



Read + Think = Grow

Boys Read!

Preschool and Kindergarten

(These books are all shelved in Picture Books unless otherwise noted)

Arnold, Tedd. Parts (1997)

A five-year-old boy thinks his body is falling apart until he learns new teeth grow and hair and skin replace themselves.

DiTerlizzi, Tony. Ted (2001)

A young boy manages to get his busy father's attention with the help of a special imaginary friend.

Cronin, Doreen. Diary of a Worm (2003)

A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.

Helquist, Brett. Roger the Jolly Pirate (2004)

Roger is a lousy pirate who doesn't strike fear into the heart of any sailor, until the day his shipmates are in grave danger while he is down below, baking a cake.

Henkes, Kevin. Chester's Way (1988)

Chester and Wilson share the same exact way of doing things, until Lilly moves into the neighborhood and shows them that new ways can be just as good.

Kellogg, Steven. The Mysterious Tadpole (1977)

When Louis gets a tadpole from his uncle in Scotland, he never expects it to outgrow a jar, much less the family's bathtub. To keep his beloved pet, Louis has to come up with a place big enough to hold him.

London, Jonathan. Froggy Gets Dressed (1992)

Rambunctious Froggy hops out into the snow for a winter frolic but is called back by his mother to put on some necessary articles of clothing.

Lum, Kate. What! cried Granny: An Almost Bedtime Story (1999)

When her grandson Patrick arrives for his first sleepover, Granny's resourceful efforts to provide him with a bed, pillow, and other necessities result in a sleepless night for both of them.

Pilkey, Dav. Dogzilla (1993)

A monstrous mutt terrorizes the residents of Mousopolis.

Pinkney, Brian. The Adventures of Sparrowboy (1997)

After an encounter with a sparrow, Henry finds he is able to fly just like his favorite comic book hero HawkMan.

Shannon, David. No, David! (1998)

A young boy is scolded for a variety of naughty things, but finally gets a hug.

Sendak, Maurice. Where the Wild Things Are (1963)

Max dons his wolf suit in pursuit of some mischief and gets sent to bed without supper. Unexpectedly, a

forest grows in his room, allowing his wild rampage to continue unimpaired.

Grades 1 and 2

(These books are all shelved in Grade 1-3 readers unless otherwise noted)

Brown, Marc. **Arthur's Fire Drill** (2000)

Arthur eases his sister's fire fears by practicing fire drills at home. This book is part of the **Step into Reading** series.

Cosby, Bill. **One Dark and Scary Night** (1999)

Little Bill is sure there are mean things in this dark closet, until Alice performs a magic tucking-in trick. Look for other **Little Bill** books by Bill Cosby.

Dubowski, Cathy. **Cave Boy** (1988)

A cave boy cheers up his grumpy chief with a special birthday gift.

Eastman, P.D. **Go Dog, Go!** (1961)

Dogs are engaged in every imaginable activity in this vocabulary-building story.

Lobel, Arnold. **Days with Frog and Toad** (1979)

Frog and Toad spend their days together, but find sometimes it's nice to be alone. One in a series.

Mills, Claudia. **Gus and Grandpa ride the train** (1998)

Gus sets up a toy train and eventually gets to ride a train with his grandfather.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge and the Tumbling Trip** (2005)

Henry, his parents, and his dog Mudge take a vacation out West, where they enjoy tumbleweeds, desert animals, souvenirs, and the wide open spaces.

Scieszka, Jon. **The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales** (1992)

This popular author presents madcap revisions of familiar fairy tales. (Picture Book)

Sharmat, Marjorie. **Nate the Great and the Big Sniff** (2001)

Nate the Great follows the clues to find his lost dog, Sludge, in a department store.

Van Allsburg, Chris. **Jumanji** (1981)

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game. (Grade 3-4)

Grades 3 and 4

(These books are all shelved in Grade 3-4 Fiction unless otherwise noted.)

Brown, Jeff. **Flat Stanley** (1964)

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

Cameron, Ann. **Stories Julian tells** (1981)

Seven-year-old Julian gets into trouble with his brother Huey, plants a garden, loses a tooth, and finds a new friend.

Christopher, Matt. **Catcher's Mask** (1998)

Mudders' catcher Rudy Calhoun is having a bad season until he finds a used catcher's mask at a yard sale. Look for other sports books by this author.

Clements, Andrew. **Frindle** (1996)

Clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control. (Fiction)

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Banks, Lynne Reid **The Indian in the Cupboard** (1980)
A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him. First in a series of books.

Bellaire, John **Mansion in the mist** (1992)
While spending the summer in an old house, Anthony Monday discovers a chest that can transport him to another world.

Brandenberg, Jim. **To the Top of the World: Adventures with Arctic Wolves** (1993)
Spectacular photographs of an Arctic wolf pack give this memorable book wide appeal. Brandenberg's highly readable text tells the story of his months camping in the Arctic to photograph the wolves. A fascinating nature book.

Cleary, Beverly. **Dear Mr. Henshaw** (1983)
In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.

Colfer, Eoin **Artemis Fowl** (2001)
When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

Coville, Bruce. **Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher** (1991)
Small for his age but artistically talented, twelve-year-old Jeremy Thatcher unknowingly buys a dragon's egg.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **Bud, Not Buddy** (1999)
Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father—the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Curtis, Christopher Paul **The Watsons Go to Birmingham** (1995)
The Watson family finds their lives drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

Dahl, Roald. **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (1964)
Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

Fitzgerald John D. **The Great Brain** (1967)
The exploits of the Great Brain of Adenville, Utah are described by his younger brother, frequently the victim of the Great Brain's schemes for gaining prestige or money.

