**Aunt Clara Brown: Official Pioneer** (J 921 Brown) 46p
- Lewis, Brenda.....**The Story of Anne Frank** (J 921 Frank) 48p

Nonfiction

- Bailer, Darice.....**Great Women Athletes** (J 796.092 Bai) 48p
- Brighton, Catherine.. **The Fossil Girl** (J 560.92 Bri) 24p
- Brimner, Larry Dane. **Figure Skating** (J 796.912 Bri) 42p
- Morley, Christine.....**Me and My Pet Dog** (J 636.7 Mor) 31p
- Perez, Miguel.....**The Earth and the Universe** (J 525 Per) 28p
- Petrick, Neila.....**Katherine Stenson Otero: High Flyer** (J 629.13092) 32p
- Roop, Peter & Connie... **If You Lived with the Cherokee** (J 970.3 Cherokee) 78p
- Rothaus, James R.. **Steffi Graf** (J 796.342092 Graf) 31p

Classics

- Brown, Jeff.....**Flat Stanley** (F & PB) 44p
- Blume, Judy.....**Freckle Juice** (F & PB) 40p
- Bulla, Clyde Robert...**Shoeshine Girl** (F) 84p
- Catling, Patrick.....**The Chocolate Touch** (F & PB) 126p
- Cleary, Beverly.....**Ramona the Pest** (F & PB) 192p
- Clifford, Eth.....**Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library** (F) 105p
- Herman, Charlotte.. **The House on Walenska Street** (F) 78p

Award Winners

- Cleary, Beverly.....**Muggie Maggie** (F) 70p
- Dahl, Roald.....**Esio Trot** (F & PB) 62p
- Estes, Eleanor.....**The Hundred Dresses** (F & PB) 80p
- Gannett, Ruth Stiles.....**My Father's Dragon** (F & PB) 86p
- Martin, Jacqueline .. **Snowflake Bentley** (J 921 Bentley) 32p
- MacLachlan, Patricia.....**Sarah, Plain and Tall** (F & PB) 58p
- Woodson, Jacqueline....**Coming on Home Soon** (J E Woo) 32p
- Young, Ed.....**Lon Po Po** (J 398.20951 You) 32p