

Second Grade Booklist

[Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds](#) by David Adler ([Cam Jansen](#))

A fifth-grader with a photographic memory and her friend Eric help solve the mystery of the stolen diamonds.

[Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs](#) by Katherine Applegate ([Roscoe Riley Rules](#))

When the first-graders' bee antennae would not stay on their heads and the drummers would not stay in their seats for the open house play, Roscoe decides to help by using the "don't-you-dare" glue.

[Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One](#) by Judy Blume ([Pain and the Great One](#))

Revisits the sometimes challenging relationship between a six-year-old (The Pain) and his eight-year-old sister (The Great One) through seven chapters featuring such events as learning to ride a bicycle, having a birthday party, and dog-sitting.

[The Mount Rushmore Calamity](#) by Sara Pennypacker ([Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures](#))

Hoping to escape the attention brought on by the accident that flattened Stanley, the Lambchop family drives to South Dakota, where they become involved in a wild west adventure at Mount Rushmore.

[The Chocolate Touch](#) by Patrick Skene Catling

A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

[Muggie Maggie](#) by Beverly Cleary

Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade, until she discovers that knowing how to read and write cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge for her.

[Annabel the Actress Starring in "Gorilla My Dreams"](#) by Ellen Conford ([Annabel the Actress](#))

Though a little disappointed that her first acting part is to be a gorilla at a birthday party, Annabel determines to really get into the role.

[Amber Brown is not a Crayon](#) by Paula Danziger ([Amber Brown](#))

The year she is in the third grade is a sad time for Amber because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state.

[Bink and Gollie](#) by Kate DiCamillo ([Bink and Gollie](#))

Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

[Mercy Watson to the Rescue](#) by Kate DiCamillo ([Mercy Watson](#))

After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

[Pa Lia's First Day](#) by Michelle Edwards ([Jackson Friends](#))

On the first day of second grade at her new school, Pa Lia Vang discovers that things are not as bad as she had feared.

[A Toad for Tuesday](#) by Russell Erickson

On Thursday a toad is captured by an owl who saves him to eat on Tuesday, the owl's birthday, but the intervening five days change his mind.

[Number One Kid](#) by Patricia Reilly Giff ([Zigzag Kids](#))

When Mitchell's father gets a new job and his family moves, he and his sister go to a new school where they must make new friends and adjust to new routines.

[Owen Foote, Second Grade Strongman](#) by Stephanie Greene ([Owen Foote](#))

Owen, a second grader who is being teased for his small size, discovers that his friend Joseph is just as concerned about being overweight, and they share their fear of being humiliated by the school nurse.

[Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel](#) by Nikki Grimes ([Dyamonde Daniel series](#))

Spunky third-grader Dyamonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood, but when she befriends a boy named Free, another new student at school, she finally starts to feel at home.

[The Girl with 500 Middle Names](#) by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Janie's parents move to the suburbs so she can go to a better school, but when she discovers that all the other students are richer than she is, she feels out of place--until she realizes that there are more important things than money.

[B is for Betsy](#) by Carolyn Haywood

Betsy experiences an interesting first year in school and looks forward to summer vacation at her grandfather's farm.

[It Came from Beneath the Bed!](#) by James Howe ([Tales from the House of Bunnica](#))

With help from his Uncle Harold, who wrote books about Bunnica, Howie the wire-haired dachshund writes a story in which he saves the world from a science experiment gone awry.

[Freddie Ramos Takes Off](#) by Jacqueline Jules ([Zapato Power](#))

Freddie finds a mysterious package outside his apartment containing sneakers that allow him to run faster than a train, and inspire him to perform heroic deeds.

[Herbie Jones](#) by Suzy Kline ([Herbie Jones](#))

Herbie's experiences in the third grade include finding bones in the boy's bathroom, wandering away from his class on their field trip, and being promoted to a higher reading group.

[Poison Island](#) by H. I. Larry ([Zac Power](#))

Separated from his parents and older brother, twelve-year-old Zac, a secret agent of the Government Investigation Bureau, must rely on his own skills to obtain the formula for Dr. Drastic's secret Solution X.

[Lotta on Troublemaker Street](#) by Astrid Lindgren

Angry because everyone at home is so mean, five-year-old Lotta takes her favorite toy and goes to live in a neighbor's attic.

[Gooney Bird Greene](#) by Lois Lowry ([Gooney Bird](#))

A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

[Smarter Than Squirrels](#) by Lucy Nolan ([Down Girl and Sit](#))

Recounts the adventures of a rambunctious dog who thinks her name is Down Girl and her next door neighbor, Sit, as they try to keep the world safe from dangerous squirrels, the paper boy, and a frightening creature named Here Kitty Kitty.

[Dinosaurs Before Dark](#) by Mary Pope Osborne ([Magic Tree House](#))

Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic treehouse, which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs.

[**Amazing World of Stuart**](#) by Sara Pennypacker

Stuart makes a magical cape out of some old ties and has a series of adventures, and then he wears the cape to his first day of third grade at his new school, in the hope that it will help him.

[**Buttons for General Washington**](#) by Peter Roop

Reconstructs a possible mission of the fourteen-year-old spy who carried messages to George Washington's camp in the buttons of his coat during the Revolutionary War.

[**Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie**](#) by Peter Roop

In the winter of 1856, a storm delays the lighthouse keeper's return to an island off the coast of Maine, and his daughter Abbie must keep the lights burning by herself.

[**In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen**](#) by Cynthia Rylant ([Cobble Street Cousins](#))

While staying with their aunt for a year, three nine-year-old cousins keep busy baking and selling cookies, putting on a poetry and singing performance, and trying to encourage a romance between their aunt and one of their former customers.

[**Knights of the Kitchen Table**](#) by Jon Scieszka ([Time Warp Trio](#))

When Joe, Fred, and Sam are sent back in time by a magic book, they find themselves face-to-face with giants, dragons, wizards, and the Knights of the Round Table.

[**Olivia Sharp, the Pizza Monster**](#) by Marjorie Sharmat ([Olivia Sharp, Agent for Secrets](#))

Wealthy secret agent Olivia Sharp helps depressed Duncan find a friend.

[**The Class Trip from the Black Lagoon**](#) by Mike Thaler ([Black Lagoon Adventures](#))

A young boy's imagined school trip makes the real trip look mundane.