



# Books for Third Grade

## SRC 2012

### **Picture Books (P)**

**Offill, Jenny.** 11 Experiments That Failed.

A young child tries a series of wacky experiments, such as seeing if a piece of bologna will fly like a Frisbee and determining whether seedlings will grow if watered with expensive perfume, and then must suffer the consequences of experiments gone awry.

**O'Malley, Kevin.** Captain Raptor and the Space Pirates.

Captain Raptor and the crew of the Megatooth are called into action to save the planet Jurassica.

**Van Allsburg, Chris.** Zathura.

Left on their own for an evening, two boisterous brothers find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical space adventure board game.

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

**Barden, Stephanie.** Cinderella Smith.

Cast off by her old friends, Cinderella agrees to help a new student deal with the stepsisters she will soon have. And a former friend tries to prevent Cinderella from dancing the lead in their tap recital.

**Fleischman, Paul.** Dunderheads. (J-picture)

When Miss Breakbone confiscates Junkyard's crucial find, Wheels, Pencil, Spider, and the rest of the Dunderheads plot to teach her a lesson.

**Jenkins, Emily.** Invisible Inkling.

When Hank Wolowitz runs into trouble in the form of a lunch-stealing bully, he finds an unlikely ally in an invisible refugee pumpkin-loving bandapat named Inkling.

**Kennedy, Emma.** Wilma Tenderfoot: The Case of the Frozen Hearts.

Wilma Tenderfoot, a ten-year-old orphan who lives at Cooper Island's Lowside Institute for Woeful Children, dreams of escape and of becoming the apprentice of the world-famous detective Theodore P. Goodman, whose every case she follows devotedly in the newspaper.

**MacLachlan, Patricia.** Waiting for the Magic.

When Papa goes away for a little while, his family tries to cope with the separation by adopting four dogs and a cat.

**Martin, Ann M.** Ten Rules for Living with My Sister.

Nine-year-old Pearl and her popular, thirteen-year-old sister, Lexie, do not get along very well, but when their grandfather moves in and the girls have to share a room, they must find common ground.

**Mills, Claudia.** Fractions = Trouble.

While trying to decide on a science fair project, third-grader Wilson struggles with fractions and, much to his embarrassment, his parents sign him up to work with a math tutor.

**Mills, Claudia.** Mason Dixon: Pet Disasters.

Nine-year-old Mason's parents keep trying to get him a pet, but until he and his best friend Brody adopt a three-legged dog, he is not interested.

**Myers, Laurie.** Escape by Night.

Tommy, the son of a Presbyterian minister in Augusta, Georgia, during the Civil War, must search his conscience to decide whether he should help a Yankee soldier escape and return home. Inspired by the early life of Woodrow Wilson.

**Service, Pamela.** My Cousin, the Alien.

While at a resort on a vacation trip his uncle won, Zack begins wondering if his cousin has been telling the truth for years—that he really is an alien prince sent to Earth for protection, and who is now being chased by enemy aliens disguised as bald, fat men.

**Voigt, Cynthia.** Young Fredle.

Fredle, a young mouse cast out of his home, faces dangers and predators outside, makes some important discoveries and allies, and learns the meaning of freedom as he struggles to return home.

**Warner, Sally.** EllRay Jakes is Not a Chicken.

Eight-year-old EllRay's father has promised a family trip to Disneyland if EllRay can stay out of trouble for a week, but not defending himself against Jared, the class bully, proves to be a real challenge.

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

**Barnett, Mac.** Brixton Brothers

When twelve-year-old Steve Brixton, a fan of Bailey Brothers detective novels, is mistaken for a real detective, he must elude librarians, police, and the mysterious Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information.

**Birney, Betty G.** World According to Humphrey.

Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.

**Cabot, Meg.** Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls.

Nine-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.

**Holm, Jennifer.** Squish. (Graphic Novel)

Squish, a meek amoeba who loves the comic book exploits of his favorite hero, "Super Amoeba," tries to emulate him when his best friend is threatened by a bully.

**La Fevers, R. L.** Nathaniel Flood, Beastologist.

In 1928, when timid ten-year-old Nate learns that his parents have been lost at sea, he joins his father's cousin on a flight to Arabia where they must oversee the death and rebirth of the phoenix, thus beginning his training as a "beastologist."

**Pennypacker, Sara.** Clementine.

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.

## **Non-Fiction**

**Gerber, Carole.** Annie Jump Cannon, Astronomer.

A picture-book biography of a trailblazer in the field of astronomy, presents insight into the challenges of women interested in science during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. **(B Cannon)**

**National Geographic Kids.** Just Joking: 300 Hilarious Jokes, Tricky Tongue Twisters, and Ridiculous Riddles.

Packed with the silly jokes kids love—including knock-knocks, tongue twisters, riddles, traditional question and answer jokes and more—a fun-filled book that will keep readers laughing page after page. **(817 Ju)**

**Ruurs, Margriet.** Amazing Animals: The Remarkable Things that Creatures Do.

Astounding facts that encourage young readers to observe the natural world around them. **(591.5 Ru)**

**Shapiro, J. H.** Magic Trash: A Story of Tyree Guyton and His Art.

The story of a boy who turned trash into art in his urban neighborhood. **(B Guyton)**

**Tibballs, Geoff.** Ripley's Sports: Believe it or Not!

Dive into this eye-popping collection of mind-boggling facts and incredible photographs about all your favorite sports. From snowboarding to strongmen and basketball to BMX, it's all here alongside the wacky sports stories from around the world. **(796 Ti)**