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Recommended Reading for 2nd Graders



Easy Readers



Yellow Dot — easy

Fly Guy

Tedd Arnold

JEASY ARNOLD yellow dot

Fly Guy unintentionally joins Buzz at school, and then goes with his class on a field trip to a fly swatter factory.

Reading Level: I

Minnie and Moo and the Musk of Zorro

Denys Cazet

JEASY CAZET yellow dot

Minnie and Moo want to give special presents to the Farmer for his birthday, but something goes awry when Moo knits him a sweater.

**Part of the Minnie & Moo series*

Reading Level: K



Blue Dot — medium

Dash

Elizabeth Mills

JEASY BREYER blue dot

Jenny wants to try barrel racing and spends time training with her quarter horse, Dash, but she is apprehensive as the day for her first race at the rodeo approaches.

**Part of the Breyer Stablemates series*

Reading Level: M

Mercy Watson: Something wonky this way comes

Kate DiCamillo

JEASY DICAMILLO blue dot

Mr. and Mrs. Watson think it is a wonderful idea to bring their pet pig Mercy to the drive-in, and when Mercy arrives, she sets off on a mission to find her own buttery bucket of popcorn, much to the dismay of the other movie patrons.

Reading Level: K

The Best Seat In Second Grade

Katharine Kenah

JEASY KENAH blue dot

Sam's favorite thing about second grade is the class pet, a hamster named George Washington, so when the class goes on a field trip to a science museum, Sam cannot resist bringing George along.

Reading Level: J

Amelia Bedelia

Peggy Parish

JEASY PARISH blue dot

A literal-minded housekeeper causes a ruckus in the household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.

** Part of the Amelia Bedelia series*

Reading Level: L

Junie B. Jones, First Grader: Aloha-ha-ha!

Barbara Park

JFIC PARK

Excitable Junie B. Jones manages to find trouble during a trip to Hawaii and records it all in her photo journal.

**Part of the Junie B. Jones Series*

Reading Level: M

Clementine

Sara Pennypacker

JFIC PENNYPACKER

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

**Part of the Clementine series*

Reading Level: O

The Runaway Racehorse

Ron Roy

JFIC ROY

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose investigate the disappearance of a valuable racehorse that Dink's uncle and his friend, Forest Evans, have just bought and entered in a race at Saratoga.

**Part of the A to Z Mysteries Series*

Reading Level: N

Calvin Coconut: Man Trip

Graham Salisbury

JFIC SALISBURY

Fourth-grader Calvin flies from Oahu to the big island of Hawaii to go on a deep-sea fishing trip with Ledward, his mother's boyfriend, and learns to appreciate other living creatures-- especially one enormous marlin.

**Part of the Calvin Coconut Series*

Reading Level: L

Graphic Novels

BabyMouse: Mad Scientist

Jennifer Holm

JGN HOLM

While working on a school science fair project, Babymouse discovers Squish, a new species of amoeba that talks and eats cupcakes.

Reading Level: P

Fish You Were Here

Colleen Venable

JGN VENABLE

Guinea pig Sasspants knows something is wrong with ninth-grader Viola, the new pet shop assistant, so when Mr. Venezia goes missing Sasspants and Hamisher put their private investigation skills to the test.

Reading Level: P



Alvin Ho: Allergic to camping**Lenore Look****JFIC LOOK**

When Alvin's father takes him camping to instill a love of nature, like that of their home-town hero Henry David Thoreau, Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything.

Reading Level: Q**Ruby Lu, Star of the Show****Lenore Look****JFIC LOOK**

Ruby Lu's father loses his job on her first day of third grade, which causes many things in her life to change, and she is willing to do a lot to help out but giving up some things seems impossible.

Reading Level: N**Stink and the Midnight Zombie Walk****Megan McDonald****JFIC MCDONALD**

Stink and his friends try to earn money to buy the latest book in the Nightmare on Zombie Street series and go to the book release party.

Part of the Stink Series*Reading Level: M****The Cats in the Doll Shop****Yona McDonough****JFIC MCDONOUGH**

With World War I raging in Europe, eleven-year-old Anna is thrilled to learn that her cousin Tania is coming from Russia to stay with Anna's family on the lower East Side of New York, and although Tania is shy and withdrawn when she arrives, her love of cats helps her adjust to her new family.

Reading Level: L**Marty McGuire****Kate Messner****JFIC MESSNER**

When tomboy Marty is cast as the princess in the third-grade play, she learns about improvisation, which helps her become more adaptable.

Reading Level: O**Lost! A Dog Called Bear****Wendy Orr****JFIC ORR**

When Logan's dog runs away as he and his mother are moving to a new home after his parents separate, a girl named Hannah, who longs for a dog of her own, finds him.

Reading Level: N**Abe Lincoln at Last!****Mary Pope Osborne****JFIC OSBORNE**

The magic tree house whisks Jack and Annie to Washington D.C. in the 1860s where they meet Abraham Lincoln and collect a feather that will help break a magic spell.

