

# GRADES 2-3

## PICTURE BOOKS

Le, Minh  
Oswald, Pete

*Lift*  
*Hike (Libby)*

## PICTURE BOOKS : LONGER

Dahl, Sophie

*Madame Badobedah*

## PICTURE BOOKS: FAVORITES

Jeffers, Oliver

*The Fate of Fausto*

## PICTURE BOOKS : SEASONS

Eggers

*Most of the Better Natural Things in the World (Hoopla)*

## J FIRST CHAPTER

May, Kyla

*Diary of a Pug: Pug Blasts Off*

Baron von Bubbles, a.k.a "Bub," is the self-proclaimed cutest pug on the planet! Things he loves: fashion, peanut butter, and his human, Bella. Things he does NOT love: Nutz the squirrel, baths, and the rain. When Bella enters the Inventor Challenge, Bub helps her craft the best project ever. **(Libby)**

McDonald, Andrew

*Real Pigeons Flight Crime*

Ever wonder why pigeons always act so weird? It's because they're out there chasing the bad guys and saving your butts! Did you know your city is protected by a secret squad of crime-fighting pigeons? It's true! With master of disguise Rock Pigeon, bendy Tumbler, strong Frillback and super-finder Homey, the Real Pigeons will solve any mystery and fight any bad guy to keep the city safe! **(Libby)**

Polak, Monique

*Princess Angelica: Part Time Lion Tamer*

Our favorite pretend princess, Angelica, aka Jelly, is back! A case of mistaken identity, a wild imagination and a love of storytelling leads Jelly to tell her friend Joon and the new kid she's just met, Leo, that she's a part-time lion trainer at the local animal rescue center. Her inventiveness has them completely convinced, but things get a bit more complicated when the resident lioness, Mwezi, escapes from her enclosure and the kids look to Jelly's "expertise" to save the day.

Watson, Tom

*Trouble at Table 5: The Candy Caper*

Molly gets things stuck in her head sometimes. When she sees a jar of candy on Principal Shelton's desk, she absolutely needs to know how many candies are in that jar! Luckily, her two best friends, Simon and Rosie, are ready to help her find the answer--even if it means detention for all of them! **(Hoopla)**

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## **J FICTION SERIES**

J FICTION SERIES Gross

*Hercules and the Pooper Scooper Peril (Gross Gods)*

In this humorous (and gross) retelling of the classic Greek myth, the mighty Hercules takes on twelve disgusting feats--including scooping massive mountains of manure--in this epically gross Greek myth.

## **J FICTION**

Applegate, Katherine

*The One and Only Bob*

Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in search of his long-lost sister with the help of his two best friends, Ivan and Ruby. As a hurricane approaches and time is running out, Bob finds courage he never knew he had and learns the true meaning of friendship and family. **(Libby)**

Bar-El, Dan

*The Very Very Far North*

Duane is a sweet and curious young bear who makes friends with everyone he meets--whether they're bossy, like Major Puff the puffin, or a bit vain, like Handsome the musk ox, or very, very shy, like Boo the caribou. For these arctic friends, every day is a new adventure!

Barrows, Annie

*The Best of Iggy*

Welcome to the wonderful world of Iggy, where the motto is: It seemed like a good idea at the time. Iggy is not a bad kid - he's really not. Okay, so he's done a few bad things. And okay, he's not very sorry about most of them. No one got hurt! Except for that one time when the Best Idea Ever turned into the Worst Idea of All Time.

Bell, Alex

*The Polar Bear Explorer's Club*

Stella Starflake Pearl just wants to be part of the Polar Bear Explorers Club. But Stella's a girl, and everyone knows that girls aren't allowed to be explorers. Stella's ready to prove everyone wrong.

Bonder-Stone

*Jaclyn Hyde*

Jaclyn Hyde wants to be perfect, in fact her fear of mistakes that drives her to consume a Perfection Potion that transforms her into her goblin-like alter ego, Jackie, who's willing to do the extreme to secure the spotlight.

Clover, Andrew

*Rory Branagan: Detective*

Ten-year-old Rory Branagan teams up with his neighbor, Cassidy Corrigan, and canine sidekick, Wilkins Welkin, to investigate his father's disappearance seven years before, but first gets caught up in neighborhood mysteries. **(Libby)**

Cooper, Helen

*The Hippo at the End of the Hall*

When Ben receives a mysterious invitation to an odd museum, he's swept into a peculiar world of forgotten secrets and wild magic in this illustrated novel.

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Cornett, Doug

*Finally, Something Mysterious*

Paul Marconi has always thought that Bellwood was a strange town, but also a boring one. Not much for an eleven-year-old to do. Fires are burning nearby, Paul's parents are obsessed with winning a bratwurst contest, and his best friend, one of the founding members of their only-child detective club, the One and Onlys, is about to acquire a younger sister, sort of undoing their whole reason for existing.

