

TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING

by Judy Blume (J BLUME)

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem. *Audience: Gr. 3 – 5*



CADDIE WOODLAWN

by Carol Ryrle Brink (J BRINK)

The story of a feisty young girl growing up in the 1860's – she fights in her one-room schoolhouse and dares to visit Indian camps. *Audience: Gr. 4 – 6*

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

by Alice Carroll (J CARROLL)

A little girl falls down a rabbit hole and discovers a world of nonsensical and amusing characters. *Audience: Gr. K - 6*

RAMONA THE PEST

by Beverly Cleary (J CLEARY)

Ramona meets lots of interesting people in kindergarten class, like Davy whom she keeps trying to kiss and Susan whose springy curls seem to ask to be pulled. *Audience: Gr. K - 4*

THE SCHOOL STORY

by Andrew Clements (J CLEMENT)

After twelve-year-old Natalie writes a wonderful novel, her friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme to get it accepted at the publishing house where Natalie's mother works as an editor.

OVER SEA, UNDER STONE

by Susan Cooper (J COOPER)

Three children on vacation in Cornwall find an ancient manuscript which sends them on a dangerous quest in the eternal battle between the forces of the Light and the Dark. *Audience: Gr. 4 - 6*

LOVE THAT DOG

by Sharon Creech (J CREECH)

A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem. *Audience: Gr. 4 - 6*

THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM 1963

by Christopher P. Curtis (J CURTIS)

When Kenny's 13-year-old brother, Byron, gets to be too much trouble, the Weird Watsons head South to Birmingham to visit Grandma, the one person who can shape him up. But events there change their lives forever. *Audience: Gr. 4 - 7*

THE BALLAD OF LUCY WHIPPLE

by Karen Cushman (J CUSHMAN)

In 1849, twelve-year-old California Morning Whipple, who renames herself Lucy, is distraught when her mother moves the family from Massachusetts to a rough California mining town. *Audience: Gr. 3 - 6*

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

by Roald Dahl (J DAHL)

James, an orphan, is sent to live with his mean aunts, who treat him as a servant. However, a giant peach begins to grow in the back-yard, a peach containing a collection of captivating characters. *Audience: Gr. 2 – 6* Dahl has written many popular books that make great read-alouds.

HANK THE COWDOG

by John Erickson (J ERICKSO)

Hank the Cowdog, Head of Ranch Security, is framed for the murder of a chicken and becomes an outlaw with the coyotes. *Audience: Gr. 2 - 5*

JOEY PIGZA SWALLOWED THE KEY

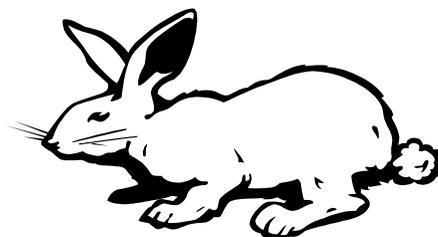
by Jack Gantos (J GANTOS)

Joey Pigza can't sit still. He can't pay attention, he can't follow the rules and he can't help it. Joey knows he's really a good kid, but no matter how hard he tries to do the right thing, something always seems to go wrong. *Audience: Gr. 4 - 6*

STONE FOX

by John R. Gardiner (J GARDINE)

Ten-year-old Willy wants to save his ailing grandfather's farm by winning the purse in a local bobsled race. Based on a Rocky Mountain legend, this is a timeless story, filled with the love of a child for his grandfather, and the loyalty of a dog for his master. *Audience: Gr. 2 - 4*



BUNNICULA

by James Howe (J HOWE)

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire. *Audience: Gr. 3 - 5*

FINN FAMILY MOOMINTROLL (Called THE HAPPY MOOMINS in another edition)

by Tove Jansson (J JANSSON)

First in a series of award-winning books that can be enjoyed equally by adults and children, this tells of one magical summer in Moominvalley, when the somewhat confused but infinitely

hospitable Moomin family cope with the Hobgoblin's hat, a stormy stay on the Hattifattner's Lonely Island, and the terrible Groke. *Audience: Gr. 3 - 4*

COME AGAIN IN THE SPRING

by Richard Kennedy (J KENNEDY)

An old man tries to outsmart Death with the help of the birds who come to his cabin. *Audience: Gr. 2 - 4*

THREE TERRIBLE TRINS

by Dick King-Smith (J KING SM)

Three mouse brothers form a team to get rid of the farmhouse cats. *Audience: Gr. 1 - 5*

FROM THE MIXED UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER

by E.L. Konigsburg (J KONIGSB)

Claudia knew that she could never pull off the old-fashioned kind of running away..." so she decided to run not *from* somewhere but *to* somewhere. And that was how Claudia and her brother, Jamie, ended up living in the Metropolitan Museum of Art -- and right in the middle of a mystery that made headlines.

THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE

by C.S. Lewis (J LEWIS)

Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the noble lion, to triumph over the White Witch who has cursed the land with eternal winter. *Audience: Gr. 1 – 6* One in the *Chronicles of Narnia* series.

