Some favorite authors and illustrators of first and second grade children:
Eric Kimmel, Arnold Lobel, Pat Mora, Robert Munsch, Cynthia Rylant, Dan Santat, Dr. Seuss, David Ezra Stein, Melissa Sweet, Chris Van Dusen, Mo Willems, National Geographic Kids, Lisa Wheeler, Mo Willems and Vera B. Williams.

For emergent readers:

- Biscuit (series) by Alyssa Capucilli
- Don’t Throw It to Mo! By David Adler
- Ling & Ting (series) by Grace Lin
- Pinky and Rex (series) by James Howe
- Princess in Black (series) by Dean and Shannon Hale
- Robot and Rico (series) by Anastasia Suen

For independent readers:

- Anna, Banana (series) by Anica Mrose Rissi
- Bramble and Maggie (series) by Jessie Haas
- Breyer Stablemates (series) by various authors
- Cam Jansen (series) by David Adler
- Dodsworth (series) by Tim Egan
- Dragon Masters (series) by Tracey West
- Frankie’s Magic Soccer Ball (series) by Frank Lampard
- Judy Moody and Friends (series) by Megan McDonald
- Lotus Lane (series) by Kyla May
- Piper Green and the Fairy Tree (series) by Ellen Potter
- The Owl Diaries (series) by Rebecca Elliott
- Super Turbo (series) by Lee Kirby
Non-fiction

Non-fiction is such a diverse category that we recommend reading books, magazine and newspaper articles, and encyclopedia entries about significant current topics such as the August solar eclipse or places your family may visit or have visited in the past. Also any book by Seymour Simon, National Geographic Kids, Steve Jenkins, and Dianna Hutts Aston are popular.

Just starting out:

*Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an All-Brother Baseball Team* by Audrey Vernick

*The Marvelous Thing That Came From a Spring* by Gilbert Ford

*Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship* (series) by Isabella Hatkoff

In the middle of the road:

*I Survived True Stories: Five Epic Disasters* by Lauren Tarshis

*Who Was? What Was? Where Is?* (series)

*You Choose*: Interactive History adventures (multiple series)

For those looking for some more complex subjects:

*Dive! World War II Stories of Sailors and Submarines in the Pacific* by Deborah Hopkinson

*Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales* (graphic novel series) by Nathan Hale

*Rad Women Worldwide* by Kate Schatz

*Some Writer!: The Story of E.B. White* by Melissa Sweet

*Toys! Amazing Stories Behind Some Great Inventions* by Don Wulffson
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Realistic Fiction

For those just starting out:

- **Anna, Banana** (series) by Anica Mrose Rissi
- **Clementine** (series) and **Waylon** by Sara Pennypacker
- **Jake Maddox** (multiple sports-themed series) by Jake Maddox
- **Juana and Lucas** by Juana Medina
- **Lotus Lane** (series) by Kyla May
- **Piper Green and the Fairy Tree** (series) by Ellen Potter
- **Rainbow Street Pets** (series) by Wendy Orr
- **Sam the Man and the Chicken Plan** (series) by Frances O’Roark Dowell

For those in the middle:

- **Along Came Spider** by James Preller
- **Booked** by Kwame Alexander
- **Elvis and the Underdogs** (series) by Jenny Lee
- **Fish in a Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- **Garvey’s Choice** by Nikki Grimes
- **Matt Christopher books** (multiple sports-themed series) by Matt Christopher
- **Short** by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- **Stef Soto, Taco Queen** by Jennifer Torres
- **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** by Judy Blume
- **A Whole New Ballgame** (Rip & Red series) by Phil Bildner
- **Year of the Dog** (Pacy Lin series) by Grace Lin

For those in need of an emotional and/or thought-provoking challenge:

