



Books a 3rd Grader Can Fall in Love With!



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These suggested books represent a wide variety of genres, themes, and reading levels that may be right for a soon-to-be 3rd grader. Ask your friendly librarian for more age-appropriate suggestions!

Lola Levine is Not Mean!

by Monica Brown

Sports-loving Lola accidentally injures a classmate during a recess soccer game and resolves to win back her spot on the field.

The Stories Julian Tells

by Ann Cameron
Julian has a big imagination. And he is great at telling stories. He can make people believe just about anything!

Jake Drake, Class Clown

by Andrew Clements

Miss Bruce is the new student teacher in Jake's class, and she never smiles. Jake has a new mission in life: to be so funny that even Miss Bruce will laugh! **Read the whole series!**

26 Fairmount Avenue

by Tomie dePaola

Tomie's family starts building their new house at 26 Fairmount Avenue in 1938, just as a hurricane hits town, starting off a busy, crazy year.

Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot

by Dav Pilkey

Meet Ricky Ricotta, a little mouse with a big problem! **Read the whole series!**

Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, and a Miracle

by Brian Dennis

Nubs, an Iraqi dog of war, never had a home or a person of his own. But Nubs' life changed when he met Marine Major Brian Dennis.

Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet

by Graham Salisbury

Calvin Coconut lives near the beach in Kailua, Hawaii, with his mom and his little sister.

Zack Files 1: My Great-Grandpa's in the Litter Box

by Dan Greenberg

What I wanted was a cute little kitten. Instead, I got a tough tomcat that talks. He says he's my Great-Grandpa Julius and he needs my help. **Read the whole series!**

Pinky and Rex Go to Camp

by James Howe

Pinky and Rex are going to camp for the first time. Pinky just wants to stay home where he belongs. **Read the whole series!**

Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew: The Case of the Sneaky Snowman

by Carolyn Keene

Nancy, Bess, and George are thrilled to be on winter vacation and take part in all of the season's activities! **Read the whole series!**

Captain Awesome to the Rescue

by Stan Kirby

Eight-year-old Eugene McGillicuddy is an imaginative boy who has his very own supersecret superhero alter ego named Captain Awesome. **MI-TEE! Read the whole series!**

Hot Rod Hamster and the Wacky Whatever Race!

by Cynthia Lord

Hot Rod Hamster LOVES to drive superfast. And today he's building a box car from scratch to race downhill in the Wacky Whatever Race.

Imogene's Last Stand

by Candace Fleming

Meet Imogene Tripp, a plucky girl with a passion for history!

Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry
Red-haired, freckle-face Gooney Bird Greene is as unorthodox as her name!
Read the whole series!

Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories
by Sandra Markle
Read about how dogs, cats, cows, monkeys, and even dolphins use their normal senses or special training to help people in trouble or in need all over the world. **Read the whole series!**

When Lightning Comes in a Jar
by Patricia Polacco
It's time for a family reunion! When Tricia's aunts, uncles, and cousins arrive at her house for an annual family reunion, the fun really begins.

Bink and Gollie by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee
Meet Bink and Gollie, two precocious little girls. Setting out from their super-deluxe tree house, they share three comical adventures.

The Season of Styx Malone
by Kekla Magoon
Caleb Franklin and his big brother Bobby Gene are excited to have adventures in the woods behind their house. Then Caleb and Bobby Gene meet new neighbor Styx Malone.

Star Wars: Jedi Academy
by Jeffrey Brown
Just as Roan is mysteriously denied entrance to Pilot School, he is invited to attend Jedi Academy... **Read the whole series!**

All that Trash: The Story of the 1987 Garbage Barge and Our Problem with Stuff by Meghan McCarthy
Lowell Harrelson wanted to turn trash into methane gas so he rented a barge. No state would let him dock his barge because of the smelly waste on board!

Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott
When Jaxon is sent to spend the day with a mean old lady his mother calls Ma, he finds out she's *not* his grandmother--but she is a witch! She needs his help delivering baby dragons to a magical world where they'll be safe.

Heidi Heckelbeck Has a Secret
by Wanda Coven
Heidi Heckelbeck seems like any other eight-year-old, but she has a secret: She's a witch in disguise.
Read the whole series!

The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez
by Adrianna Cuevas
When animals begin disappearing and Abuela starts acting suspicious, Nestor must use his secret ability to communicate with animals to save his town from a tula vieja, a witch that transforms into animals.

Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian
Meet Omar, a delightfully imaginative boy, and his Pakistani family. Omar navigates a big move, religious differences, an unfriendly neighbor, and other ups and downs of being 10 years old. **Read the whole series!**

Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer
by Gillian Goerz
Two girls trying to get out of boring summer camps, two rules for being in the neighborhood unsupervised, plus one missing gecko equals mystery, intrigue and oh so much fun.

A Thousand Questions
by Saadia Faruqi
Mimi and Sakina are worlds apart until one scorching summer in Pakistan brings the unlikely pair together as they navigate drama, life-changing questions, and an unforgettable friendship

Eva Evergreen: Semi-Magical Witch
by Julie Abe
Eva Evergreen has only a pinch of magic, and she'll need every ounce of it to obtain the rank of Novice Witch - or she'll lose her power forever!

Don't forget about these other favorite series and authors: *Amber Brown series* ♦ *Mercy Watson series* ♦ *The Magic Tree House series* ♦ *Black Lagoon Adventures*