



Best Books lists from previous years may be obtained by request at the Youth Services desk.

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Alexander, Kwame – *The Undefeated*

+811 Ale, Non-Fiction*

Originally performed for ESPN's *The Undefeated*, this poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes.

Alvarez, Lorena – *Hicotea*

+Alvarez, Graphic Novels

On a school field trip to the local wetlands, Sandy wanders away from her classmates and discovers an empty turtle shell. Peeking into the shell, she suddenly finds herself within a magical new dimension.

Anderson, Laura Ellen – *Amelia Fang and the Barbaric Ball*

+Anderson, Fiction

When the king's spoiled son, Tangine, captures her pet pumpkin Squashy, vampire girl Amelia Fang must find a way to escape her parents' boring Barbaric Ball and rescue him.

Angleberger, Tom – *Didi Dodo Future Spy: Recipe for Disaster*

+Angleberger, Fiction

When Koko Dodo's secret chocolate sauce is stolen just before an important cooking contest Didi, a dodo bird, devises a daring plan to help--whether he wants her to or not.

Bell, Cece – *Chick and Brain: Smell My Foot!*

+Bell, Graphic Novels

Shares the interactions of the rule-following Chick and the absent-minded Brain, whose friendship is tested by miscommunications and misunderstandings about good manners.

Biebow, Natascha – *The Crayon Man*

+741.23 Bie, Non-Fiction

Celebrating the inventor of the Crayola crayon! This gloriously illustrated picture book biography tells the inspiring story of Edwin Binney, the inventor of one of the world's most beloved toys.

Bishop, Nic – *Big Cats*

+599.755 Bis, Non-Fiction

With grace, guile, and unstoppable power, big cats are admired for their speed and strength. Although they are related to house cats, these magnificent creatures are nothing like our pets! Join Sibert Medalist and naturalist Nic Bishop for a close-up look at lions, tigers, cheetahs, and more.

Blakemore, Megan Frazer – *Frankie Sparks and the Class Pet*

+Blakemore, Fiction*

Frankie Sparks, the self-proclaimed "best inventor in the third grade," does research and creates a tool to try to persuade her classmates that a rat would make the best class pet.

Bosch, Pseudonymous – *The Unbelievable Oliver and the Four Jokers*

+Bosch, Fiction; +Bos, CD-Audio Books

Aspiring magician Oliver and his rabbit sidekick Benny must solve a mysterious robbery to save their act.

Bruel, Nick – *Bad Kitty: Kitten Trouble*

+Bruel, Fiction

When a nearby cat shelter is destroyed, Bad Kitty's family decides to foster some of the displaced kittens.

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❖ 2nd & 3rd Grade ❖ Best Books of 2019



Butler, Emily – *Freya & Zoose*

+Butler, Fiction

Freya, a penguin, and Zoose, a mouse, become friends while stowaways on Salomon August Andréé's 1897 hot air balloon expedition to the North Pole.

Caruso, Nick – *Does it Fart?: A Kid's Guide to the Gas Animals Pass*

+591.5 Car, Non-Fiction

An illustrated guide to whether or not various animals pass gas, infused with humor and scientific facts, I mean facts.

Colfer, Eoin – *The Dog Who Lost His Bark*

+Colfer, Fiction*

Patrick is desperate for a dog of his own, and with his father away, he longs for a canine friend more than ever. Meanwhile, puppy Oz has suffered at the hands of bad people. Maybe, when Oz finds his boy, he will learn to bark again.

Dougherty, Rachel – *Secret Engineer*

+624.5 Dou, Non-Fiction

Emily Roebling's hard work helped to create one of the most iconic landmarks in the world in 1883. This is her story, the secret engineer behind the Brooklyn Bridge.

Drimmer, Stephanie Warren – *Surprising Stories Behind Everyday Stuff*

+031.02 Dri, Non-Fiction

Who invented pizza? Why do people shake hands? Why do we wear underwear? You'll find the answers to these questions and more, and you'll be riveted with the impressive facts and stunning photos in this book!

Floca, Brian – *Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11*

+629.454 Flo, Non-Fiction

Here is the story of the Apollo 11 mission to the moon -- a story of leaving and returning during the summer of 1969, and a story of home, seen whole, from far away by steady astronauts in their great machines.

Florence, Debbi Michiko – *My Furry Foster Family*

++Florence, Early Readers

Eight-year-old Kaita Takano has one dog: a miniature dachshund named Ollie. But there's never just one animal in the Takano house. Kaita and her family foster animals rescued by a local animal rescue group. They bring them to medical appointments, teach them manners and tricks, and help the animals find new homes.

Harrison, Paula – *Kitty and the Moonlight Rescue*

+Harrison, Fiction

Kitty wants to be a superhero like her mother, once she gets over her fear of the dark, but when Figaro the cat needs help she springs into action.

