

CHAPTER BOOKS

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Chapter Books help students transition from easy readers to longer novels. They contain more complex vocabulary and sentence structure, lengthier texts broken into easy-to-digest chapters, and illustrations that add detail and help to hold interest.

Adler, David A. **Cam Jansen**. New York: Puffin Books, 2004. Summary: A fifth-grader with a photographic memory and her friend Eric help solve the mystery of the stolen diamonds. Note: *Series*

Auch, Mary Janel. **I was a third grade spy**. New York: Dell Yearling, 2003,2001. Summary: When Brian's dog Arful suddenly begins talking, Brian and his two friends send the dog to find out what their classmates are planning for the school talent show. Note: *Series*

Barrows, Annie. **Ivy + Bean**. San Francisco Edina, Minn.: Chronicle Books Spotlight, 2011. Summary: When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. Note: *Series*

Beaty, Andrea. **Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters**. New York, Amulet Books, 2018. Summary: When Rosie is unable to invent a contraption to help one of Aunt Rose's Raucous Riveters friends, she calls on classmates Iggy Peck and Ada Twist to help. Note: *Series*

Blume, Judy. **Going, going, gone! with the Pain & the Great One**. New York: Delacorte Press, 2008. Summary: Describes the sibling rivalry between third-grade Abigail and her first-grade brother Jacob Edward. Note: *Series*

Brown, Jeff. **Stanley, flat again!**. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2003. Summary: After Stanley Lambchop goes flat once again, he uses his flatness to help win a sailboat race and to rescue a classmate from a collapsed building. Note: *Series*

Catling, Patrick Skene. **The chocolate touch**. New York: Morrow Junior Books,1979, c1952. Summary: A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

Christopher, Matt. **Touchdown for Tommy**. New York: Little, Brown, 1987. Summary: A young boy worries about making the football team and convincing his foster parents to adopt him. Note: *Series*

Cleary, Beverly. **Henry Huggins**. New York: HarperTrophy, 2000. Summary: Henry Huggins picks up a stray dog, names him Ribsy and sets out on numerous adventures with him, including breeding hundreds of fish and collecting over a thousand worms. Note: *Series*

Cleary, Beverly. **Ramona the pest**. New York: HarperTrophy, 2006, 1968. Summary: Ramona starts kindergarten where her good intentions and uncontrollable curiosity lead her to be labeled a pest. Note: *Series*

Cooper, Brigitte. **STEAM & ice**. Minneapolis, Minnesota, Calico, 2018.

Summary: Overachieving Alana O'Brien tries to compete in her school's STEAM Expo while also trying out for the hockey team.

Delacroix, Alice. **The hero of the third grade**. New York: Holiday House, 2002. Summary: When Randall changes to a new school, he pretends to be an anonymous hero until, when his third grade class plans a fundraiser, he finds that being himself is good enough.

De Laurentiis, Giada. **Rio de Janeiro!**. New York, New York, Grosset & Dunlap, 2015.

Summary: Transported magically to Rio De Janeiro, siblings Alfie and Emilia experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of the vibrant city and participate in the children's parade at Carnival.

Note: *Series*

Friedman, Laurie B. **Mallory on the move**. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2004.

Summary: After moving to a new town, eight-year-old Mallory keeps throwing stones in the "Wishing Pond" but things will not go back to the way they were before, and she remains torn between old and new best friends. Note: *Series*

Greene, Stephanie. **Owen Foote, super spy**. New York: Clarion Books, 2001. Summary: Owen and his friends decide that spying on the school principal at his own house will be a fun challenge.

Note: *Series*

Gutman, Dan. **Miss Daisy is crazy!**. New York: HarperCollins, 2004. Summary: Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J.

Note: *Series*: My Weird School

Hale, Shannon. **The princess in black**. Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, 2014.

Summary: Princess Magnolia usually wears pink and behaves in a dainty manner, but whenever a monster arrives from Monster Land, she transforms into the Princess in Black and, along with her pony Blacky, sends the monsters back to Monster Land. Note: *Series*

Hanlon, Abby. **Dory and the real true friend**. New York, Dial Books for Young Readers, 2015.

Summary: Dory, a highly imaginative youngest child, makes a new friend at school but her brother and sister are sure Rosabelle is imaginary, just like all of Dory's other friends.