- **As Brave As You** and **Ghost** by Jason Reynolds
- **Home Town Hero** (series) by Mike Lupica
- **The Land of the Forgotten Girls** and **Blackbird Fly** by Erin Entrada Kelly
- **A Mango-Shaped Space** by Wendy Mass
- **The Only Road** by Alexandra Diaz
Fantasy / Science Fiction

For those just starting out:

- *Captain Awesome* (series) by Stan Kirby
- *Dragonbreath* (series) by Ursula Vernon
- *Dragon Masters* (series) by Tracey West
- *Frankie’s Magic Soccer Ball* (series) by Frank Lampard
- *The Owl Diaries* (series) by Rebecca Elliott
- *Secrets of Droon* (series) by Tony Abbott

For those in the middle of the road:

- *The Spiderwick Chronicles* (series) by Tony Diterlizzi and Holly Black
- *Dragon Slayer’s Academy* (series) by Kate McMullan
- *Fuzzy* by Tom Angleberger
- *Goddess Girls* (series) by Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams
- *House of Robots* (series) by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein
- *The Land of Stories* (series) by Chris Colfer
- *Peter and the Starcatchers* (series) by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson
- *Tuesday McGillycuddy* (series) by Angela Banks
- *The Menagerie* (series) by Tui Sutherland
- *Upside Down Magic* (series) by Sarah Mlynowski
- *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown
- *Wildwood Chronicles* (series) by Colin Meloy

For those wanting a challenge:

- *Among the Hidden* (series) and *Under Their Skin* (duology) by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Artemis Fowl* (series) by Eoin Colfer
- *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
- *Fablehaven* (series) by Brandon Mull
- *Gregor the Overlander* (The Underland Chronicles series) by Suzanne Collins
- *Icebreaker* by Lian Tanner
Historical Fiction

For those just starting out:

American Girl (series)
I Survived (series) by Lauren Tarshis
Magic Tree House (series) by Mary Pope Osborne

For those in the middle of the road:

Baseball Card Adventures (series) by Dan Gutman
The Birchbark House (series) by Louise Erdrich
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
The Hero Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson
Nory Ryan’s Song by Patricia Reilly Giff
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
Paper Wishes by Lois Sepahban
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

For those in need of an emotional and/or thought-provoking challenge:

Cloud and Wallfish by Anne Nesbet
Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi
Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan
The Inquisitor’s Tale: Or, the Three Magical Children and Their Dog by Adam Gidwitz
A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk
The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell
Mysteries

For those just starting out:
  *A-Z Mysteries* and *Capital Mysteries* (series) by Ron Roy
  *Cam Jansen* (series) by David Adler
  *Geronimo Stilton* and *Thea Stilton* (series) by Geronimo and Thea Stilton

For those in the middle:
  *The Bad Books Series* and *The Secret Series* by Pseudonymous Bosch
  *Brixton Brothers* (series) by Mac Barnett
  *Gilda Joyce Psychic Investigator Series* by Jennifer Allison
  *Malcolm at Midnight* (series) by W.H. Beck
  *Puzzling World of Winston Breen* (series) by Eric Berlin
  *Under the Egg* by Laura Marx Fitzgerald

For those in need of a challenge:
  *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznik
  *Serafina and the Black Cloak* (series) by Robert Beatty
  *The Shakespeare Stealer* by Gary L. Blackwood

Scary Stories

For those just starting out:
  *Eerie Elementary* (series) by Jack Chabert and Sam Ricks
  *The Haunted Library* (series) by Dori Hillestad Butler
  *The Notebooks of Doom* (series) by Troy Cummings

For those wanting to feel a bit creeped out:
  *Goose Bumps* (series) by R. L. Stine
  *Undead Pets* (series) by Sam Hay
  *The Year of Shadows* by Claire Legrand
For those who crave a really, really scary story…

*Breathe: A Ghost Story* by Cliff McNish

*Doll Bones* and others by Holly Black

*The Graveyard Book* and others by Neil Gaiman

*The Jumbies* by Tracey Baptiste

*Took* and others by Mary Downing Hahn