

ANIMALS

Banks, Lynn Reid
HARRY THE POISONOUS CENTIPEDE
Harry is a curious young centipede who gets himself in trouble when he makes the forbidden trip up into the dangerous world of "hoo-mins".

Cleary, Beverly
RALPH S. MOUSE *
Ralph goes to school in this third book in the series about the motorcycle riding mouse begun in THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE.

Clifford, Eth
HARVEY’S HORRIBLE SNAKE DISASTER
It’s hard to say which Harvey dreads more: the school’s upcoming Snake Day, or the annual visit from his obnoxious cousin Nora.

Cutler, Jane
RATS!
Brothers Edward and James deal with the unexpected when Spike, their pet rat, has babies.

Erickson, John R.
CASE OF THE MISSING BIRD DOG *
More outrageous adventures of the Head of Ranch Security, HANK THE COWDOG.

Graeber, Charlotte
FUDGE
Chad’s dream of owning Fudge, the brown Labrador puppy he loves, is endangered by the news that his mom is expecting twins.

King-Smith, Dick
HARRY’S MAD
When Harry inherits a talking parrot from his eccentric great-uncle, he has no idea of the adventures in store for him.

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King-Smith, Dick
MARTIN’S MICE
Martin, a farm cat, loves his pet mice and can't understand their desire for freedom until he becomes the pet of a big city apartment dweller.

Kipling, Rudyard
JUST SO STORIES
Classic stories such as “How the Elephant got his Hump” that are still funny today.

Naylor, Phyllis R.
SAVING SHILOH *
Marty defends Judd Travers against accusations of robbery and murder in this final title in the moving series about a dog named SHILOH.

Rylant, Cynthia
GOOSEBERRY PARK
When an ice storm scatters the residents of Gooseberry Park, Kona, the chocolate Labrador, is determined to save his squirrel friend’s babies.

Schlien, Miriam
THE YEAR OF THE PANDA
A Chinese boy nurses an orphaned baby panda back to health and begins an adventure that may change his entire future.

Selden, George
THE CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE *
Chester Cricket and his friends struggle to help their human friends' nearly bankrupt newsstand.

Wallace, Bill
BEAUTY
Luke’s bitterness at his parents’ divorce starts to abate when he becomes friends with an old horse on his Grandpa’s farm.

White, E. B.
CHARLOTTE’S WEB
Wilbur the pig is distraught to learn he is to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, comes up with a plan to save him.

HUMOR

Aardagh, Philip
THE FALL OF FERGAL *
LeFay’s brother falls fourteen stories from the window of the hotel where she is competing in a typing contest—can things get any worse?

Blume, Judy
DOUBLE FUDGE *
Fudge develops an obsession with money in this fourth book in the series begun in TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING.

Bunting, Eve
NASTY, STINKY SNEAKERS
Determined to win the Stinkiest Sneakers in the World contest, Colin doesn’t wash his feet, wear socks, or take off his shoes at bedtime.

Byars, Betsy
WANTED: MUD BLOSSOM *
Junior is convinced that his dog Mud in responsible for the disappearance of the school hamster in this fifth book in the series about the Blossom family, begun in THE NOT-JUST-ANYBODY FAMILY.

Catling, Patrick
THE CHOCOLATE TOUCH
A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch to chocolate.

Cleary, Beverly
RAMONA’S WORLD *
The story of the spunkiest girl in children’s books begins when she was a preschooler in BEEZUS AND RAMONA.

Giff, Patricia Reilly
FOURTH-GRADE CELEBRITY
Tired of being average and unfavorably compared to her older sister, Casey makes plans to become popular.

Lowry, Lois
ZOOMAN SAM *
The third story featuring Anastasia’s little brother Sam and his hilarious adventures, which begin in ALL ABOUT SAM.

Manes, Stephen
BE A PERFECT PERSON IN JUST THREE DAYS
Sick and tired of all his problems, Milo vows to follow the directions for perfection he finds in a library book—no matter how wacky they are!

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds
BOYS IN CONTROL *
It’s the Malloy girls vs. the Hatford boys in this eighth tale of trickery and laughs.

Pilkey, Dav
ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS *
When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the evil Dr. Diaper and his robot henchmen.