Harper, Charise Mericle. **Just Grace**. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Summary: Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire. Note: *Series*

Hurwitz, Johanna. **Mostly Monty**. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2007. Summary: Because he suffers from asthma, six-year-old Monty is nervous about starting first grade but he soon learns to cope with his illness and use his special talents to make friends. Note: *Series*

Kelly, David A. **The pinstripe ghost**. New York: Random House, 2011. Summary: While visiting New York's Yankee Stadium with Kate's mother, cousins Mike and Kate decide to investigate the rumor that the ghost of Babe Ruth is haunting the stadium. Note: *Series*

Kerrin, Jessica Scott. **Martin Bridge ready for takeoff!**. Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2005. Summary: Features three stories about Martin Bridge and his elementary school adventures. In "Riddles,"

Martin gets a substitute bus driver for the cranky one he doesn't like. Martin finds himself in an awkward position in "Faster Blaster" when the hamster he is caring for dies. In "Smithereens," Martin gives his friend a good idea for decorating a rocket ship then can't come up with a good one for himself. Note: *Series*

Kirby, Stan. **Captain Awesome to the rescue!** New York: Little Simon, 2012. Summary: When second-grader Eugene and his family move to a new neighborhood and he starts at a new school, he has a chance to bring out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, to find the kidnapped class hamster. Note: *Series*

Kline, Suzy. **Herbie Jones.** New York: Puffin Books, 2002. Summary: 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. Note: *Series*

Kline, Suzy. **Horrible Harry in room 2B.** New York: Puffin Books, 1997. Summary: Doug discovers that though being Harry's best friend in Miss Mackle's second grade class isn't always easy, as Harry likes to do horrible things, it is often a lot of fun. Note: *Series*

Krulik, Nancy E. (2006). **Anyone but me.** New York Edina, Minn.: Grosset & Dunlap Spotlight. Summary: Katie Carew is tired of being herself and wants to be somebody else, but when her wish comes true she is shocked. Note: *Series*

Lee, Honest. **The unlucky lottery winners of Classroom 13.** Little, Brown and Company, 2017. Summary: Unlucky teacher Ms. Linda Lacrosse wins the lottery and shares her winnings with her class, but they all soon learn that with great money comes a lot of problems--like allergies, taxes, volcanoes, and a multitude of pesky problems for Classroom Thirteen. Note: *Series*

Levine, Gail Carson. **Fairy dust and the quest for the egg.** New York: Disney Press, 2005. Summary: Prilla is a new fairy to Never Land, but her odd behavior surprises the other fairies, who question whether she is suitable for Fairy Haven. The wise Mother Dove has faith in Prilla, who tries to identify her true talent and become a self-respecting Never fairy. In the process, Prilla encounters a hurricane, a selfish fairy, the evil Captain Hook, snobby mermaids, a frightening golden hawk, and an evil dragon. Note: *Series*

Look, Lenore. **Alvin Ho.** New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2009. Summary: 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. Note: *Series*

MacDonald, Betty Bard. Mrs. **Piggle-Wiggle.** New York: HarperCollins, 2007. Summary: From her upside-down house, the eccentric Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle issues to parents her marvelous cures for such common children's diseases as Won't-Put-Away-Toys-itis, Answerbackism, and Fighter-Quarrelitis. Note: *Series*

Maddox, Jake. **Point guard prank.** North Mankato, Minn.: Stone Arch Books, 2013. Summary: Somebody is playing nasty tricks on Ryan DeMoss, point guard for the Hillcrest Hammers, and it is starting to interfere with his game right before the big tournament. Note: *Series*

Maddox, Jake. **Skater's secret**. Minneapolis: Stone Arch Books, 2009. Summary: Maggie is always skating in her sister Shannon's shadow but this time she is determined to make her own success. Includes discussion questions and writing prompts. Note: *Series*

McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody**. Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2010. Summary: Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage. Note: *Series*

McDonald, Megan. **Stink: the incredible shrinking kid**. Edina, Minn.: Spotlight, 2010. Summary: The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

Martin, Ann M. **Missy Piggle-Wiggle and the Whatever Cure**. New York, Feiwel & Friends, 2016. Summary: When Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle departs to search for her husband, who has been away for some years with pirates, she leaves the Upside-Down House and her beloved pets in the care of her great-niece, Missy Piggle-Wiggle. Following in her great-aunt's footsteps, Missy creates imaginative and highly unusual cures for the neighborhood children's misbehavior: The Whatever Cure, the Just-a-Minute Cure, and the Greediness Cure, for instance. school. Note: *Series*

Mlynowski, Sarah. **Fairest of all**. New York: Scholastic Press, 2012. Summary: After moving to a new house, ten-year-old Abby and her younger brother Jonah discover an antique mirror that transports them into the Snow White fairy tale. Note: *Series*

Nilsson, Ulf. *The first case*. Gecko Press, 2015. **Summary:** When a squirrel comes to Detective Gordon about the missing nuts in the forest, Detective Gordon finds himself waiting in the snow for a long time until he finds the perfect assistant to help him. **Note:** *Detective Gordon series*

O'Connor, Jane. **Nancy Clancy, super sleuth**. New York: Harper, 2012. Summary: Nancy Clancy and her friend Bree put their sleuthing skills to work, using their magnifying glass and code-breaking skills to solve a crime that happened right in their classroom. Note: *Series*

