



This list encompasses the many reading levels found among second graders. The books can be found in one of three collections. Books in the primary collection (JP) are “controlled vocabulary” i.e. containing words that follow basic phonics rules or words that are found on “sight word” lists. Books in the picture book (PICT) collection can be read by more practiced readers. The J fiction collection is for readers who are ready to tackle longer “chapter books.”

Adventure

JP	Anderson, C. W.	<u>Blaze and the Mountain Lion.</u>
J	Bunting, Eve	<u>Gleam and Glow.</u>
JP	Coerr, Eleanor	<u>Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express.</u>
J	Fleischman, Paul	<u>Lost! A Story in String.</u>
JP	Hooks, William	<u>Lo-Jack and the Pirates.</u>
J	Kimmel, Eric	<u>Charlie Drives the Stage.</u>
J	Kipling, Rudyard	<u>Rikki-Tikki-Tavi.</u>
J	Maddox, Jake	<u>Shipwreck! A Survive! Story.</u>
J	Platt, Richard	<u>Pirate Diary: The Journal of Jake Carpenter.</u>
JP	Ransom, Candice F.	<u>Danger at Sand Cave.</u>
J	Stevens, Carla	<u>Anna, Grandpa, and the Big Storm.</u>
PICT	Teague, Mark	<u>The Secret Shortcut.</u>
J SERIES	Usborne Puzzle Adventures	<u>Agent Arthur's Desert Challenge.</u>

Animals

JP	Ahlberg, Allan	<u>The Pet Shop.</u>
JP	Amato, Carol	<u>Chessie, the Meandering Manatee.</u>
J	Banks, Lynn Reid	<u>Harry the Poisonous Centipede.</u>
JP	Bauer, Marion Dane	<u>Alison's Puppy.</u>
JP	Brenner, Barbara	<u>Beavers Beware!</u>

JP	Bulla, Clyde	<u>Singing Sam.</u>
J	Byars, Betsy	<u>Little Horse.</u>
JP	Cowley, Joy	<u>Agapanthus Hum and Major Bark.</u>
J	Cox, Judy	<u>Cool Cat, School Cat.</u>
JP	Cresswell, Helen	<u>The Weather Cat.</u>
JP	Demas, Corinne	<u>The Perfect Pony.</u>
JP	Ehrlich, Amy	<u>Buck-Buck the Chicken.</u>
JP	Elste, Joan	<u>True Blue.</u>
J	Fine, Anne	<u>The Diary of a Killer Cat.</u>
J	Freeman, Martha	<u>The Trouble with Cats.</u>
JP	Gackenbach, Dick	<u>The Dog and the Deep Dark Woods.</u>
JP	Griffith, Helen	<u>Alex and the Cat.</u>
J	Haas, Jessie	<u>Runaway Radish.</u>
JP	Hall, Lynn	<u>Barry, the Bravest Saint Bernard.</u>
JP	Hänel, Wolfram	<u>Mia the Beach Cat: A Story.</u>
JP	Himmelman, John	<u>The Animal Rescue Club.</u>
J	King-Smith, Dick	<u>Sophie's Tom.</u>
J	Kline, Suzy	<u>Horrible Harry in Room 2B.</u>
J	Kroll, Steven	<u>Andrew Wants a Dog.</u>
JP	Lauber, Patricia	<u>Clarence and the Cat: Adapted from a Chapter in Clarence the TV Dog.</u>
JP	Lundell, Margo	<u>Lad, a Dog: Lad to the Rescue.</u>
JP	McKissack, Patricia	<u>Monkey-Monkey's Trick: Based on an African Folktale.</u>
J PAPERBACK	McKissack, Patricia	<u>Tippy Lemmey.</u>
JP	Miller, Sara Swan	<u>Three Stories You Can Read to Your Cat.</u>
J	Mitchard, Jacquelyn	<u>Rosalie, My Rosalie: The Tale of a Duckling.</u>
J	Moore, Lilian	<u>Little Raccoon.</u>
JP	Pomerantz, Charlotte	<u>The Outside Dog.</u>
JP	Rayner, Mary	<u>Rug.</u>
JP	Rylant, Cynthia	<u>Henry and Mudge and the Happy Cat: The Eighth Book of Their Adventures.</u>
JP	Scheidl, Gerda	<u>Andy's Wild Animal Adventure.</u>
JP	Siracusa, Catherine	<u>The Parrot Problem.</u>
JP	Smith, Mavis	<u>A Snake Mistake.</u>
JP	Stanley, George	<u>Snake Camp.</u>
PICT	Tregebov, Rhea	<u>The Big Storm.</u>
JP	Waas, Uli	<u>Where's Molly?</u>
JP	Winters, Kay	<u>Where are the Bears?</u>

