



## Rising Second Graders

Titles may be available on audiobook or in large print. Many also come in Spanish. Some are meant for an adult to read to a child and some are for the beginning reader.



### Fiction

**A Bear for Miguel** by Elaine Marie Alphin

On market day, María is asked to trade her stuffed bear, Paco, for food to feed her family.

**The Adventures of Taxi Dog** by Debra Barracca

Maxi was once a sad dog without a home. Now he rides around New York City all day with his good friend, Jim the taxi driver.

**Inspector Hopper** by Doug Cushman

Inspector Hopper and his hungry partner, McBugg, may be insects, but they are very good at solving mysteries.

**Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown** (or other *A is for Amber* books) by Paula Danziger

Mrs. Wilson has moved away and Amber Brown doesn't know who the new teacher will be. Who will protect her from mean Hannah?

**Stinky: A Toon Book** by Eleanor Davis

A monster named Stinky is very happy living in a smelly, mucky and slimy swamp until a kid from town arrives. Stinky has to figure out how to get rid of him for good.

**Oh No, Gotta Go!** by Susan Middleton Elya

"Where is un baño? Dónde está? I really do need one,' I told mi mamá." Out for a ride, Papá must find un baño and fast!

**Digby** by Barbara Shook Hazen

Digby is an old dog. She can't run and play ball with the children, but she is better at doing other things. And she is still their friend.

**The Day of Ahmed's Secret** by Florence Parry Heide

All day long Ahmed keeps his secret to himself. What do you think his secret might be?

**You Read to Me, I'll Read to You** (or other *You Read to Me* books) by Mary Ann Hoberman

Have fun reading together with a friend.

**The Mystery of the Missing Dog** by Gwendolyn Hooks

Alex is worried. He has looked everywhere he can think of for his dog, Jet. He isn't outside, in the basement or under the bed. What if Jet is really lost?

**A Sweet Smell of Roses** by Angela Johnson

Martin Luther King marched for freedom and equality and there were children who marched along with him.

**Lionel in the Summer** (or other *Lionel* books) by Stephen Krensky

Lionel and his big sister Louise can't agree about anything they want to do during the summer, but they both think ice cream is the best treat.

**Captain and Matey Set Sail** by Daniel Laurence

Captain and Matey are pirates. They squabble, argue and disagree about everything.

**Days with Frog and Toad** (or other *Frog and Toad* books) by Arnold Lobel

Toad leaves his house a mess; Frog likes things neat. Frog tells a scary story; Toad doesn't believe him. They are different, but they are still close friends.

**Gus and Grandpa and Show-and-Tell** (or other *Gus and Grandpa* books) by Claudia Mills

Gus tries and tries to think of something really cool to take for show-and-tell.

**Ruby the Copycat** by Peggy Rathmann

From her first day in Miss Hart's class, Ruby copies Angela. By the end of the week, Angela is angry. How can she get Ruby to stop being a copycat?

**Mr. Putter and Tabby Fly the Plane** (or other *Mr. Putter and Tabby* books) by Cynthia Rylant

While flying his new remote-control airplane, Mr. Putter has lots of fun and makes a new friend.

**Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss

"I would not like them here or there, I would not like them anywhere, I do not like green eggs and ham. I do not like them, Sam-I-am."

**Detective Dinosaur** or **Detective Dinosaur: Lost and Found** by James Skofield

Detective Dinosaur and Officer Pterodactyl work together, solving mysterious cases.

**Alicia's Happy Day** by Meg Starr

Alicia greets her neighbors as she walks through the neighborhood to a special party. On her way, the Icey man gives her four scoops of Helado de Coco. Wow! What a happy day it is.

**Amanda Pig and the Really Hot Day** by Jean Van Leeuwen

Amanda pig is hot and sticky. Her grape ice pop melts too fast, so she is hot and sticky and drippy. If only she could cool off.

**Grandma's Records** by Eric Velasquez

Summer for Eric means staying with Grandma. He spends happy days listening to music and hearing her stories about growing up in Puerto Rico.

## Nonfiction

**How Are You Peeling? Foods with Moods** by Joost Elffers E 152.4

Happy, sad, jealous or angry—find the food that shares your mood.

**The Hatseller and the Monkeys: A West African Folktale** by Baba Wague Diakite E 398.2

A tired, hungry hatseller takes a nap under a mango tree. The monkeys in the tree take his hats. How will he get them back?

**I Saw You in the Bathtub, and Other Folk Rhymes** E 398.8

Some very silly rhymes can be found in this book! Try to say them without laughing.

**The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System** E 523.2 (or other *Magic School Bus* books) by

Joanna Cole

Take a wild trip through the solar system with Ms. Frizzle and her class.

**Sounds All Around** by Wendy Pfeffer E 534

Which is softer, a whisper or falling leaves? Which is louder, a yell or the sound of a vacuum cleaner?

Find out about sound and try some activities, too.

**How a Seed Grows Into a Sunflower** by David Stewart E 583.99

Sunflowers are beautiful to look at. Read all about them and learn how to grow one of your own.

**Amazing Snakes!** by Sarah L. Thomson E 597.96

“There are more than 2,000 different kinds of snakes. Some are shorter than a pencil. Some are almost as long as a school bus.”

**Do Dolphins Really Smile?** by Laura Driscoll E 599.53

Dolphins are friendly and they love to play. You may be surprised at how smart they are.

**All in Just One Cookie** by Susan E. Goodman E 641.86

Start with butter, sugar, flour and eggs. Two cups of chocolate chips go in last. Bake up a batch of Grandma’s delicious cookies. Yum!

**Ice Cream: The Full Scoop** by Gail Gibbons E 641.862

Summer is a great time to eat ice cream. Maybe you’ve wondered how ice cream is made. Find out in this book.

**Little Dog and Duncan** or **Little Dog Poems** by Kristine O’Connell George E 811.54

Spend a day with Little Dog and his BIG pal Duncan.

**The Bug in Teacher’s Coffee and Other School Poems** by Kalli Dakos E 811.54

Discover what the class goldfish, teacher’s cookie and school bell have to say about school.

**Capital!: Washington From A to Z** by Laura Krauss Melmed E 975.3

From the Air and Space Museum to the National Zoo, there are many places to see. Which ones would you like to visit?

**Helen Keller** by David Adler E Bio Keller

There was a little girl who could not see or hear. At the age of six, she got a teacher who helped her learn to read and write. Helen Keller grew up to be a famous woman who always cared about helping other people.

**Tomás Rivera** by Jane Medina E Bio Rivera

Tomás worked hard all day helping his family pick crops. He loved the stories that his grandfather told at night. Tomás became a famous author.

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