Part of the Magic Tree House*Reading Level: M****Henry & Mudge and the Tumbling Trip****Cynthia Rylant****JEASY RYLANT blue dot**

Henry, his parents, and his dog Mudge take a vacation out West, where they enjoy tumbleweeds, desert animals, souvenirs, and the wide open spaces.

Part of the Henry & Mudge Series*Reading Level: J***Red Dot — advanced***Katie Woo : Katie Saves the Earth****Fran Manushkin****JEASY MANUSHKIN red dot**

With Earth Day coming up, Katie decides to have a yard sale with her friends and recycle her old toys.

Reading Level: J**Fiction****The Sleeping Giant of Goll****Tony Abbott****JFIC ABBOTT**

Lord Sparr has found a new weapon to use against the city of Droon. He's woken up a mean old giant that will obey his every command! It's a good thing Eric, Julie, and Neal are around to help their friends stop Lord Sparr.

Part of the Secrets of Droon series*Reading Level: O****Roscoe Riley Rules: Never Race a Runaway Pumpkin****Katherine Applegate****JFIC APPLLEGATE**

Roscoe is determined to guess the weight of a giant pumpkin in order to win books for his school library and candy for himself, but is overwhelmed by superstitions, especially about a certain black kitten.

Reading Level: L**Ivy & Bean: No News is Good News****Annie Barrows****JFIC BARROWS**

Ivy and Bean try to make money by writing a newspaper about Pancake Court but the neighbors are not pleased to read about themselves.

Reading Level: M**Freckle Juice****Judy Blume****JFIC BLUME**

Nicky has freckles -- they cover his face, his ears, and the whole back of his neck. Sitting behind him in class, Andrew once counted eighty-six of them, and that was just a start! If Andrew had freckles like Nicky, his mother would never know if his neck was dirty.

Reading Level: M

Flat Stanley**Jeff Brown****JFIC BROWN**

Meet Stanley Lambchop. He's an ordinary boy with an extraordinary problem. He's four feet tall, about a foot wide . . . oh, and half an inch thick. At first being flat is fine. But it's not always easy being different, and soon Stanley wishes he could be just like everybody else. Will he ever be normal again?

Reading Level: M**Bad Kitty For President****Nick Bruel****JFIC BRUEL**

Kitty decides to run for President of the Neighborhood Cat Association.

Part of the Bad Kitty series*Reading Level: R****Puppy Power****Judy Cox****JFIC COX**

Boisterous third-grader Fran has trouble controlling herself, but learning how to train her gigantic Newfoundland puppy helps her gain enough self-control to win the part of princess in the class play. Includes instructions on puppy training.

Reading Level: M**The Secret Chicken Society****Judy Cox****JFIC COX**

When Daniel's third-grade class raises baby chicks for a class project and he takes the five chickens home for the summer, he is surprised when one of them turns out to be a rooster.

Reading Level: N**The Minpins****Roald Dahl****JFIC DAHL**

Ignoring warnings against it, little Billy enters the Forest of Sins, only to be pursued by the fearsome Grinder, a creature who chases him high up an ancient tree, where he encounters a city of tree-dwelling, matchstick-sized people.

Reading Level: P**Bink & Gollie: Two for One****Kate DiCamillo****JFIC DICAMILLO**

The state fair is in town, and now Bink and Gollie-utter opposites and best friends extraordinaire-must use teamwork and their gray matter while navigating its many wonders. Will the energetic Bink win the world's largest donut in the Whack-a-Duck game? Will the artistic Gollie wow the crowd in the talent show? As the undaunted duo steps into the mysterious tent of fortune-teller Madame Prunely, one prediction is crystal clear: this unlikely pair will always be the closest of

Reading Level: L**Star Time****Patricia Reilly Giff****JFIC GIFF**

Gina wants more than anything to be the star of the show that her class will perform, but everything seems to go wrong until she makes a generous choice.

Reading Level: L**Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel****Nikki Grimes****JFIC GRIMES**

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.

Reading Level: P**Just Grace and the Double Surprise****Charise Harper****JFIC HARPER**

While Grace and her best friend Mimi are waiting for the arrival of the baby sister Mimi's family plans to adopt, Grace gets a big surprise.

Reading Level: O**Sadie & Ratz****Sonya Hartnett****JFIC HARTNETT**

Hannah and her hands, named Sadie and Ratz, regularly get into trouble, especially when younger brother Baby Boy is around.

Reading Level: M**Martin Bridge: in high gear!****Jessica Scott Kerrin****JFIC KERRIN**

Martin's back in two more stories. For their science fair project, Martin's team is going to help save the planet by organizing a beach walk. In the second story, Martin learns what it takes to score an A+ in teamwork and puts his knowledge of tools to good use as a volunteer at Bicycle Recycle.

Reading Level: N**Yikes! Bikes!****Abby Klein****JFIC KLEIN**

Freddy and his classmates are going to participate in a Bike-a-Thon to help raise money for a local animal shelter, and Freddy needs to learn how to ride a two-wheeler.

Reading Level: N**Horrible Harry and the Scarlet Scissors****Suzu Kline****JFIC KLINE**

The kids in Room 3B are asked to draw posters of things that they love, and one of them will get to share his or her poster on TV.

Reading Level: O