O'Ryan, Ray. **Hello, Nebulon!** New York: Little Simon, 2013. Summary: When Zack Nelson's father get a new job on the planet Nebulon, their entire family has to move and Zack worries about adjust to life on a new world. Gradually, however, he learns that life isn't really so bad on this futuristic planet. Note: *Series: Galaxy Zack*

Osborne, Mary Pope. **Dinosaurs before dark**. New York: Random House, 1992. Summary: 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. Note: *Series: The Magic Treehouse*

Paris, Harper. **The mystery of the gold coin**. New York, Little Simon, 2014. Summary: The day before they are set to move houses, Ethan and Ella Briar with horror discover that an ancient gold coin their grandpa gave them has gone missing. It is a race to find the coin before their airplane takes off. Note: *Series*

Parish, Herman. **Amelia Bedelia means business.** Greenwillow Books, 2013. **Summary:** When Amelia Bedelia asks her mom for a new bike--just like the beautiful one new girl Suzanne rides to school each day--her mom tells her a bike like that would cost an arm and a leg. So, Amelia decides to get a job to earn money. **Note:** *Chapter book series*

Paterson, Katherine. **The king's equal.** New York: HarperTrophy (1999). **Summary:** In order to wear the crown of the kingdom, an arrogant young prince must find an equal in his bride. Instead, he finds someone far better than he.

Pennypacker, Sara. **Clementine.** New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2006. **Summary:** 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. **Note:** *Series*

Pennypacker, Sara. **Stuart goes to school.** New York: Scholastic, 2003. **Summary:** Worried about his first day at a new school, eight-year-old Stuart wears his magic cape and hopes that it will help him. **Note:** *Series*

Peterson, John Lawrence. **The Littles.** New York: Scholastic, 1967. **Summary:** Tom Little suggests trying to tame the cat to scare away the mice. **Note:** *Series*

Riddell, Chris. **Ottoline goes to school.** New York: Harper, 2009. **Summary:** Ottoline and Mr. Munroe, her very helpful dog, enroll in the Alice B. Smith School for the Differently Gifted. While Ottoline worries that she may not have a special gift, Mr. Munroe worries about the ghost that is said to haunt the school at night. **Note:** *Series*

Roop, Peter **Buttons for General Washington.** Minneapolis, Minn.: Carolrhoda Books, 1986. **Summary:** 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.

Roy, Ron. **The absent author.** New York: Random House, 1997. **Summary:** Dink Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author Wallis Wallace. **Note:** *Series: A to Z Mysteries*

Sachar, Louis. **Marvin Redpost.** New York: Random House, 1992. **Summary:** Red-haired Marvin is convinced that the reason he looks different from the rest of his family is that he is really the lost prince of Shampoo.

Sachar, Louis. **Sideways stories from Wayside School.** New York: HarperTrophy, 2005, 1978. **Summary:** Presents humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

Shaw, F. C. **Watson's case.** Provo, Utah, Future House Publishing, 2015. **Summary:** Rollie Wilson, a student at the Sherlock Academy of Fine Sleuths, is sent an antique newspaper from 1894 reporting on one of Sherlock Holme's cases, which contains a secret map from his Great Auntie Ei. Rollie must decipher the map and discover the academy's secrets before a mole can give them to the villain, Herr Zilch.

Sheinmel, Courtney. **Stella Batts needs a new name**. Ann Arbor, MI: Sleeping Bear Press, 2012. Summary: When a classmate makes fun of her name, eight-year-old Stella picks a new one for herself, but discovers that the name she abandoned suits her just fine. Note: *Series*

Sobol, Donald J. **Encyclopedia Brown, boy detective**. New York: Puffin Books, 2007. Summary: Encyclopedia Brown, ten-year-old detective, helps the police solve ten puzzling cases. Note: *Series*

Sternberg, Julie. **Like carrot juice on a cupcake**. New York: Amulet Books, 2014. Summary: A new girl at school throws nine-year-old Eleanor's relationship with her best friend Pearl into disarray. Note: and other books by this author

Stoudemire, Amar'e. **Home court**. New York, Scholastic Press, 2012. Summary: Between sports, school, and working for his father, eleven-year-old Amar'e's life is full and he is not yet ready to concentrate on basketball--but when a group of older boys start hogging the local basketball court he knows that he has to do something to help his friends. Note: *Series*

Warner, Sally **Only Emma**. New York: Viking, 2005. Summary: Third-grader Emma's peaceful life as an only child is disrupted when she has to temporarily share her tidy bedroom with four-year-old Anthony Scarpetto, a bona fide "pain in the patootie." Note: *Series*

West, Tracey. **Rise of the earth dragon**. New York, Branches/Scholastic Inc, 2014. Summary: Eight-year-old Drake is snatched up by the King's soldiers and taken to the castle where he is told by the wizard Griffith that he has been chosen to be a Dragon Master like Ana, Rori, and Bo--and his first task will be to discover whether his dragon, Worm, has any special powers. Note: *Series*