Biographies

JP B F828a	Adler, David	<u>A Picture Book of Anne Frank.</u>
JP B L888aL	Aliki	<u>The King's Day: Louis XIV of France.</u>
JP B G646b	Birnbaum, Bette	<u>Jane Goodall and the Wild Chimpanzees.</u>
JP B B879b	Blos, Joan	<u>The Heroine of the Titanic: A Tale Both True and Otherwise of the Life of Molly Brown.</u>
JP B M939br	Brighton, Catherine	<u>Mozart: Scenes from the Childhood of the Great Composer.</u>
JP B Sa123co	Coerr, Eleanor	<u>Sadako.</u>

JP B L742d	Demarest, Chris	<u>Lindbergh.</u>
J B D419	DePaola, Tomie	<u>26 Fairmount Avenue.</u>
JP B M623f	Fischetto, Laura	<u>Michael the Angel.</u>
JP B G158f	Fisher, Leonard	<u>Galileo.</u>
JP B W318gi	Giblin, James	<u>George Washington: A Picture Book Biography.</u>
JP B R581g	Golenbock, Peter	<u>Teammates.</u>
JP B J82jo	Jordan, Roslyn	<u>Salt in His Shoes.</u>
JP B Ed233ke	Keller, Jack	<u>Tom Edison's Bright Idea.</u>
JP B Om54m	McCully, Emily	<u>The Pirate Queen.</u>
JP B St784m	Miller, Robert	<u>Buffalo Soldiers: The Story of Emanuel Stance.</u>
JP B Sh545s	San Souci, Robert	<u>Kate Shelley: Bound for Legend.</u>
JP B Oa11s	Spinner, Stephanie	<u>Little Sure Shot: The Story of Annie Oakley.</u>
JP B H175s	Stanley, Diane	<u>The True Adventure of Daniel Hall.</u>
JP B K13s	Stanley, Fay	<u>The Last Princess: The Story of Princess Kaiulani.</u>

Fantasy

J	Adams, Georgie	<u>The Three Little Witches Storybook.</u>
J	Buckley, James, Jr.	<u>Spider-Man's Amazing Powers.</u>
JP	Buller, Jon	<u>20,000 Baseball Cards Under the Sea.</u>
J	Coombs, Patricia	<u>The Magician and McTree.</u>
JP	Corbett, Scott	<u>Dr. Merlin's Magic Shop.</u>
JP	Cresswell, Helen	<u>Almost Good-Bye.</u>
J PAPERBACK	Duey, Kathleen	<u>The Silver Thread.</u>
JP	Farber, Erica	<u>Purple Pickle Juice.</u>
J	Gerstein, Mordicai	<u>Fox Eyes.</u>
J	Gould, Robert	<u>Rex.</u>
J SERIES	Andrew Lost	<u>On the Dog.</u>
J	Griffith, Helen	<u>Emily and the Enchanted Frog.</u>
JP	Grindley, Sally	<u>The Giant Postman.</u>
JP	Hautzig, Deborah	<u>Little Witch Goes to School.</u>
J	Hoban, Russell	<u>Monsters.</u>
J	Howe, James	<u>It Came from Beneath the Bed!</u>
J	King-Smith, Dick	<u>Jenius: The Amazing Guinea Pig.</u>
J	Korschunow, Irina	<u>Adam Draws Himself a Dragon.</u>
J	Kurt, Kemal	<u>Mixed-Up Journey to Magic Mountain.</u>
J	Lindgren, Astrid	<u>Pippi's Extraordinary Ordinary Day.</u>
JP	Low, Alice	<u>Zena and the Witch Circus.</u>
JP	Madsen, Ross	<u>Perrywinkle and the Book of Magic Spells.</u>
J	Meddaugh, Susan	<u>Lulu's Hat.</u>
J	Oram, Hiawyn	<u>My Unwilling Witch Goes to Ballet School.</u>
J	Osborne, Mary Pope	<u>Dinosaurs Before Dark.</u>
J	Pennypacker, Sara	<u>Stuart's Cape.</u>
J	Pinkwater, Daniel	<u>The Werewolf Club Meets Dorkula.</u>
JP	Pinkwater, Daniel	<u>Second Grade Ape.</u>
JP	Robert, Adrian	<u>My Grandma, the Witch.</u>
J	Sanvoisin, Eric	<u>The Ink Drinker.</u>
J	Stanley, Diane	<u>The Good-Luck Pencil.</u>
J	Whybrow, Ian	<u>Little Wolf's Haunted Hall for Small Horrors.</u>

