

Third Grade Booklist

[My Name is Maria Isabel](#) by Alma Flor Ada

Third grader María Isabel, born in Puerto Rico and now living in the U.S., wants badly to fit in at school; and the teacher's writing assignment "My Greatest Wish" gives her that opportunity.

[Anna Hibiscus](#) by Atinuke ([series](#))

Anna Hibiscus, who lives in Africa with her whole family, loves to splash in the sea and have parties for her aunts, but Anna would love to see snow.

[No. 1 Car Spotter](#) by Atinuke ([series](#))

When the cart breaks down and the villagers can't get their goods to market, Oluwalase Babatunde Benson, otherwise known as the No. 1 car spotter in his village, comes up with a brilliant solution.

[I Was a Third Grade Science Project](#) by Mary Jane Auch ([series](#))

While trying to hypnotize his dog for the third grade science fair, Brian accidentally makes his best friend Josh think he's a cat.

[The Great Snake Swindle](#) by J. Bancherus ([Klooz series](#))

While celebrating his eleventh birthday with his mother and his friend Olga, Klooz relates the case that started his detective career, which involved magic balls, and a boy named Snake who was his best friend.

[Annie's Adventures](#) by Lauren Baratz-Logsted ([Sisters 8 series](#))

On New Year's Eve, the octuplets Huit--Annie, Durinda, Georgia, Jackie, Marcia, Petal, Rebecca, and Zinnia--discover that their parents are missing, and then uncover a mysterious note instructing them that each must find her power and her gift if they want to know what happened to their parents.

[Ivy + Bean](#) by Annie Barrows ([Ivy + Bean series](#))

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.

[Magical Ms. Plum](#) by Bonny Becker

The students in Ms Plum's third grade class soon learn that there is something very special about their teacher and her classroom's mysterious supply closet.

[Superfudge](#) by Judy Blume ([Fudge series](#))

Peter describes the highs and lows of life with his younger brother Fudge.

[Bad Kitty Gets a Bath](#) by Nick Bruel ([Bad Kitty series](#))

Takes a humorous look at the normal way cats bathe, why it is inappropriate for humans to bathe that way, and the challenges of trying to give a cat a real bath with soap and water. Includes fun facts, glossary, and other information.

[The Case of the Lost Boy](#) by Dori Hillestad Butler ([The Buddy Files series](#))

While searching for his mysteriously lost human family, Buddy the dog is adopted by another family and helps solve the mystery of their missing boy.

[Utterly Me, Clarice Bean](#) by Lauren Child ([Clarice Bean series](#))

When someone steals the winner's trophy for the school book project, Clarice emulates her favorite book heroine, Ruby Redfort the detective.

[Ellen Tebbits](#) by Beverly Cleary

The part of third grade Ellen Tebbits likes most is having Austine Allen for her best friend.

[Henry Huggins](#) by Beverly Cleary ([Henry Huggins series](#))

When Henry adopts Ribsy, a dog of no particular breed, humorous adventures follow.

[Beezus and Ramona](#) by Beverly Cleary ([Ramona Quimby series](#))

Beezus' biggest problem is her 4-year-old sister Ramona. Even though Beezus knows sisters are supposed to love each other, with a sister like Ramona, it seems impossible.

[Frindle](#) by Andrew Clements

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

[Absolutely Lucy](#) by Ilene Cooper ([Absolutely Lucy series](#))

Bobby is a shy boy until he gets a beagle puppy named Lucy, who helps him to make new friends.

[Because of Winn-Dixie](#) by Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

[Tale of Despereaux](#) by Kate DiCamillo

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

[Nikki and Deja](#) by Karen English ([Nikki and Deja series](#))

When an arrogant new girl comes to school, third-graders and best friends Nikki and Deja decide to form a club that would exclude her but find the results not what they expected.

[Meet Caroline](#) by Kathleen Ernst ([American Girl Caroline series](#))

When her father is taken prisoner by the British, Caroline Abbott, a young girl living during the War of 1812, tries to help her family run their shipyard.

[Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost](#) by Cornelia Funke ([Ghosthunters series](#))

A timid boy named Tom reluctantly agrees to help professional ghostbuster Hetty Hyssop dispel an IRG (Incredibly Revolting Ghost) from an old house.