Fletcher, Tom

*The Creakers*

Searching for answers after all the adults in her town disappear, eleven-year-old Lucy goes through a passage under her bed into an upside-down world inhabited by sticky, smelly Creakers. **(Libby)**

Haig, Matt

*The Truth Pixie*

Wherever she is, whatever the day, She only has one kind of thing to say. Just as cats go miaow and cows go moo, The Truth Pixie can only say things that are true.

Harkrader, Lisa

*Crumbled! (The Misadventures of Nobbin Swill)*

On a dark, cloudy night, Nobbin catches a flicker of moonlight glimmering off something in the dung. It could be a button or a buckle, something that might fetch him a coin from the shoemaker. But it turns out to be a very valuable ring--the king's ring, and one that could offer Nobbin a life free from dung!

Johnston, Mike

*Confessions of a Dork Lord*

Twelve-year-old Wick, a warlock-in-training with allergies, sets out to prove that he is ready for his great and terrible destiny--to fill the shoes of his late father, the Dark Lord. **(Libby)**

Maclachlan, Patricia

*Wondrous Rex*

Lily, an aspiring writer, posts an ad for an assistant: *A writer of books needs an assistant, a coach, a helper, for inspiration and some magic!* The next day, Grace opens the door, and there is Rex: a Labrador retriever who will change Grace's life, and Lily's. The word "amazing" is an everyday word for Rex, who inspires Lily, and helps Grace find the words to write her own story.

Martin, Laura

*Hoax for Hire*

The McNeil family has always been professional hoaxers -- tricking bystanders into believing they're seeing legendary creatures like Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster. Unlike the rest of his family, twelve-year-old Grayson hates hoaxing and wants nothing to do with the business -- even when the McNeils land a huge job and must pull off four sea monster hoaxes in a week. **(Libby, Hoopla)**

Mian, Zanib

*Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet*

Imaginative Omar goes through the ups and downs of starting a new school and making new friends with the help of his wonderful (and silly) Muslim family.

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Ortega, Clarabel

*Ghost Squad*

For Lucely Luna, ghosts are more than just the family business. Shortly before Halloween, Lucely and her best friend, Syd, cast a spell that accidentally awakens malicious spirits, wreaking havoc throughout St. Augustine. Together, they must join forces with Syd's witch grandmother, Babette, and her tubby tabby, Chunk, to fight the haunting head-on and reverse the curse to save the town and Lucely's firefly spirits before it's too late. **(Hoopla)**

Rule, Adi

*Hearts of Ice*

Two long-lost sisters. One chance to change their destiny. For as long as she can remember, Evangeline has felt someone missing, like a best friend who moved away, or an imaginary friend she's forgotten. On her birthday, Evangeline finds her window has blown open, and her room is full of snow. There's a message written in the frost. One word. HELP. Evangeline must summon powers she never knew she possessed. But will she learn to believe in herself before it's too late?

Stone, Nic

*Clean Getaway*

Set against the backdrop of the segregation history of the American South, take a trip with this New York Times bestseller and an eleven-year-old boy who is about to discover that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem--his G'ma included. **(Libby)**

Thomson, Melissa

*Tito the Bonecrusher*

Oliver "Spaghetti-O" Jones's dad is about to be jailed for a crime he didn't commit, and Oliver believes the only way to save him is with the help of his favorite lucha-libre wrestler turned action star, Tito the Bonecrusher. Together with his best friend, Brianna (a.k.a. "Brain"), and their new ally Paul "Popcorn" Robards, Oliver devises a madcap plan to spring his dad from a Florida detention center.

Van Eekhout, Greg

*Cog*

Five robots. One unforgettable journey. Their programming will never be the same. Wall-E meets The Wild Robot in this middle grade instant classic about five robots on a mission to rescue their inventor from the corporation that controls them all. **(Libby, Hoopla)**

Weisfeld, Brian

*The Startup Squad*

All the great leaders had to start somewhere. And Theresa ("Resa" for short) is starting with the lemonade stand competition her teacher assigned to the class-but making it a success is going to be a lot harder than Resa thinks.

**J FICTION FANTASY**

Ritter, William

*Changeling (Oddmire Book 1)*

Twelve-year-olds Tinn and Cole, raised as human twins in sleepy Endsborough, risk their lives in the Wild Wood, Oddmire Swamp, and the Deep Dark to learn which is a goblin changeling with an important mission. **(Libby, Hoopla)**

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## J GRAPHIC

Cousteau, Fabien

*Journey Under the Arctic*

Junior explorers Rocco and Olivia join Fabien Cousteau and his research team on an icebreaker in the Arctic Circle, seeking the rare dumbo octopus. Inserts include facts about the effects of climate change, people and animals of the Arctic, and ships.