Folk and Fairytales

PICT	Aardema, Verna	<u>Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale.</u>
JP	Hautzig, Deborah	<u>Hans Christian Andersen's The Little Mermaid.</u>
J 398.22 B88k	Kellogg, Steven	<u>Paul Bunyan: A Tall Tale.</u>
PICT	Kimmel, Eric	<u>Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock.</u>
JP 398.22 J65L	Lester, Julius	<u>John Henry.</u>
JP 398.2 In39hL	Lewis, Paul	<u>Storm Boy.</u>
J 398 G882 hgm	Marshall, James	<u>Hansel and Gretel.</u>
JP 398.2 En58o	Orgel, Doris	<u>Next Time I Will: An Old English Tale.</u>
JP 398.2 L695pa	Paye, Won-Ldy	<u>Head, Body, Legs: A Story from Liberia.</u>
JP	Schecter, Ellen	<u>The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse.</u>
J 398.22 Ar78sto	Storr, Catherine	<u>The Sword in the Stone.</u>
JP 398 G882frt	Tarcov, Edith	<u>The Frog Prince.</u>
J 398.2 C539yo	Young, Ed	<u>Lon Po Po.</u>

Ghost & Scary Stories

JP	Ahlberg, Allan	<u>The Ghost Train.</u>
J	Asch, Frank	<u>Class Pets: The Ghost of P.S. 42.</u>
JP 398.2 Un58b	Bang, Molly	<u>Wiley and the Hairy Man.</u>
JP	Charles, Veronika	<u>Don't Open the Door!</u>
J 398.2 Un58dd	DeFelice, Cynthia	<u>The Dancing Skeleton.</u>
PICT	Galdone, Joanna	<u>The Tailypo: A Ghost Story.</u>
PICT	Galdone, Paul	<u>The Monster and the Tailor: A Ghost Story.</u>
JP	Greer, Gery	<u>Billy the Ghost and Me.</u>
JP	Impy, Rose	<u>The Flat Man.</u>
J	Levy, Elizabeth	<u>Night of the Living Gerbil.</u>
PICT	Martin, Bill	<u>The Ghost-Eye Tree.</u>
PICT	Mosel, Arlene	<u>The Funny Little Woman.</u>
JP	Parish, Peggy	<u>Zed and the Monsters.</u>
J	Peyton, K.M.	<u>Stealaway.</u>
JP	Schwartz, Alvin	<u>In a Dark, Dark Room, and Other Scary Stories.</u>
JP	Stamper, Judith	<u>Five Creepy Creatures.</u>
PICT	Utton, Peter	<u>The Witch's Hand.</u>
J	Wagener, Gerda	<u>The Ghost in the Classroom.</u>
JP	Woolley, Catherine	<u>Gus was a Gorgeous Ghost.</u>
J	Wright, Betty Ren	<u>The Ghost Witch.</u>

