



## Books for Third Grade SRC 2011

### **Chapter Books (J)**

**Amato, Mary.** Edgar Allan's Official Crime Investigation.

First Slurpy is fishnapped, then other things from Mrs. Blackwell's room start to disappear. Odder still, whoever is committing these crimes leaves a note written in poetry. Edgar has it all covered in his "crime investigation notebook"--but so does Patrick Chen, who has copied Edgar and is trying to solve the case first.

**Bergen, Lara.** Sophie the Awesome.

Sophie Miller's life is boring. Average. Blah. She's not the oldest or the youngest, the tallest or the shortest. She's not even the only Sophie in her third-grade class! Sophie knows she's special. Can Sophie prove her awesomeness . . . and prove everyone wrong?

**Cronin, Doreen.** Trouble with Chickens.

J.J. Tully is a former search-and rescue dog who is trying to enjoy his retirement after years of performing daring missions saving lives. So he's not terribly impressed when two chicks named Dirt and Sugar (who look like popcorn on legs) and their chicken mom show up demanding his help to track down their missing siblings. Driven by the promise of a cheeseburger, J.J. begins to track down clues. Is Vince the Funnel hiding something? Are there dark forces at work—or is J.J. not smelling the evidence that's right in front of him?

**Graff, Lisa.** Sophie Simon Solves Them All.

For a third-grader, Sophie Simon is one smart cookie. She enjoys teaching herself advanced calculus and has performed successful heart surgery on an earthworm. She's also very clever when it comes to dealing with her clueless parents. But Sophie is no genius when it comes to calculating the high value of friendship--until, that is, she has to use her incredible IQ to help out some classmates with their own parental troubles.

**Jones, Allen Frewin.** Trundle's Quest.

Trundle Boldoak's simple life as the town lamplighter is turned upside --down the night he meets Esmerelda, a Roamany hedgehog, who whisks him away on a quest to find six fabled crowns and fulfill his role in an ancient prophecy.

**Lewis, Josh.** Super Chicken Nugget Boy and the Furious Fry.

When Fern Goldberg arrived at his new school, he was just an average kid. Then he fell into the pool of radioactive green goo behind Bogie's Burger Barn. Now, whenever his skin comes into contact with condiments, he transforms into a bona fide, deep-fried superhero who's not afraid to take on villains great and small, from the class bully, to the giant, mutated French fry who threatens to crush the whole school beneath his massive, starchy feet

**McGuinness, Dan.** Pilot and Huxley: the First Adventure. **(J Graphic Novel)**

When best buddies Pilot and Huxley get zapped to another dimension by aliens who want to enslave the planet Earth, they find that getting back home is a lot harder than saving the world. This book is the perfect blend of silly characters and gross humor that will make kids laugh and yell "eeeww!!!" at the same time.

**Schlitz, Laura Amy.** The Night Fairy.

What would happen to a fairy if she lost her wings and could no longer fly? Flory, a young night fairy no taller than an acorn and still becoming accustomed to her wings is about to find out. What she discovers is that the world is very big and very dangerous.

**Voake, Steve.** Daisy Dawson and the Big Freeze.

Cozy up to this enticing new adventure starring Daisy Dawson, an ordinary girl with an extraordinary gift: she can talk to and understand animals! It's snowing! And Daisy Dawson couldn't be happier enjoying the winter weather with all of her animal friends. There are even newborn lambs to meet, including Woolverton, whose curiosity about the world beyond the farmer's field soon gets him into trouble. When Daisy hears that Woolverton is lost in the woods, she bundles up and, with the farm dog Boom at her side, sets out to find him.

**Yee, Lisa.** Bobby versus Girls (Accidentally).

When Bobby inadvertently gets into a fight with his best friend Holly, their disagreement develops in to a boys versus girls war involving their whole fourth-grade class.

## **Chapter Book Series (J)**

**Reiche, Dietlof.** Golden Hamster Saga.

Freddy is not happy with his boring treadmill life at the pet store. He continually embarrasses himself in an attempt to get adopted. Freddy believes he will have a more civilized and exciting life as soon as he has a home. After a series of funny misadventures (including encounters with a fierce tomcat and two guinea pigs who speak in Shakespearean couplets) he teaches himself to read and write. He then pens his witty and heartwarming autobiography that tells of his journey to self discovery. A hamster has never been smarter or funnier in telling the tale of his exceptional life.

**Wallace, Rich.** Kickers.

In his Kickers series, author Rich Wallace offers action-filled novels about the Bobcats, a coed soccer team, and their bid for the league play-offs.

## **Nonfiction**

**Bloom, Steve.** My Favourite Animal Families.

Steve Bloom has focused his camera on fourteen species of wild animal families: bears, cheetahs, chimpanzees, elephants, giraffes, gorillas, hippos, lions, orangutans, pandas, penguins, rhinos, seals, and zebras. Entertaining and lively texts accompany the entries and explain anything and everything of interest: why hippo families like to wallow in mud, what noises baby giraffes make, and why you should always look at a zebra's ears. **(591.3 BI)**

**Raczka, Bob.** Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys.

When you're a guy, nature is one big playground—no matter what the season. There are puddles to splash in the spring, pine trees to climb in the summer, maple seeds to catch in the fall, and icicles to swordfight with in the winter. So what kind of poetry best captures these special moments, at a length that lets guys get right back to tree-climbing and kite-flying? Why, guyku, of course! **(895.61 Ra)**

**Rondina, Catherine.** Don't Touch That Toad and Other Strange Things Adults Tell You.

Stop cracking your knuckles or you'll get arthritis. Don't cross your eyes or they'll stay stuck like that. With entertaining, kid-friendly insights on every page accompanied by wacky illustrations, Don't Touch That Toad and Other Strange Things Adults Tell You examines the truth and/or falsity behind parental do's and don'ts. **(398.8 Ro)**

**Schwartz, David M.** What in the Wild? Mysteries of Nature Concealed and Revealed.

Ten mysteries of the natural world for readers to solve. Kid-pleasing riddles paired with mystifying images give clues to guess: What creature made that pile of twigs, mass of leaves, frothy spittle, and so on...And why? **(590 Sc)**

**Sports Illustrated.** Sports Illustrated Kids All Access.

Offers readers an up-close, behind-the-scenes look at the coolest things and places in sports through exciting photos from Sports Illustrated and fascinating trivia, all guaranteed to entertain sports fans of all ages. **(796 Sp)**