[On the Dog](#) by Judith Greenburg ([Andrew Lost series](#))

When ten-year-old Andrew invents a shrinking machine, he does not expect to be sucked into the machine along with his cousin Judy, only to end up in a dog's nose.

[Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel](#) by Nikki Grimes ([Dyamonde Daniel series](#))

Spunky third-grader Dyamonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood, but when she befriends a boy named Free, another new student at school, she finally starts to feel at home.

[The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse](#) by Bruce Hale ([Chet Gecko Mystery series](#))

When hired by a fellow fourth-grader to find her missing brother, Chet Gecko uncovers a plot involving a Gila monster's revenge upon the school football team.

[Just Grace](#) by Cherise Mericle Harper ([Just Grace series](#))

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.

[Here's a Penny](#) by Carolyn Haywood

Follows the adventures of six-year-old William, an adopted boy nicknamed Penny for his copper-colored hair, as he attends a Halloween party, adopts kittens, and finds an older brother to join his family.

[Kickoff Blitz](#) by Blake Hoena ([Sports Illustrated Kids Graphic Novels](#))

When Tou Yang's football team plays the team from his former school, where he was picked on for being small, he struggles to remain focused and use his skills against Darren, who still wants to bully him.

[Babymouse: Queen of the World](#) by Jennifer Holm ([Babymouse series](#))

An imaginative mouse dreams of being queen of the world, but will settle for an invitation to the most popular girl's slumber party.

[Squish, Super Amoeba](#) by Jennifer Holm ([Squish series](#))

Squish, a meek amoeba who loves the comic book exploits of his favorite hero, "Super Amoeba," tries to emulate him when his best friend is threatened by a bully.

[Piper Reed, Navy Brat](#) by Kimberly Willis Holt ([Piper Reed series](#))

Piper is sad about leaving her home and friends behind when her father, a Navy aircraft mechanic, is transferred yet again, but with help from her often-annoying sisters and a surprise from their parents, she finds happiness in their new home in Pensacola, Florida.

[Escape of the Deadly Dinosaur](#) by Elizabeth Singer Hunt ([Secret Agent, Jack Stalwart series](#))

Meet Jack Stalwart. Code name: COURAGE. Jack is an ordinary kid who becomes a secret agent by night, thwarting evil all over the world as he searches for his missing brother, Max. An eager young scientist has brought to life a dangerous flesh-eating dinosaur by crossing its DNA with that of his pet dog, Freddie. Can Jack capture the dinosaur before it destroys New York City?

[The Fenway Foul-Up](#) by David Kelly ([Ballpark Mysteries series](#))

Cousins Mike and Kate are at Boston's Fenway Park when the Red Sox's star hitter discovers that his lucky baseball bat has been stolen.

[Lucy Rose, Here's the Thing About Me](#) by Katy Kelly ([Lucy Rose series](#))

Eight-year-old Lucy Rose keeps a diary of her first year in Washington, D.C., her home since her parents separation, where she spends time with her grandparents, makes new friends, and longs to convince her teacher to let her take care of the class pet during a holiday.

[The Tail of Emily Windsnap](#) by Liz Kessler ([Emily Windsnap series](#))

After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

[Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute](#) by Jarrett Krosoczka ([Lunch Lady series](#))

The school lunch lady is a secret crime fighter who uncovers an evil plot to replace all the popular teachers with robots.

[The Year of the Dog](#) by Grace Lin (Sequel: **[The Year of the Rat](#)**)

When Pacy's mom tells her that the Chinese year of the dog is a good year for friends, family, and "finding herself," Pacy begins searching right away. As the year goes on, she struggles to find her talent, deals with disappointment, makes a new best friend, and discovers just why the year of the dog is a lucky one for her after all.

[Alvin Ho : Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things](#) by Lenore Look (**[Alvin Ho](#)** series)

A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.

[Ruby Lu, Brave and True](#) by Lenore Look (**[Ruby Lu](#)** series)

"Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks and learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.

[Betsy-Tacy](#) by Maud Hart Lovelace (**[Betsy-Tacy](#)** series)

After Tacy Kelly moves into the house across the street from Betsy Ray, the five-year-olds become inseparable friends.

[Digory the Dragon Slayer](#) by Angela McAllister (**[Digory](#)** series)

Digory, a gentle boy who likes to spend time alone in the forest and make up songs to sing, accidentally becomes a knight and reluctantly sets off to rescue damsels in distress, slay dragons, and marry a princess.

