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Great Books for Third Graders

The following is a list of suggested books for Third Grade readers. Many of these authors will have additional titles appropriate for this age level. Call numbers can be found in parenthesis ()

Fiction

[Mr. Popper's Penguins](#) by Richard Atwater

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar region (J ATW)

[Happy Birthday, Bad Kitty!](#) By Nick Bruel

Bad Kitty celebrates her birthday with her favorite foods and neighborhood friends (J BRU)

[The Chocolate Touch](#) by Patrick Skene Catling

A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate (J CAT)

[Beezus and Ramona](#) by Beverly Cleary

Beezus Quimby tries very hard to be patient with her little sister, but four-year-old Ramona has the habit of doing the most unpredictable, annoying, embarrassing things in the world. How many nine-year-old girls have to put up with a silly little sister who hops around in rabbit ears and bakes a rubber doll into her sister's birthday cake? (J CLE)

[Mouse and the Motorcycle](#) by Beverly Cleary

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 (J CLE)



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[Fantastic Mr. Fox](#) by Roald Dahl

Three farmers, each one meaner than the other, try all-out warfare to get rid of the fox and his family (J DAH)

[Amber Brown is Not a Crayon](#) by Paula Danziger

Third grade is a sad time for Amber because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state (J DAN)

[Judy Moody Gets Famous](#) by Megan McDonald

When a third grade classmate gets her picture in the paper for winning a spelling bee, Judy is determined to find a way to become famous herself (J MCD)

[Junie B. Jones is a Party Animal](#) by Barbara Park

Lucille invites Junie B. and her friend Grace to sleep over at her very rich nanna's house, where everything is beautiful, expensive, and breakable (J PAR)

[Clementine](#) by Sara Pennypacker

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 (J PEN)

[Sideways Stories from Wayside School](#) by Louis Sachar

Enjoy humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story (J SAC)



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[Knights of the Kitchen Table](#) by Jon Scieszka

Joe receives a magic book for his birthday present from his uncle. Joe, Fred and Sam are transported to a time when evil knights, fire-breathing dragons and vile-smelling giants roamed the land (J SCI)

[Charlotte's Web](#) by E.B. White

The story of a little girl named Fern who loved a little pig named Wilbur and of Wilbur's dear friend, Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider who lived with Wilbur in the barn (J WHI)

Paperback Series

[Lunch Walks Among Us](#) by Jim Benton

Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she experiments with fitting in--which works until a monster erupts from the trashcan (J PB Franny K Stein)

[Great Grandpa's in the Litter Box](#) by Dan Greenberg

Zack takes home from the local animal shelter a scruffy tomcat who not only talks but claims to be the reincarnation of Zack's Great-Grandpa Julius (J PB Zack Files)

[Miss Daisy is Crazy](#) by Dan Gutman

Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J. (J PB My Weird School)



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[Mallory on the Move](#) by Laurie Friedman

After moving to a new town, eight-year-old Mallory keeps throwing stones in the "Wishing Pond" but things will not go back to the way they were before, and she remains torn between old and new best friends (J PB Mallory)

[Ready Freddy: Tooth Trouble](#) by Abby Klein

Unhappy to be the only one in his class who still has not lost a tooth, first-grader Freddy tries to find a way to expedite matters but then is faced with another problem (J PB Ready Freddy)

[Florence the Friendship Fairy](#) by Daisy Meadows

When Florence the friendship fairy's magic memory book, ribbon, and bracelets disappear, friendships everywhere are in big trouble. Florence has to find her missing magic, but she can't do it without her friends Rachel and Kirsty (J PB Rainbow Magic)

[Goldie](#) by Ellen Miles

When Charles and Lizzie Peterson get a foster puppy named Goldie, they have to teach her how to be a good puppy if they are going to convince their mother to let them keep her (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)

[The Absent Author](#) by Ron Roy

Dink Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author Wallis Wallace (J PB A to Z Mysteries)



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[Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye](#) by Geronimo Stilton

When Geronimo's sister, Thea, discovers an old, mysterious map showing a secret treasure hidden on a faraway island, the gang of the "Rodent's Gazette" is dragged into a treasure hunt (J PB Geronimo Stilton)

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