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Great Books for Second Graders

The following is a list of suggested books for Second Grade readers. Many of these authors will have additional titles appropriate for this age level.

Picture Books

Picture books can be found under the author's last name unless otherwise noted in parenthesis ().

[Bad Kitty](#) by Nick Bruel

When a kitty discovers there is no cat food in the house, she decides to become very, very bad.

[Stellaluna](#) by Janell Cannon

After she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother.

[Great Kapok Tree](#) by Lynn Cherry

The many different animals that live in a great kapok tree in the Brazilian rain forest try to convince a man with an ax of the importance of not cutting down their home.

[A Fine, Fine School](#) by Sharon Creech

When a principal loves his school so much that he wants the children to attend classes every day of the year, it's up to his students to show him free time is a good thing, too.

[Enemy Pie](#) by Derek Munson

Hoping that the enemy pie which his father makes will help him get rid of his enemy, a little boy finds that instead it helps make a new friend.



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[Battle Bunny](#) by Jon Scieszka (Graphic BAT)

Alex, whose birthday it is, hijacks a story about Birthday Bunny on his special day and turns it into a battle between a supervillain and his enemies in the forest--who, in the original story, are simply planning a surprise party.

[A Bad Case of Stripes](#) by David Shannon (Picture Book Older Shannon)

In order to ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself.

Easy Readers

Call number is in parenthesis (). Many of these Easy Reader books are part of a series.
Be sure to look for the other titles!

[Young Cam Jansen and the Dinosaur Game](#) by David Adler (ADL)

When fifth-grader Cam Jansen and her friend Eric go to a birthday party, she uses her photographic memory to solve the puzzle of the dinosaur count.

[Flat Stanley at Bat](#) by Jeff Brown (ICA)

Flat Stanley finds himself trying out for the baseball team and outwitting the best players until the fairness of his "flat-vantage" is called into question.

[Pinky and Rex](#) by James Howe (HOW)

Rex and her best friend Pinky, each the proud possessor of twenty-seven stuffed animals or dinosaurs, find their visit to the museum and its gift shop complicated by Pinky's little sister Amanda.

[Splat the Cat: The Name of the Game](#) by Amy Hsu Lin (ICA)

Splat the Cat is excited to play games with his friends -- until he loses every game! Will Spalt find a way to have fun?"



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[Frog and Toad are Friends](#) by Arnold Lobel (LOB)

Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends - Frog and Toad.

[Katie Woo: Best Season Ever](#) by Fran Manushkin (MAN)

Katie and her friends Pedro and JoJo disagree over which season of the year is the best.

[Fancy Nancy Sees Stars](#) by Jane O'Connor (ICA)

When a rainstorm prevents Nancy and her best friend, Robert, from getting to the planetarium the night of a class field trip, she has a brilliant idea for making things better.

[Pete the Cat: Pete's Big Lunch](#) by James Dean (PET)

Pete the cat shares his big lunch with his friends.

[Annie and Snowball and the Dress Up Birthday](#) by Cynthia Rylant (RYL)

Annie and her pet rabbit, Snowball, invite Henry and Mudge to a dress-up birthday party, but there is some confusion about what the guests are supposed to wear.

[Poppleton](#) by Cynthia Rylant (RYL)

Poppleton the pig makes a friend, reads a library book about adventure, and helps a sick friend get better.

[Mr. Putter and Tabby Turn the Page](#) by Cynthia Rylant (RYL)

Mr. Putter and Mrs. Teaberry bring Tabby and Zeke to the library for a special storytime.

[Henry and Mudge: The First Book of their Adventures](#) by Cynthia Rylant (RYL)

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.



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Fiction

[Ivy and Bean](#) by Annie Barrows (J BAR)

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.

[Freckle Juice](#) by Judy Blume (J BLU)

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

[Bink and Gollie](#) by Kate DiCamillo (J DIC)

Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

[Mercy Watson to the Rescue](#) by Kate DiCamillo (J DIC)

After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

[My Father's Dragon](#) by Ruth Stiles Gannett (J GAN)

A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.

[Horrible Harry in Room 2B](#) by Suzy Kline (J KLI)

Doug discovers that though being Harry's best friend in Miss Mackle's second grade class isn't always easy, as Harry likes to do horrible things, it is often a lot of fun.

[Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid](#) by Megan McDonald (J MCD)

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.



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[Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot](#) by Dav Pilkey (J PIL)

Ricky Ricotta, a small mouse, is being bullied at school, but when he rescues a powerful robot from its evil creator, he acquires a friend and protector--and saves the city from Dr. Stinky.

Paperback Series

[Anyone But Me](#) by Nancy Krulik

Katie Carew wishes she could be anyone but herself, and turns into a hamster (J PB Katie Kazoo Switcheroo)

[Ruby the Red Fairy](#) by Daisy Meadows

Rainbow Fairies Rachel and Kirsty must find the other Rainbow Fairies in order to prevent Fairyland from losing its colors and turning gray forever (J PB Rainbow Magic)

[Scruffy Old Cat](#) by Kyle Mewburn

Lily, impressed with her ballet teacher Miss Split, tries hard to keep her room and herself immaculate, but when a mysterious man asks her to take care of a scruffy, smelly cat for just one night, her eyes are opened to what she has been missing since she decided to be perfect (J PB Pop Hooper's Perfect Pets)

[Scout](#) by Ellen Miles

Lizzie and Charles Peterson know a lot about puppies. That's because the Petersons are a foster family for young dogs. They have an adorable puppy of their own, Buddy, but they still love helping other puppies find homes. Then Lizzie and Charles meet Scout, a gentle German shepherd who is very good at helping people. A puppy like Scout needs a special owner. Can the Petersons find the perfect person? (J PB Puppy Place)

[Dinosaurs Before Dark](#) by Mary Pope Osbourne

Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic tree house, which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs (J PB Magic Tree House)