Historical Fiction

JP	Avi	<u>Abigail Takes the Wheel.</u>
JP	Boegehold, Betty	<u>A Horse Called Starfire.</u>
JP	Bolognese, Don	<u>Little Hawk's New Name.</u>
PICT	Bunting, Eve	<u>Cheyenne Again.</u>
JP	Byars, Betsy	<u>The Golly Sisters Go West.</u>
JP	Coerr, Eleanor	<u>Chang's Paper Pony.</u>
J	Cohen, Barbara	<u>Molly's Pilgrim.</u>

JP	Glass, Julie	<u>The Fly on the Ceiling: A Math Myth.</u>
J	Grifalconi, Ann	<u>The Village That Vanished.</u>
J	Howard, Ellen	<u>The Cellar.</u>
JP	Jenner, Caryn	<u>Survivors: The Night the Titanic Sank.</u>
J	Johnson, Dolores	<u>Now Let Me Fly: The Story of a Slave Family.</u>
JP	McCully, Emily	<u>The Battle for St. Michaels.</u>
PICT	Mochizuki, Ken	<u>Baseball Saved Us.</u>
JP	Monjo, F.N.	<u>The Drinking Gourd: Story of the Underground Railroad.</u>
PICT	Nichol, Barbara	<u>Beethoven Lives Upstairs.</u>
JP	Ransom, Candice	<u>Danger at Sand Cave.</u>
JP	Ross, Alice	<u>The Copper Lady.</u>
JP	Sandin, Joan	<u>The Long Way Westward.</u>
JP	Shefelman, Janice	<u>Young Wolf and Spirit Horse.</u>
JP	Shub, Elizabeth	<u>The White Stallion.</u>
JP	Standiford, Natalie	<u>The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto.</u>
JP	Welch, Catherine	<u>Clouds of Terror.</u>
J	Wells, Rosemary	<u>Wingwalker.</u>

Humor

JP	Applegate, Katherine	<u>Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs.</u>
JP	Brenner, Barbara	<u>Too Many Mice.</u>
J	Busser, Marianne	<u>King Bobble.</u>
J	Dahl, Roald	<u>The Enormous Crocodile.</u>
JP	Hooks, William	<u>Mr. Baseball.</u>
JP 793.7 L665r	Levine, Caroline	<u>Riddles to Tell Your Cat.</u>
J	Manes, Stephen	<u>Life is No Fair!</u>
JP	Milne, A. A.	<u>Winnie-the-Pooh and Some Bees.</u>
PICT	Munsch, Robert	<u>Makeup Mess.</u>
JP	Parish, Peggy	<u>Amelia Bedelia.</u>
J	Proimos, James	<u>The Many Adventures of Johnny Mutton: Stories and Pictures.</u>
JP	Quackenbush, Robert	<u>Henry's Awful Mistake.</u>
J SERIES	Ricky Ricotta	<u>Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot.</u>
JP	Seuss, Dr.	<u>Oh Say Can You Say?</u>
J	Stevenson, James	<u>National Worm Day.</u>
PICT	Thaler, Mike	<u>The Gym Teacher from the Black Lagoon.</u>

Mystery

J	Adler, David	<u>Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Haunted House.</u>
JP	Adler, David	<u>Young Cam Jansen and the Missing Cookie.</u>
PICT	Base, Graeme	<u>The Eleventh Hour: A Curious Mystery.</u>
J	Clifford, Eth	<u>Flatfoot Fox and the Case of the Missing Schoolhouse.</u>
PICT	Farber, Erica	<u>The Lost Wish.</u>
JP	Goldsmith, Howard	<u>The Twiddle Twins' Music Box Mystery.</u>
JP	Hayes, Geoffrey	<u>The Treasure of the Lost Lagoon.</u>
J	Hearne, Betsy	<u>Who's in the Hall? A Mystery in Four Chapters.</u>

