

First Grade

Summer Reading 2009

Easy Reader Books (E)

Arnold, Ted. Fly Guy series—Buzz befriends a fly and enters him in a pet contest.

Cazet, Denys. Minnie and Moo series. Two silly cows blunder through sticky situations.

Cushman, Doug. Dirk Bones. "Daily Tombs" newspaper reporter Dirk Bones, who also happens to be a skeleton, investigates when a family of ghosts fears that they are being haunted.

DiCamillo, Kate. Mercy Watson series. A pig encounters many adventures in her quest to acquire buttered toast.

George, Jean Craighead. Goose and Duck. A boy is followed everywhere when Goose and Duck believe he is their mother.

Haspiel, Dean. Mo and Jo: Fighting Together Forever. Told in comic book format, Monica and Joey fight about everything, including the superhero uniform they inherit—but they must learn to work together to defeat the evil Saw-Jaw at the town parade. (Graphic Novel section).

Hayes, Geoffrey. Benny and Penny in Just Pretend. Benny the mouse wants to pretend he's brave Benny the Pirate, but it's hard to pretend when his little sister, Penny, is always tagging along. (Graphic Novel section)

Jacobson, Jennifer. Andy Shane and the Queen of Egypt. Andy Shane selects Egypt as the topic of his first-ever Culture Fair project, but the very bossy Dolores Starbuckle declares that she is the Queen of Egypt and does not give him a moment's peace until he agrees to let her work with him.

Lewin, Betsy. Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa series. Cocoa the horse herds the cows with Cowgirl Kate, helps her practice her roping skills, and wishes he could wear boots instead of horseshoes.

Marzollo, Jean. I Spy easy readers series—Learn to read and play search and find.

O'Connor, Jane. Fancy Nancy easy readers series. Great for girls!

Read-It Readers. This series has many fairy tales for beginning readers.

Rylant, Cynthia. Several good series: Henry and Mudge, High-Rise Private Eyes, Mr. Putter and Tabby, Poppleton.

Torrey, Rich. Beans Baker's Best Shot. Beans Baker cannot play in his championship soccer game because his foot is in a cast.

Willems, Mo. Elephant and Piggie series—fun reading for fans of the pigeon that didn't drive the bus.

Yee, Wong. A Brand New Day with Mouse and Mole. As best friends Mole and Mouse try to solve the problem of Mole's moth-eaten clothes, they also find new uses for old things.

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Picture Books (P)

Alley, Zoe. There's a Wolf at the Door. As his plans are spoiled over and over again, the wolf keeps trying to find his dinner, in this retelling of five well-known stories and fables.

Beaumont, Karen. Doggone Dogs! When ten dogs ditch obedience school, they are picked up by a dog catcher and must work together to get home.

DiCamillo, Kate. Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken. Looking for adventure, Louise leaves her comfortable nest and goes to sea.

Frazer, Marla. A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever. James and Eamon enjoy the week "camping" together and finally see the outdoors on the last day.

Jeffers, Oliver. Great Paper Caper. When tree branches begin disappearing and paper airplanes are left in their place, the forest creatures carry out an investigation to find the culprit who has been stealing their homes.

Palatini, Margie. Bad Boys Get Henpecked. Those bad boy wolves Willy and Wally try to get a chicken dinner by disguising themselves and going to work for a hen in need of help.

Ransom, Jeanie. What Really Happened to Humpty? Detective Joe Dumpty rushes to investigate the mysterious circumstances under which his older brother, Humpty, fell from a wall on his first day as captain of the new Neighborhood Watch program.

Rex, Michael. Goodnight Goon. A parody of Goodnight Moon, a young monster says goodnight to all of the other monsters in his bedroom.

Watt, Melanie. Chester's Back! Chester the cat and the illustrator of his book, Melanie Watt, compete to tell another story.

Williams, Brenda. The Real Princess. A queen devises a way, with the help of her nine golden peas, to tell whether each of the girls her three sons hope to marry is a true princess.

Non-Fiction

Anansi's Party Time by Eric Kimmel. When Anansi the spider invites Turtle to a party just to play a trick on him, Turtle gets revenge at a party of his own. **398.26 West Africa Kimmel**

Smelly Locker by Alan Katz Silly Dilly School Songs **782.42 Ka**

Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings by Douglas Florian. A fun collection of poems and collages about dinosaurs. **811.54 FI**

Read-Alouds (J)

Nolan, Lucy. Down Girl and Sit: Smarter Than Squirrels. The adventures of a rambunctious dog who thinks her name is "Down Girl" and her next door neighbor, "Sit", as they try to keep the world safe from dangerous squirrels, the paper boy, and a frightening creature named "Here Kitty Kitty".

Jenkins, Emily. Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo and Someone Called Plastic.