Robinson, Barbara
MY BROTHER LOUIS MEASURES WORMS
Louis is not the only unusual member of Mary Elizabeth’s unpredictable family.

Sciescka, Jon
ME OH MAYA*
The Time Warp Trio are back with another bizarre trip back in time to a dangerous, but always funny, place.

Smith, Robert Kimmel
CHOCOLATE FEVER
Henry eats so much chocolate that he breaks out in brown bumps all over his body—could it really be chocolate fever?

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Look in the “X Fiction” shelves, or the “X Paperback” shelves,
under the author’s last name. It’s that easy! If you don’t see it, please ask at the desk.*

FRIENDS/SCHOOL

Clements, Andrew
SCHOOL STORY
Natalie has written a very good novel—but how does a girl who is still in elementary school get a book published?

Creech, Sharon
GRANNY TORELLI MAKES SOUP
When Rosie has a fight with her best friend, the boy next door, Granny Torrelli’s wisdom and understanding help her cope.

Danzinger, Paula
AMBER BROWN GOES FOURTH *
With her parents are newly divorced and her best friend moved away, how will Amber cope with fourth grade?

Eccles, Mary
BY LIZZIE
When Lizzie finds her mom's old typewriter, she decides to record the events of her 9th year.

Gilson, Jamie
THIRTEEN WAYS TO SINK A SUB
The students in room 4B are confident they are a match for any substitute teacher, but they haven’t met Miss Ivanovitch.

Haddad, Charles
MEET CALLIOPE DAY
Resourceful Calliope figures out how to save her rabbit, get out of after school care, and get her pink plastic fangs returned.

Hornik, Laurie
THE SECRETS OF MS. SNICKLE’S CLASS
In this topsy-turvy classroom there are no tests or math lessons, but there are lots of secrets, some of them quite unusual.

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Hurwitz, Johanna
LLAMA IN THE FAMILY
Hoping for a new mountain bike, Adam is stunned when his promised “surprise” turns out to be a llama.

Levy, Elizabeth
KEEP MS. SUGARMAN IN THE FOURTH GRADE
Jackie handcuffs herself to the teacher’s desk to try to prevent the only teacher she has ever liked from leaving.

McKenna, Colleen O’Shaughnessy
FOURTH GRADE IS A JINX
Talk about bad luck--when Collette’s teacher breaks a leg, Collette’s mother becomes the substitute teacher.

Park, Barbara
ROSIE SWANSON: 4TH GRADE
GEEK FOR PRESIDENT
Rosie is determined to become class president despite her reputation as the biggest tattletale in school.

Quattlebaum, Mary
JACKSON JONES AND THE PUDDLE OF THORNS *
Jackson can hardly believe it when his mother buys him a plot in the community garden for his birthday instead of a basketball.

Robinson, Barbara
THE BEST SCHOOL YEAR EVER*
The cigar-smoking Herdman kids waste no time bending rules: they break them outright.

Sachar, Louis
SIDEWAYS STORIES FROM WAYSIDE SCHOOL *
Mrs. Gorf, the meanest teacher at the wacky Wayside School, turns kids she doesn’t like into apples.

Spinelli, Jerry
FOURTH GRADE RATS
Suds’ best friend insists that now they are in fourth grade, Suds must start acting a lot more tough.

Smallcomb, Pam
THE LAST BURP OF MAC McGERP
Trophy-winning burper Mac and his best friend Lido try to outwit the evil new principal who had forbidden all competitions—even burping!

SPORTS

Butler, Dori H.
TRADING PLACES WITH TANK TALBOT
Forced to take swimming lessons against his will, Jason finds an ally in the class bully, who is being forced to take ballroom dancing lessons.

Christopher, Matt
RED HOT HIGHTOPS
One of the many exciting books on all kinds of sports by Matt Christopher.

Greene, Stephanie
OWEN FOOTE, SOCCER STAR *
When Owen and his best friend join the neighborhood soccer league, it’s a test of their game skills and their friendship, too.

Gutman, Dan
HONUS AND ME *
Joe finds the world's most valuable baseball card, which magically transports him back in time to the 1909 World Series.

Smith, Robert Kimmel
BOBBY BASEBALL
Bobby dreams of being a major league pitcher but his father wants him to play second base.

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