Gantos, Jack **Joey Pigza swallowed the key** (1998)
Joey has trouble paying attention in class and controlling his mood swings.

George, Jean Craighead. **My Side of the Mountain** (1959)
This is the story of Sam Gribble who runs away home, all the way to the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. There he sets up house in a huge hollowed-out tree, with a falcon and a weasel for companions and his wits as his tool for survival.

Hobbs, Will. **Kokopelli's Flute** (1995)
Thirteen-year-old Tepary discovers an old flute in a cliff dwelling in New Mexico, and through its power he learns about ancient Native American magic.

Hughes, Ted. **The Iron Giant: a Story in Five Nights** (1995)
The fearsome iron giant becomes a hero when he challenges a huge space monster.

Fleischman, Sid. **The Whipping Boy** (1986)

A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws. (jFiction)

Greenburg, Dan. **Boy Who Cried Bigfoot** (2000)

Ten-year-old Zack finds evidence of a Bigfoot monster at Camp.

Kline, Suzy. **Horrible Harry and the Drop of Doom** (1998)

A trip to the amusement park forces Harry to face his fear of elevators when he is expected to ride the Drop of Doom. Look for other **Horrible Harry** titles by this author.

Krensky, Stephen. **Who's in love with Arthur?** (1998)

Square dancing in gym class leads to this hilarious tale of miscommunication. This book is part of the **Marc Brown Arthur chapter book** series.

Osborne, Mary Pope. **Dinosaurs before dark** (1992)

Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic treehouse, which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs. Look for other **Magic Tree House** titles.

Pilkey, Dav. **The Adventures of Captain Underpants: An Epic Novel** (1997)

When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen. First in a series of epically hilarious adventures.

Sachar, Louis. **Marvin Redpost: super fast, out of control!** (2000)

Afraid of his new mountain bike, third-grader Marvin finds himself in a desperate situation when he accepts a challenge to ride down Suicide Hill. Look for other books about Marvin Redpost.

Sachar, Louis. **Sideways Stories from Wayside School** (1978)

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story. (jFiction)

Scieszka, Jon. **Knights of the Kitchen Table** (1991)

The first book in the "Time Warp Trio" series. Joe receives a magic book for his birthday present from his uncle. Joe, Fred, and Sam are transported to a time when evil knights, fire-breathing dragons, and vile-smelling giants roamed the land.

Willner-Pardo, Gina. **Spider Storch's Carpool Catastrophe** (1997)

When the other students tease him because he carools with a girl in his class, Spider takes matters into his own hands.

Grades 5 and 6

(These books are all shelved in Juvenile Fiction (jF) unless otherwise noted.)

Alexander, Lloyd. **The Book of Three** (1964)

In this modern classic, an assistant pig-keeper named Taran longs to be a hero. He leaves his home with a kind enchanter to go on a great adventure where he fights battles, makes unlikely friends, and changes his views on heroism. The first in a wonderful fantasy series.

Avi. **Nothing But the Truth: a Documentary Novel** (1991)

A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.

Avi. **Who was that masked man, anyway?** (1992)

During World War II, sixth-grader Frankie Wattleson gets into trouble at home and at school because of his preoccupation with his favorite radio programs.

Jacques, Brian. Redwall (1986)

When the peaceful life in and around ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy. First in a series of books.

Korman, Gordon. Island. Book 1: Shipwreck (2001)

Six kids, Nick, J.J., Will, Lyssa, Charla, and Ian, are thrown together against their will on a small boat that will make a one-month journey on the Pacific Ocean. But these six totally different kids have to learn to work together to survive a vicious storm and a shipwreck that leaves them stranded in the middle of the ocean with no food, no water, and almost no hope for survival. First in a series of books (Teen)

Lowry, Lois. The Giver (1993)

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. Shiloh (1991)

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

Paulsen, Gary. Hatchet (1987)

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce. First in a series of books.

Rockwell, Thomas How to eat fried worms (1973)

Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal.

Rowling, J.K. Harry Potter and the sorcerer's stone (1998)

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.

Sachar, Louis. Holes (1998)

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Slote, Alfred. Finding Buck McHenry (1991)

Eleven-year-old Jason, believing the school custodian Mack Henry to be Buck McHenry, a famous pitcher from the old Negro League, tries to enlist him as a coach for his Little League team by revealing his identity to the world.

Sobol, Donald. Encyclopedia Brown and the case of the slippery salamander (1999)

In this entry to the popular Encyclopedia Brown series, the sleuth in sneakers investigates ten new mysteries.

Soto, Gary. The Pool Party (1993)

While helping his father and grandfather work as gardeners in Fresno, California, ten-year-old Rudy sees some differences between his Mexican-American family and the wealthy families that live nearby.

Spinelli, Jerry. Maniac Magee: a novel (1990)

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

For Parents and Teachers

Codell, Esme Raji. How to Get Your Child to Love Reading (2003) (028.55 Cod)

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Knowles, Elizabeth. Talk about Books! : a guide for book clubs, literature circles, and discussion groups, grades 4-8 (2003) (j372.4162 Kno)

Odean, Kathleen. Great Books for Boys : More Than 600 Books For Boys 2 to 14 (1998) (j028.1624 Ode)

Silvey, Anita. 100 Best Books for Children (2004) (011.62 Sil)

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