Dunn, Georgia

*Take it Away Tommy! A Breaking Cat News Adventure*

Once again Lupin, Elvis, and Puck--alongside boisterous field correspondents like Tommy--deliver hard-hitting reportage on all of the most pressing issues, such as Vacuum Awareness Week, the case of the missing breakfast, and the history of fuzzy blankets. The gang also meets new characters like Burt, the free-spirited barn cat who helps solve some AV problems. And these cats will need all of the help they can get to get to the bottom of some mysterious ghost sightings and prove they're not scaredy.

Farina, Katy

*Karen's Witch (Baby-Sitter's Little Sister)*

Karen Brewer lives next door to Mrs. Porter, who wears long robes and has wild gray hair. Mrs. Porter has a black cat named Midnight and always seems to be working in her garden. Karen isn't supposed to spy on her neighbor, but she's determined to prove that Mrs. Porter is a witch named Morbidda Destiny! **(Libby)**

Hale

*Diana: Princess of the Amazons*

Eleven-year-old Diana, the gangly, sometimes clumsy, only child on the island of Themyscira, struggles to live up to the high Amazonian standards and longs for someone her own age whom she can talk to. **(Libby, Hoopla)**

Salati, Giorgio

*Brina the Cat: The Gang of the Feline Sun*

Brina, a city cat, moved to the mountains with the owners for a summer holiday. Here she meets some stray cats who call themselves "The Gang of the Feline Sun". The new friends convince her to escape her owners and become a free cat. But while Brina enjoys her newfound freedom and all the new types of delectable bugs the countryside has to offer, her young owners are panicking over losing her, a member of their family. Brina must make a choice to live with her owners, where it's safe (but confined) or go in the wilderness. **(Hoopla)**

Scieszka, Jon

*AstroNuts: The Plant Planet*

AstroNuts series. It's happening - the end of the world is upon us. It's time to look elsewhere to find a new home. Enter the AstroNuts! Narrated by Planet Earth, this book is about four hybrid animals - LaserShark, AstroWolf, SmartHawk, and StinkBug - created by NNASA (Not-NASA) to explore other planets.

## J NON-FICTION

J 595.7 Messner

*Insect Superpowers: 18 Real Bugs that Smash, Zap,*

*Hypnotize, Sting and Devour!*

A book of insects, with a focus on their 'super powers'--their extraordinary and very real abilities--and an art/design style that evokes comic-book-hero-and-villain awesomeness. The book will include profiles of the animals and their powers, mixed with spreads that compare, contrast, and pit the insects against each other in a kind of 'who would win??' action format. Head-to-head combat! Astounding weapons and abilities! Awesomeness! Plus: science. **(Hoopla)**

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J 575.9 Keller

*Fungus is Among Us!*

You can run, but you can't hide. They're in the air you breathe. They're in the food you eat. They're on your body. Fungi are EVERYWHERE! But wait . . . do you need to be afraid? From fun facts about fairy circles to the delicious secret behind pizza, this book is the perfect read for young scientists. It even contains a Q & A section with a real-life mycologist!

J 597.3 Markle

*The Great Shark Rescue*

Top-selling science author Sandra Markle presents the story of whale sharks--the largest fish on the planet. Facing threats from commercial fishing as well as climate change, they were categorized as endangered in 2016. Find out how scientists are working to study and protect these gentle giants of the ocean. **(Hoopla)**

J636.8 Hamilton

*Fearless Felines: 30 True Tales of Courageous Cats*

Drawing from the thrilling lives of more than 30 adorable cats throughout history, Kimberlie Hamilton retells the fascinating tales of cats through the centuries.

J792.028 Allman

*A is for Audra: Broadway's Leading Ladies*

Step into the spotlight and celebrate a cavalcade of Broadway's legendary leading ladies. Start with "A" for six-time Tony Award winner Audra McDonald, then sing and dance your way through the alphabet with beloved entertainers like Carol Channing, Angela Lansbury, Patti LuPone, Bernadette Peters, Chita Rivera, Lea Salonga, and Liza Minnelli!

## **J BIOGRAPHIES**

J BIO EPERSON Renaud

*The Boy Who Invented the Popsicle: The Cool Science Behind Frank Epperson's Famous Frozen Treat*

In this innovative picture book, Anne Renaud tells a lively story inspired by a real person and true events.

Budding scientists will be inspired to emulate the way Frank follows his curiosity, works hard and never gives up --- a growth mindset in action. **(Hoopla)**

J Bio GATES Mentyka

*Think Smart: Be Fearless: A Biography of Bill Gates*

*Think Smart, Be Fearless* tells the inspiring story of Bill Gates, one of America's most fascinating entrepreneurs, starting from his early years as a precocious, inquisitive child who faced challenges fitting in with his classmates.

J BIO HO'ONANI

*Ho'onani: Hula Warrior*

Based on a true story, *Ho'onani: Hula Warrior* is a celebration of Hawaiian culture and an empowering story of a girl who learns to lead and learns to accept who she really is - and in doing so, gains the respect of all those around her.