

# Books for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders



Applegate, Katherine | *The One and Only Ivan* – When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life. **Level S**

Barrows, Annie | *Ivy + Bean* – 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. (series) **Level M**

Birney, Betty | *The World According to Humphrey* – Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher. (series) **Level O**

Blume, Judy | *Freckle Juice* – Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents. **Level M**

Brown, Peter | *Wild Robot* – Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants. **Level R**

Bruel, Nick | *Happy Birthday, Bad Kitty* – Get ready to party! It's Bad Kitty's birthday, and guess who's on the guest list? Chatty Kitty, Strange Kitty, Stinky Kitty, and her other neighborhood "pals". join the fun in this riotous companion to Bad Kitty and Bad Kitty Gets a Bath! (series) **Level P**

Butler, Dori Hillestad | *Trading Places with Tank Talbott* – Jason, who would rather work on his horror movie screenplay than learn to swim, finds an unlikely ally in Tank, the class bully, who is being forced to take ballroom dance lessons. **Level O**

Cheng, Andrea | *The Year of the Book* – Follows a young Chinese American girl, as she navigates relationships with family, friends, and her fourth-grade classroom, and finds a true best friend. **Level O**

Cleary, Beverly | *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* – A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling. (series) **Level O**

Cleary, Beverly | *Beezus and Ramona* – Beezus' biggest problem is her four-year-old sister Ramona. Even though Beezus knows sisters are supposed to love each other, with a sister like Ramona, it seems impossible. (series) **Level O**

Colfer,

Eoin | *Legend of the Worst Boy in the World* – Every Saturday, while helping polish the lens of the lighthouse his grandfather tends, nine-year-old Will tells a tale that he hopes will top Grandad's, but Grandad always wins until Dad reminds Will of a long forgotten escape with his brother. (series) **Level P**

Cox, Judy | *Cool Cat, School Cat* – Eight-year-old, disorganized Gus misses the dog his family left behind when his moved, but then he meets a stray cat and a bossy classmate who breaks school rules to help him care for it. **Level J**

Dahl, Roald | *Fantastic Mr. Fox* – Three farmers, each one meaner than the other, try all-out warfare to get rid of a fox and his family. **Level P**

DiTerlizzi, Tony | *The Field Guide* – When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences. (series) **Level Q**

Dominguez, Angela | *Stella Díaz has Something to Say* – Stella Díaz wants to be friends with the new boy in class, but sometimes she accidentally speaks Spanish instead of English and pronounces words wrong, which makes her turn roja. In addition, she has to get over her fear of speaking in front of the class. **Level P**

English, Karen | *Nikki & Deja* – 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. (series) **Level N**

Fine, Anne | *The Diary of a Killer Cat* – Tuffy, the pet cat, tries to defend himself against accusations of terrifying other animals and murdering the neighbor's rabbit. **Level M**

Grimes, Nikki | *Words with Wings* – Gabby daydreams to tune out her parents' arguments, but when her parents divorce and she begins a new school, daydreaming gets her into trouble. Her mother scolds her for it, her teacher keeps telling her to pay attention, and the other kids tease her...until she finds a friend who also daydreams and her teacher decides to work a daydreaming-writing session into every school day. With a notebook "thick with daydreams," Gabby grows more confident about herself and her future. This verse novel poignantly celebrates the power of writing and the inspiration a good teacher can deliver. **Level P**



Hanlon, Abby | *Dory Fantasmagory* – Dory, the youngest in her family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts. **Level N**

Klimo, Kate | *Dog Diaries: Ginger* – Ginger the golden retriever narrates the story of her life, from her birth in a puppy mill through the various people who have "owned" her. (series) **Level M**

Levy, Elizabeth | *Danger and Diamonds: A Mystery at Sea* – Eleven-year-old Philippa Bath, who loves mysteries, lives aboard a cruise ship where her parents are employed, and when the new captain and his son arrive, along with some royal guests, she is sure that something is wrong. **Level P**

Look, Lenore | *Alvin Ho : Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things* – 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. (series) **Level Q**

MacDonald, Betty | *Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* – From her upside-down house, eccentric Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle issues to parents her marvelous cures for common children's diseases such as Won't-Put-Away-Toys-itis, Answer-backism, and Fighter-Quarrelitis. (series) **Level O**

MacLachlan, Patricia | *Sarah, Plain and Tall* – When their father orders a mail-order bride to live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope she will stay. (series) **Level R**

McDonald, Megan | *Judy Moody* – Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating a masterpiece, the Me collage. (series) **Level N**

Mlynowski, Sarah | *Whatever After* – After moving to a new house, ten-year-old Abby and her younger brother Jonah discover an antique mirror that transports them into the Snow White fairy tale. **Level M**

Nagda, Ann Whitehead | *Dear Whiskers* – Jenny is discouraged when her second grade penpal turns out to be a new student from Saudi Arabia who does not speak English very well, but as she works with her they slowly become friends. **Level M**

O'Connor, Jane | *Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth* – In her chapter book debut, Nancy Clancy must find the culprit when a prized possession goes missing at school. **Level N**

Pennypacker, Sara | *Clementine* – While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with 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. **Level O**

Seuling, Barbara | *Oh No, It's Robert* – Robert is in the slow reading group but enters the classroom achievement contest. Does Robert have what it takes to succeed? (series) **Level P**

Smallcomb, Pam | *The Last Burp of Mac McGerp* – Mac McGerp, winner of the Best Burper first prize at the Tri-county Fair, and his good friend, Lido, try to figure out how to deal with the new repressive school principal. **Level O**

Spinelli, Eileen | *Another Day as Emily* – Susie is jealous when her brother is deemed a town hero, so she finds solace in the poetry and reclusive lifestyle of Emily Dickinson. **Level M**

Spinelli, Jerry | *Third Grade Angels* – George has just entered third grade and he's a little apprehensive. After all, the rhyme says, 'first grade babies/second grade cats/third grade angels/fourth grade rats.' And, his teacher is going to hold a competition each month to see which student deserves to be awarded 'The Halo' for best behaved and kindest to others. George is determined to win it. **Level J**

Stilton, Geronimo | *Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye* – The discovery of an old map by his sister Thea leads Geronimo and his family to search for buried treasure on a faraway island. (series) **Level O**



Wells, Rosemary | *Mary on Horseback: Three Mountain Stories* – Tells the stories of three families who were helped by the work of Mary Breckinridge, the first nurse to go into the Appalachian Mountains and give medical care to the isolated inhabitants. **Level Q**

White, E. B. | *Charlotte's Web* – Wilbur the pig is desolate when he discovers he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him. **Level R**

Winkler, Henry | *Here's Hank : Bookmarks are People Too!* | Hoping to land the lead in the class play, Hank freezes during his audition and is only able to buzz like a fly, inspiring his teacher to create a special role for him as a silent bookmark that saves the show when a rival suffers an attack of stage fright. (series) **Level O**

