

3RD-GRADE READERS

The Sandwich Thief by André Marois

J/GN/MAROIS,A

Marin's parents make him the best sandwiches, and every day brings a new, even more delicious sandwich for him to enjoy. Life is great until the day someone steals his most beloved taste sensation: ham-cheddar-kale. This makes Marin hangry, and he won't rest until he brings the sandwich thief to justice.

The Story of Diva and Flea by Mo Willems

J/FICTION/WILLEMS,M

Diva, a small yet brave dog, and Flea, a curious streetwise cat, develop an unexpected friendship in this unforgettable tale of discovery.

Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems by Bob Raczka

J/811.6/RACZKA,B

From the author of *Lemonade: And Other Poems Squeezed from a Single Word* comes another clever collection that shows kids how to look at words and poetry in a whole new way.



Reading Unbound: Why Kids Need to Read What They Want— and Why We Should Let Them

by Jeffrey Wilhelm, Michael Smith, Sharon Fransen
Y/372.409/WILHELM,K

Grown-ups, here's some reading to give you more information about our new book lists this summer, and why we're doing them this way. And make sure you stop by Info Services and ask them to help you find your next great read; don't let your kids have all the fun!

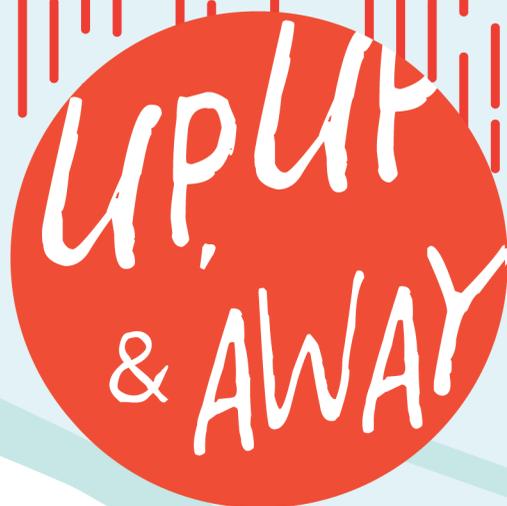
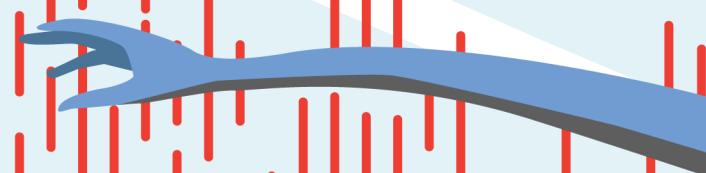
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For 3rd-grade readers—either independently or with a little help

For beginning readers, being read to and reading independently are equally important! Third grade is when children go from “learning to read” to “reading to learn,” which is why third graders are included on this Beginning Readers list as well as the lists for independent readers.

Not every book on every list will be right for your child. If you have questions about any title, please see Kids’ World staff for guidance.

The Bolds by Julian Clary

J/FICTION/CLARY,J

Mr. and Mrs. Bold are just like you and me except for one slight difference: they’re hyenas. Very funny hyenas. For fans of *The Dunderheads*, *Timmy Failure* and *Amelia Bedelia*.

Brambleheart: A Story About Finding Treasure and the Unexpected Magic of Friendship by Henry Cole

J/FICTION/COLE,H

Twig doesn’t know who he wants to be when he grows up. He tries very hard, his imagination wanders and then he loses his focus. After Twig makes a big mistake in front of everyone, he sets out on a secret journey to discover himself. Deep in the yard, Twig finds a dragon’s egg which hatches in front of his eyes. Now protecting the baby dragon is all Twig wants to do. But when he learns that his secret might hurt others, he’s forced to make a choice between his place in the world and the feelings in his heart.

Cody and the Fountain of Happiness by Tricia Springstubb

J/FICTION/SPRINGSTUBB,T

Cody starts her summer vacation with the best of intentions, but every time she tries to help, something goes wrong. Will she ever get it right? For fans of *Ivy and Bean* and *Clementine*.

The Cow Who Climbed a Tree by Gemma Merino

PICTURE/PLAY/MERINO,G

Tina the cow believes that the sky’s the limit and that nothing’s impossible. But her fellow cows aren’t so sure, and when Tina tells them she met a dragon during one of her tree-climbing adventures, they decide her nonsense has gone too far...or maybe not far enough. For fans of *Where the Wild Things Are* and *The Story of Ferdinand*.

The First Case by Ulf Nilsson

J/MYSTERY/NILSSON,U

Help Detective Gordon solve the case of the forest’s dwindling pile of nuts in this sweet animal tale. Makes an engaging read-a-loud.

Fluffy Bunnies Books:

Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies and **The Schnoz of Doom** by Andrea Beaty

J/SF/BEATY,A

Killer bunnies from outer space! Parents obsessed with Spam desserts! (Spam desserts? Gross!) Do yourself a favor and read *Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies* aloud. Make sure the ellipses (that’s the fancy word for three periods in a row...) go DUN DUN DUN in your loudest voice. You won’t regret it, I promise.

Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph by Roxane Orgill

J/781.65/ORGILL,R

When *Esquire* magazine planned an issue to salute the American jazz scene, graphic designer Art Kane pitched a crazy idea. How about gathering a group of beloved jazz musicians and photographing them? Includes bios of several of the 57 musicians, an author’s note, sources, a bibliography and a foldout of Art Kane’s famous photograph.

Little Cat’s Luck by Marion Dane Bauer

J/FICTION/BAUER,M

When an indoor calico cat named Patches spots a golden autumn leaf fluttering past her window, she can’t help but venture outside to chase it. But soon, Patches feels something tugging at her, telling her to find a special place—one she won’t know until she sees it. Why must she go on this search? She doesn’t know yet. But she won’t stop until she does.

Little Robot by Ben Hatke

J/GN/HATKE,B

A charming, nearly wordless story about a girl and her robot. For fans of Calvin and Hobbes, *Phoebe and Her Unicorn* and *Zita the Spacegirl*.

Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins

PICTURE/PLAY/HIGGINS,R

What happens when a bear who just wants some fancy eggs for breakfast ends up with four baby goslings?

The Princess in Black and the Hungry Bunny Horde by Shannon Hale

READ/HALE,S

How can Princess Magnolia and her unicorn, Frimplepants, fight the monsters if they cannot find them? Series: Princess in Black

Record-breaking Animals by Jon Richards

J/590/RICHARDS,J

What is the deadliest animal in the world? How big is the largest insect? Which creature can live for up to 500 years? Find out all about the amazing animals that set world records—from the fastest and tallest to the loudest and biggest—all in stunningly designed infographics.

Rocket and Groot: Stranded on Planet Strip Mall! by Tom Angleberger

J/FICTION/MARVEL

After battling deadly space piranhas in Sector 7 of the Cosmos, Rocket and Groot crash-land on a planet made entirely of strip malls. More fun from the hilarious duo of talking raccoon and his best friend, a tree.

What books have you read this year that you loved? Add them to the list here!

These books can be found under the author’s last name. Some of these titles may be available in another format. Please ask for help at the Kids’ World Desk.