



❖ 2nd & 3rd Grade ❖ Best Books of 2018



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

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***Adventures to School: Real-Life Journeys of Students from Around the World* – Baptiste Paul**

Kids around the world get to school in unique ways. Take a peek inside this book to see how! +372 Pau, Non-Fiction

***Bob* – Wendy Mass**

+Mass, Fiction; +Mas, CD-Audio Books*

Visiting her grandmother in Australia, Livy, ten, is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is.

***The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs* – Kate Messner**

+333.95 Mes, Non-Fiction

The ongoing efforts to save and rebuild the world's coral reefs-with hammer and glue, and grafts of newly grown coral-are the living legacy of Ken Nedimyer, founder of the Coral Restoration Foundation.

***Do Not Lick This Book* : *It's Full of Germs* – Idan Ben-Barak**

+579 Ben, Non-Fiction

Min is a microbe. She is small. Very small. In fact, so small that you'd need to look through a microscope to see her. Or you can simply open this book and take Min on an adventure to amazing places she's never seen before

***Dragons in a Bag* – Zetta Elliott**

+Elliott, Fiction; +Ell, CD-Audio Books*

In Brooklyn, nine-year-old Jax joins Ma, a curmudgeonly witch who lives in his building, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling.

***Dreamers* – Yuyi Morales**

++Morales, Picture Books*

An illustrated picture book autobiography in which award-winning author Yuyi Morales tells her own immigration story.

***Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure* – Torben Kuhlmann**

+Kuhlmann, Fiction

When two unlikely friends build a vessel capable of taking them to the bottom of the ocean find a missing treasure—the truth turns out to be far more amazing.

***The Eye that Never Sleeps: How Detective Pinkerton Saved President Lincoln* – Marissa Moss**

+921 Pin, Non-Fiction

***Fairy Spell* – Marc Tyler Nobleman**

+398.45 Nob, Non-Fiction

The true story of cousins who fooled the world for 60 years with a remarkable hoax: photographs of real fairies.

***Finding Langston* – Lesa Cline-Ransome**

+Cline-Ransome, Fiction*

Discovering a book of Langston Hughes' poetry in the library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother, relocating from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration, and being bullied.

***Gallop! 100 Fun Facts About Horses* – Kitson Jazyanka**

+636.1 Jaz, Non-Fiction

***Hansel & Gretel* – Bethan Woollvin**

++Woollvin, Picture Books

In a fairy tale twist, Hansel and Gretel ransack Willow the good witch's gingerbread cottage and play havoc with her spells, driving the poor witch to her wit's end.

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***I Walk with Vanessa* – Kerascoët**

++Kerascoët, Picture Books

An elementary school girl witnesses the bullying of another girl, but she is not sure how to help.

***Islandborn* – Junot Díaz**

++Díaz, Picture Books*

Lola was just a baby when her family left the Island, so when she has to draw it for a school assignment, she asks her family, friends, and neighbors about their memories of her homeland and in the process, comes up with a new way of understanding her own heritage.

***King & Kayla and the Case of the Lost Tooth* – Dori Hillestad Butler**

++Butler, Early Readers

Kayla places her tooth in a Tooth Fairy pillow, but it disappears before the Tooth Fairy has a chance to visit. Can her dog King help Kayla find the missing tooth?

***Life According to Og the Frog* – Betty G. Birney**

+Birney, Fiction; +Bir, CD-Audio Books*

Og the Frog tells the story of how he first came to Room 26, where he meets Humphrey the hamster, befriends the students, and writes poems and songs.

***Mapping Sam* – Joyce Hesselberth**

++Hesselberth, Picture Books

An adventurous cat named Sam explores her neighborhood at night, and maps of all types reveal her journey, illuminating different points of view and the various spots Sam visits.

***Mason Jar Science: 40 Slimy, Squishy, Super-Cool Experiments* – Jonathan Adolph**

+507.8 Ado, Non-Fiction

***Meet Yasmin!* – Saadia Faruqi**

++Faruqi, Early Readers

Pakistani American second grader Yasmin learns to cope with the small problems of school and home, while gaining confidence in her own skills and creative abilities.

***Mia Mayhem is a Superhero!* – Kara West**

+West, Fiction

Eight-year-old Mia Macaroney is delighted to learn she is from a family of superheroes, but her acceptance into the Program for In-Training Superheroes requires her to take a placement exam.

***Midnight Teacher: Lilly Ann Granderson and Her Secret School* – Janet Halfmann** +921 Gra, Non-Fiction

Lilly Ann Granderson, an enslaved teacher who strongly believed in the power of education, risked her life to teach others during slavery.

***Mr. Wolf's Class* – Aron Nels Steinke**

+Steinke, Graphic Novels

Mr. Wolf has just started teaching. He wants the first day to go well, but he's got his hands full with his fourth grade class.

***National Parks of the U.S.A.* – Kate Siber**

+917.3 Sib, Non-Fiction

Tour America's great outdoors and discover the beauty and diversity of its most iconic and majestic national parks.

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***Owen and Eleanor Move In* – H. M. Bouwman**

+Bouwman, Fiction

Eight-year-old Eleanor is very unhappy when her family moves into a duplex, so she asks her new neighbor, seven-year-old Owen, to help her escape to her old house.

***Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths* – Graham Annable**

+Annable, Graphic Novels

Peter and Ernesto are sloths, friends, and nothing alike. Peter loves their tree and never wants to leave, while Ernesto loves the sky and wants to see it from every place on earth. So Ernesto leaves to have a grand adventure, and Peter stays behind and frets. Will their separation tear these friends apart or can it bring them closer together?

***Power Forward* – Hena Khan**

+Khan, Fiction

Fourth-grader Zayd yearns to play basketball on the Gold Team, but when he skips orchestra rehearsal to practice, his parents forbid anything basketball-related, and tryouts are coming soon.

***Pug Pals: Two's a Crowd* – Flora Ahn**

+Ahn, Fiction

Two pugs. One beloved toy bunny. What could go wrong? Sunny's new little sister, Rosy, is getting her paws into everything. When Rosy takes Sunny's favorite toy, Mr. Bunny, and loses him, Sunny is barking mad.

***Read the Book, Lemmings!* – Ame Dyckman**

++Dyckman, Picture Books

A literate fox attempts to teach a trio of overzealous lemmings to read in order to save them from their habit of jumping off cliffs.

***Road Trip with Max and His Mom* – Linda Urban**

+Urban, Fiction

Max and his mom embark on a road trip as they adjust to their new understanding of family.

***Sarai and the Meaning of Awesome* – Saraí González**

+ González, Fiction

Fourth grader Saraí Gonzalez can do anything. She can bake, dance, and run her own cupcake business. But when Saraí's grandparents are forced to move, even Saraí's not sure what to do. So she hatches a super-awesome plan with her younger sisters and cousin to buy back the house. Will Saraí find a way to save the day?

***The Truth About Bears: Seriously Funny Facts* – Maxwell Eaton III**

+599.78 Eat, Non-Fiction

Did you know that polar bears smell seals through the ice and snow in order to find and eat them? Did you know that bears sleep all winter and don't go to the bathroom while they hibernate?

***Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Go to School* – Julie Falatko**

+Falatko, Fiction*

Sassy and Waldo are good dogs who keep their house safe (from squirrels, mostly) and worry about their boy, Stewart, who always comes home from school smelling of anxiety. The two dogs come up with a plan to help Stewart – they will dress up in a trench coat and attend school, posing as a new student, to find out just what is bothering their boy.