BETSY-TACY

by Maud Lovelace (J LOVELAC)

When Tacy moves into the street across from Betsy, they become such good friends that everyone starts to think of them as one person-- Betsy-Tacy. *Audience: Gr. 1 - 3*

READING TOGETHER

Junior Fiction to Share



THE LIGHT PRINCESS

by George MacDonald (J MACDONA)

This beautiful, but pun-filled allegorical fairy tale tells of a princess who has “lost her gravity” – she floats and is never serious – and the noble prince who is willing to die for her. *Audience: Gr. 2 - 4*

SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL

by Patricia S. MacLachlan (J MACLACH)

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother but afraid that she won't stay. See also: *Baby* by this author. *Audience: Gr. 1 - 5*

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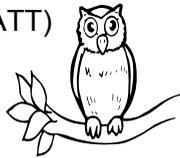
by Robert McCloskey (J MCCLOSK)

Six episodes in the life of Homer Price including one in which he and his pet skunk capture four bandits and another about a donut machine on the rampage. *Audience: Gr. 3 - 4*

OWLS IN THE FAMILY

by Farley Mowatt (J MOWATT)

The famed naturalist relives his adventuresome, fun-filled childhood on the Saskatchewan prairie, raising dogs, gophers, rats, snakes, pigeons, and, most dramatically, owls. *Audience: Gr. 2 – 6*



MRS. FRISBY AND THE

RATS OF NIMH

by Robert O'Brien (J OBRIEN)

An inquisitive mouse becomes involved in an extraordinary adventure when she discovers that her late husband had been held captive in a laboratory with a race of intelligent rats. *Audience: Gr. 4 – 6*

SOUP

by Robert Newton Peck (J PECK)

Best friends in rural Vermont in the 1930's are geniuses at finding trouble. One of a series. *Audience: Gr. 4 – 6*

WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS

by Wilson Rawls (J RAWLS)

Perseverance, courage, family, sacrifice, work, life and death are dealt with in this story about a 10-year-old boy who fulfills his wish for a pair of hounds to be turned into first-class hunting dogs. *Audience: Gr. 3 – 7*

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

by Barbara Robinson (J ROBINSO)

A zany and heartwarming Christmas story – the worst-behaved family of kids comes to Sunday school and takes over the Christmas pageant. *Audience: Gr. 2 – 5*

HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE

by J.K. Rowling (J ROWLING)

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches. *Audience: Gr. 4 and up*

SIDEWAYS STORIES FROM WAYSIDE SCHOOL

by Louis Sachar (J SACHAR)

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story. *Audience: Gr. 3 - 6*

BAMBI

by Felix Salten (J SALTEN)

This is not the Disney version. Salten's deeply beautiful original follows the life of a roe deer from his birth to maturity and the arrival of danger in the form of man. *Audience: Gr. 2 – 5*

A CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE

by George Seldon (J SELDON)

Times Square was never the same after Chester Cricket began giving concerts at Mario's newsstand! *Harry Cat's Pet Puppy* is one of the entertaining sequels. *Audience: Gr. 3 - 6*

THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER

by Elizabeth George Speare (J SPEARE)

A white boy and an Indian boy come of age in the Maine wilderness prior to the Revolutionary War in this story of survival and friendship. *Audience: Gr. 3 - 6*

CALL IT COURAGE

by Armstrong Sperry (J SPERRY)

On an island in the South Seas before the traders and missionaries have arrived, a boy must overcome his fear of the sea. A Newbery Award winner. *Audience: Gr. 2 – 6*

MANIAC MAGEE

by Jerry Spinelli (J SPINELL)

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries. *Audience: Gr. 4 - 6*

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

by E. B. White (J WHITE)

Charlotte, a spider, conspires with the farmer's daughter to save Wilbur, a piglet slated to be butchered in the fall. *Audience: Gr. K - 4*

LITTLE HOUSE IN THE BIG WOODS

by Laura Ingalls Wilder (J WILDER)

Laura Ingalls's story begins in 1871 in a little log cabin on the edge of the Big Woods of Wisconsin. Four-year-old Laura lives in the little house with her Pa, her Ma, her sisters Mary and Carrie, and their trusty dog, Jack. Book one in the Little House series. *Audience: Gr. 3 and up*

WIZARD'S HALL

by Jane Yolen (J YOLEN)

A young apprentice wizard saves the wizard's training hall by trusting and believing in himself. *Audience: Gr. 3 – 4*

SOUNDER

by William Armstrong (J ARMSTRO)

A young boy's world is shattered when his father, a poor share-cropper, is jailed for stealing food for his family. *Audience: Gr. 4 – 7*

MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS

by Richard Atwater (J ATWATER)

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

TUCK EVERLASTING

by Natalie Babbitt (J BABBITT)

The Tucks discover that drinking from a certain spring will make them live forever. *Audience: Gr. 4 – 7*