J	Joose, Barbara M.	<u>Alien Brain Fryout: A Wild Willie Mystery.</u>
J	Landon, Lucinda	<u>Meg Mackintosh and the Case of the Missing Babe</u> <u>Ruth Baseball: A Solve-It-Yourself Mystery.</u>
J	Levy, Elizabeth	<u>A Hare-Raising Tale.</u>
JP	Levy, Elizabeth	<u>The Schoolyard Mystery.</u>
JP	Nixon, Joan Lowery	<u>The Valentine Mystery.</u>
JP	Obrist, Jürg	<u>Max and Molly and the Mystery of the Missing</u> <u>Honey.</u>
J	Pearson, Susan	<u>Eagle-Eye Ernie Comes to Town.</u>
JP	Rocklin, Joanne	<u>The Case of the Backyard Treasure.</u>
JP	Rylant, Cynthia	<u>The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the</u> <u>Missing Monkey.</u>
JP	Sharmat, Marjorie	<u>Nate the Great and the Big Sniff.</u>
J	Torrey, Michele	<u>The Case of the Graveyard Ghost, and Other Super</u> <u>Scientific Cases.</u>
J	Yolen, Jane	<u>Piggins.</u>

School, Friends and Family

JP	Ahlberg, Allan	<u>The Woman Who Won Things.</u>
JP	Altman, Suzanne	<u>My Top Secret Worst Days Diary.</u>
PICT	Brown, Marc	<u>Arthur's Teacher Trouble.</u>
JP	Byars, Betsy	<u>My Brother, Ant.</u>
JP	Cassedy, Sylvia	<u>The Best Cat Suit of All.</u>
JP	Champion, Joyce	<u>Emily and Alice Baby-Sit Burton.</u>
J	Cleary, Beverly	<u>Muggie Maggie.</u>
JP	Cole, Joanna	<u>Bully Trouble.</u>
JP	Cosby, Bill	<u>The Meanest Thing to Say.</u>
J	Cox, Judy	<u>Puppy Power.</u>
JP	Danziger, Paula	<u>What a Trip, Amber Brown.</u>
J	Duffey, Betsy	<u>How to Be Cool in Third Grade.</u>
J	Fletcher, Ralph	<u>Tommy Trouble and the Magic Marble.</u>
J	Galbraith, Kathryn	<u>Roommates.</u>
JP	Gantos, Jack	<u>Rotten Ralph Helps Out.</u>
J	Giff, Patricia Reilly	<u>Starring Rosie.</u>
JP	Giff, Patricia Reilly	<u>Watch Out, Ronald Morgan!</u>
J	Gilson, Jamie	<u>Bug in a Rug.</u>
J	Graves, Bonnie B.	<u>The Best Worst Day.</u>
JP	Guest, Elissa	<u>Iris and Walter.</u>
J	Haddix, Margaret	<u>The Girl with 500 Middle Names.</u>
J	Harper, Jessica	<u>Underpants on My Head.</u>
J	Herman, Charlotte	<u>Max Malone and the Great Cereal Rip-Off.</u>
J	Hest, Amy	<u>Party on Ice.</u>
JP	Holub, Joan	<u>Pen Pals.</u>
JP	Hooks, William	<u>Mr. Monster.</u>
JP	Howe, James	<u>Pinky and Rex and the Spelling Bee.</u>
J	Hurwitz, Johanna	<u>Russell and Elisa.</u>
J	Jacobson, Jennifer	<u>Winnie (Dancing) on Her Own.</u>
J	Jennings, Patrick	<u>The Tornado Watches: An Ike and Mem Story.</u>
JP	Johnston, Tony	<u>Sparky and Eddie: Wild, Wild Rodeo!</u>