James, Laura – *The Case of the Missing Hippo*

+James, Fiction

Flamingo detective Fabio and his giraffe associate, Gilbert, investigate when a singing hippopotamus disappears during auditions for a talent show being staged to save the failing Hotel Royale.

Latham, Irene – *Meet Miss Fancy*

++Latham, Picture Books

A ten-year-old African American boy wants to welcome the circus elephant named Miss Fancy to her new home in a nearby park, but is disappointed to see the sign: "No Colored Allowed."





❖ 2nd & 3rd Grade ❖ Best Books of 2019



Lieb, Josh – *Chapter Two is Missing!*

++Lieb, Picture Books

Chapter Two is Missing is a hilarious mystery starring a hopelessly lost narrator, an unqualified detective, and a very sneaky janitor, who are all surprised to discover that second chapter of the very book of which they are a part is, gasp - missing! The narrator needs some assistance getting things in order, from you!

Lord, Cynthia – *Because of the Rabbit*

+Lord, Fiction; +Lord, Digital Audio Players

On the last night of summer, Emma and her father rescue a rabbit stuck in a fence. The very next day Emma starts fifth grade after years of being home schooled. She is paired with Jack, a hyperactive boy, who does not seem to fit in with anyone--except that they share a love of animals.

Madden, Kerry – *Ernestine's Milky Way*

++Madden, Picture Books

In Maggie Valley, North Carolina, in the 1940s, Ernestine, who is five years old, carries fresh milk to needy neighbors through thickets, down paths, and over a barbed-wire fence, despite her fears.

Marciano, Johnny – *Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat*

+Marciano, Fiction*

Klawde, the exiled ruler of the planet Lyttyrboks, and Raj, who just moved from Brooklyn to tiny Elba, Oregon, forge an unlikely friendship as they find their footing in a strange new world.

May, Kyla – *Pug Blasts Off*

+May, Fiction

Baron von Bubbles (Bub) is a pug who wants nothing more than to help his human Bella in her craft projects for school, though he is a little apprehensive about the rocket she is making for the Inventor Challenge--so when he ruins the rocket while trying to get at Nutz the squirrel he needs to find a way to make it up to Bella.

Medina, Juana – *Juana & Lucas: Big Problemas*

+Medina, Fiction*

Juana's life is just about perfect. She lives in the beautiful city of Bogotá with her two most favorite people in the world: her mami and her dog, Lucas. Lately, though, things have become a little less perfect.

Nuurali, Siman – *Sadiq and the Desert Star*

++Nuurali, Early Readers

Sadiq's father is going on a business trip, but before he goes he tells Sadiq a story of the Desert Star, which fits in perfectly with Sadiq's third grade class field trip to the planetarium, and inspires Sadiq to build a simple telescope to study the stars when his father returns.

Park, Linda – *Nya's Long Walk*

++Park, Picture Books

When her little sister, Akeer, becomes sick when they are returning home from the water hole, Nya must carry her and the water back to their village, one step at a time.

Platt, Cynthia – *Parker Bell and the Science of Friendship*

+Platt, Fiction

Parker really wants to win the school Science Triathlon, but first she'll have to keep her BFF from being stolen.

Portis, Antoinette – *Hey, Water!*

+553.7 Por, Non-Fiction

Splashy illustrations and simple text explore water in its many shapes and forms.

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Ruzzier, Sergio – *Quiet Boat Ride and Other Stories*

++Ruzzier, Early Readers

Fox enjoys quiet time, but his friend Chick is noisy and hyperactive and frequently disrupts their adventures.

Rylant, Cynthia – *Motor Mouse*

++Rylant, Picture Books*

Follows a busy mouse as he drives a delivery car, enjoys Cake Day with friends, goes for a cab ride around town, and shares popcorn with his brother at the movies.

Seidler, Tor – *Oh, Rats!*

+Seidler, Fiction

A New Jersey squirrel named Phoenix teams up with a pack of rats in New York City to save their riverside home from being demolished and turned into a high-rise.

Sheinmel, Courtney – *Magic on the Map: Let's Mooove!*

+Sheinmel, Fiction

On the last day of second grade, twins Finn and Molly discover a magical camper in their driveway that takes them from Ohio to Colorado, where they must save a famous cow.

Sooy, Julia – *Our World is Relative*

+530.11 Soo, Non-Fiction

A fun and engaging picture book explaining Einstein's theory of relativity.

Waters, Erica-Jane – *If the Hat Fits*

+Waters, Fiction

Oh no, Millie's school is going to run out of money! But a local engineering competition might just keep them funded for another year. Can Millie and her friends invent a way out of the mess?