[Akimbo and the Elephants](#) by Alexander McCall Smith (**[Akimbo](#)** series)

On the African game preserve where his father works, Akimbo devises a dangerous plan to capture a ring of elephant poachers.

[The Great Cake Mystery: Precious Ramotswe's Very First Case](#) by Alexander McCall Smith

Before becoming the first female private investigator in Botswana, eight-year-old Precious Ramotswe tracks down a thief who has been stealing her classmates' snacks.

[Homer Price](#) by Robert McCloskey

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.

[The New Kid at School](#) by Kate McMullan (**[Dragon Slayer's Academy](#)** series)

Wiglaf is off to Dragon Slayers' Academy and in for a first day of school he will never forget.

[The Case of the Stinky Socks](#) by Lewis Montgomery (**[Milo and Jazz Mysteries](#)** series)

Detectives-in-training Milo and Jazz join forces to tackle their first big case--finding out who stole the lucky socks from the high school baseball team's star pitcher.

[The One-Eyed Giant](#) by Mary Pope Osborne (**[Tales from the Odyssey](#)** series)

Retells a part of the Odyssey in which King Odysseus fights the cyclops.

[Clementine](#) by Sara Pennypacker (**[Clementine](#)** series)

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.

[Rickshaw Girl](#) by Mitali Perkins

In her Bangladesh village, ten-year-old Naimi excels at painting designs called alpanas, but to help her impoverished family financially she would have to be a boy--or disguise herself as one.

[**The Littles**](#) by John Peterson ([The Littles](#) series)

The Littles are a family of tiny people who live in the Bigg family's house. Mr. Little is only six inches tall, and he is big for a Little.

The Littles develop a plan to get rid of the mice in the Bigg's house.

[**The Thumb in the Box**](#) by Ken Roberts ([Thumb](#) series)

Leon and his friend Susan live in New Auckland, an isolated fishing village on the northwest coast of British Columbia. One day, their village receives a fire truck. But there are no roads, no cars, and no fire hydrants. Then, the man who comes to build the fire station brings with him a practical joke--a real live wiggling thumb.

[**Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet**](#) by Graham Salisbury ([Calvin Coconut](#) series)

Nine-year-old Calvin catches the attention of the school bully on the day before he starts fourth grade, while at home, the unfriendly, fifteen-year-old daughter of his mother's best friend has taken over his room.

[**Spaceheadz**](#) by Jon Scieszka ([SPHDZ](#) series)

On his first day at Brooklyn's P.S. 858, fifth-grader Michael K. is teamed with two very strange students, and while he gradually comes to believe they are aliens who need his help, he has trouble convincing anyone else of the truth.

[**Younguncle Comes to Town**](#) by Vandana Singh

In a small town in northern India, three siblings await their father's youngest brother, Younguncle, who is said to be somewhat eccentric.

[**Indian Shoes**](#) by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Together with Grampa, Ray Halfmoon, a Seminole-Cherokee boy, finds creative and amusing solutions to life's challenges.

[**Maybelle in the Soup**](#) by Katie Speck ([Maybelle](#) series)

When Mr. and Mrs. Peabody invite a guest to dinner, Maybelle the cockroach, who lives under their refrigerator, ignores the warnings of Henry the flea to be sensible and ends up "splashing" into a big adventure.

[**I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916**](#) by Lauren Tarshis ([I Survived](#) series)

In July, 1916, Chet Roscow is fascinated by news accounts of the great white shark said to be attacking people along the New Jersey shore not far from his home, but when he goes swimming in Matawan Creek he discovers the truth of the stories.

[**Ellray Jakes is not a Chicken**](#) by Sally Warner ([EllRay Jakes](#) series)

Eight-year-old EllRay's father has promised a family trip to Disneyland if EllRay can stay out of trouble for a week, but not defending himself against Jared, the class bully, proves to be a real challenge.

[**Little House in the Big Woods**](#) by Laura Ingalls Wilder ([Little House](#) series)

A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier, as they help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions with relatives and neighbors.

[**Niagara Falls, or Does it?**](#) by Henry Winkler ([Hank Zipzer](#) series)

Fourth-graders Hank, Ashley, and Frankie are excitedly preparing for a magic show at the Rock 'N Bowl when Hank's creative alternative to an English essay lands him in detention and grounded the week of the show.