J	Kerrim, Jessica	<u>Martin Bridge Ready for Takeoff!</u>
JP	Krensky, Stephen	<u>Lionel and Louise.</u>
J	Kroll, Steven	<u>Annabelle's Un-Birthday.</u>
J	Leverich, Kathleen	<u>Best Enemies.</u>
J	Look, Lenore	<u>Ruby Lu, Brave and True.</u>
J	Manes, Stephen	<u>Chocolate-Covered Ants.</u>
J	McDonald, Megan	<u>Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid.</u>
JP	McDonough, Yona	<u>A Doll Named Dora Anne.</u>
J	McKenna, Colleen	<u>Third Grade Ghouls.</u>
JP	McMorrow, Catherine	<u>The Jellybean Principal.</u>
J	Myers, Laurie	<u>Earthquake in the Third Grade.</u>
J	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	<u>Anyone Can Eat Squid!</u>
JP	O'Connor, Jane	<u>Molly the Brave and Me.</u>
J	Park, Barbara	<u>Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus.</u>
J	Patron, Susan	<u>Maybe Yes, Maybe No, Maybe Maybe.</u>
JP SERIES	Pee Wee Scouts	<u>Cookies and Crutches.</u>
J	Petersen, P. J.	<u>I Hate Company.</u>
JP	Penner, Lucille	<u>Clean Sweep Campers.</u>
JP	Porte, Barbara Ann	<u>Harry in Trouble.</u>
JP	Prager, Annabelle	<u>The Baseball Birthday Party.</u>
JP	Rocklin, Joanne	<u>Jake and the Copycats.</u>
J	Sachar, Louis	<u>Marvin Redpost: Kidnapped at Birth?</u>
J	Seuling, Barbara	<u>Oh No, It's Robert.</u>
JP	Stern, Maggie	<u>George.</u>
J	Warner, Sally	<u>Accidental Lily.</u>
JP	Williams, Suzanne	<u>Emily at School.</u>
J	Willner-Pardo, Gina	<u>Spider Storch's Carpool Catastrophe.</u>
J	Wojciechowski, Susan	<u>Don't Call Me Beanhead!</u>

Space and Science Fiction

JP	Buller, Jon	<u>Baseball Camp on the Planet of the Eyeballs.</u>
JP 523 C689	Cole, Joanna	<u>The Magic School Bus, Lost in the Solar System.</u>
J	Greer, Gery	<u>Let Me Off This Spaceship!</u>
PICT	Kirk, David	<u>Nova's Ark.</u>
PICT	Marshall, Edward	<u>Space Case.</u>
PICT	Passen, Lisa	<u>Attack of the 50-Foot Teacher.</u>
PICT	Pinkney, J. Brian	<u>Cosmo and the Robot.</u>
PICT	Scieszka, Jon	<u>Baloney (Henry P.).</u>
JP	Star Wars	<u>Star Wars, Episode I: Queen in Disguise.</u>
PICT	Van Allsburg, Chris	<u>Zathura.</u>
JP	Weinberger, Kimberly	<u>Space Jam.</u>
PICT	Willis, Jeanne	<u>The Long Blue Blazer.</u>
JP	Yaccarino, Dan	<u>First Day on a Strange New Planet.</u>
JP	Yolen, Jane	<u>Commander Toad in Space.</u>
PICT	Yorinks, Arthur	<u>Company's Going.</u>
JP SERIES	Zack Files	<u>Hang a Left at Venus.</u>

Sports

J	Allard, Harry	<u>Miss Nelson Has a Field Day.</u>
J	Auch, Mary Jane	<u>Angel and Me and the Bayside Bombers.</u>
JP	Bang-Campbell, Monika	<u>Little Rat Sets Sail.</u>
PICT	Bildner, Phil	<u>Shoeless Joe and Black Betsy.</u>
J	Christopher, Matt	<u>The Captain Contest.</u>
JP	Giff, Patricia Reilly	<u>Ronald Morgan Goes to Bat.</u>
J	Herman, Gail	<u>Just Like Mike.</u>
PICT	Hopkinson, Deborah	<u>Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings.</u>
PICT	Jay, Betsy	<u>Swimming Lessons.</u>
J	Kline, Suzy	<u>Molly Gets Mad.</u>
J	Krensky, Stephen	<u>Louise, Soccer Star?</u>
JP	Krulik, Nancy	<u>Soccer Sensation.</u>
JP	Marzollo, Jean	<u>Football Friends.</u>
JP	Mills, Claudia	<u>Gus and Grandpa at Basketball.</u>
JP	Myers, Bernice	<u>Sidney Rella and the Glass Sneaker.</u>
JP	Petersen, P.J.	<u>The Fireplug is First Base.</u>
PICT	Pinkney, J. Brian	<u>Jojo's Flying Side Kick.</u>
JP	Prager, Annabelle	<u>The Baseball Birthday Party.</u>
JP	Torrey, Richard	<u>Beans Baker, Number Five.</u>

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