



## Rising Third Graders

Titles may be available on audiobook or in large print. Many also come in Spanish.

### Fiction



**Secrets of Droon** a series by Tony Abbott

Go through the secret door with Eric and his friends. Adventures await you in the magical land of Droon.

**Young Cam Jansen** a series by David A. Adler

Cam closes her eyes, says "Click," and uses her special memory to solve mysteries.

**Franny K. Stein: Mad Scientist** a series by Jim Benton

Franny is not like the other kids. She likes bats and tarantulas and knows how to use science to save the day.

**Wagon Wheels** by Barbara Brenner

The three young Maldie brothers are left to take care of themselves on the frontier while their daddy looks for better land.

**Shipwreck Saturday** (or other *Little Bill* books) by Bill Cosby

Little Bill builds a boat and proudly sails it on the lake. Then disaster strikes!

**Donavan's Word Jar** by Monalisa DeGross

Some people collect cards; some collect dolls or stamps or rocks. Donovan collects words, which he keeps in a jar.

**Zero Grandparents** (or other *Jackson Friends* books) by Michelle Edwards

Grandparents Day is coming and Calliope has no grandparents. Even Stinky Stern, the worst kid in the class, is bringing his grandpa to school. Calliope hates Grandparents Day.

**The Village That Vanished** by Ann Grifalconi

The slavers are on their way. The people of Abikanile's village must make a plan to save themselves.

**From Slave to Soldier** by Deborah Hopkinson

Johnny hated being a slave, but is he ready to be a Civil War soldier?

**Pinky and Rex** (or other *Pinky and Rex* books) by James Howe

Pinky and Rex are best friends and like having everything the same. Sometimes that is hard to do.

**Andy Shane and the Very Bossy Dolores Starbuckle** by Richard Jacobson

Andy would like to stay home with Granny Webb, but he has to go to school where Dolores Starbuckle is always trying to run the show.

**Jenius: The Amazing Guinea Pig** by Dick King-Smith

Pets' Day is coming to Judy's class. Finally she can bring in her guinea pig Jenius and prove to the kids that he really does all the tricks she's bragged about.

**Soccer Sam** by Jean Marzollo

When Sam's cousin, Marco, comes to visit from Mexico, he doesn't know how to play basketball—he keeps bouncing the ball on his head!

**Magic Tree House** a series by Mary Pope Osborne

Enter the Magic Tree House and travel back in time, sharing adventures with Jack and Annie.

**Clementine** (or other *Clementine* books) by Sara Pennypacker

All day long she hears, "Clementine, you need to pay attention...Clementine, there's nothing funny about this...Clementine, I've told you a hundred times..." How can she always be in so much trouble when she tries so hard to be good?

**The Outside Dog** by Charlotte Pomerantz

There are many stray dogs near their home in Puerto Rico, but one keeps coming back. Marisol's grandpa says he can stay—if he is an outside dog.

**Rescue on the Outer Banks** by Candice F. Ransom

In the midst of a hurricane, can ten-year-old Sam and his horse, Ginger, rescue the shipwrecked people before they drown?

**Nate the Great** a series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

His name is Nate the Great. He is a detective. His dog's name is Sludge. Together they solve cases.

**Chato's Kitchen** by Gary Soto

Chato, the coolest cat in the barrio, cooks frijoles, fajitas and salsa for his new mice neighbors. His real plan is to eat the guests for his dinner. How rude!

**Good Night, Good Knight** (or other *Good Knight* books) by Shelley Moore Thomas

Good Knight is guarding the castle when he hears a very loud roar coming from a deep, dark cave.

## Nonfiction

**Vote!** by Eileen Christelow J 324.973

2008 was a big year for elections in the United States. How does an election work?

**Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock** (or other *Anansi* books) by Eric A. Kimmel E 398.2

Anansi the trickster spider is walking through the forest when he finds a magical rock.

**Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale** by John Steptoe E 398.2

A great king invites the most worthy and beautiful daughters in the land to come to the city so he can choose one of them to become his queen.

**Discover the Stars** by Cynthia Pratt Nicolson E 523.8

Did you know that the biggest star you can see in the sky is named Betelgeuse? Read about stars, constellations and galaxies.

**Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs!** by Kathleen V. Kudlinski E 567.9

When dinosaur bones were first found in China, people thought they were the bones of dragons. Boy, were they wrong!

**Surprising Sharks** by Nicola Davies E 597.3

Don't be frightened! Every shark is not a human-eating giant. Sharks come in many different shapes and sizes.

**Giant Snakes** (or other *SeeMore Readers* books) by Seymour Simon E 597.96  
Anacondas are the biggest snakes in the world. They can weigh over five hundred pounds!

**The Busy Body Book: A Kid's Guide to Fitness** by Lizzy Rockwell E 612  
Your body systems work to keep you moving. "A body that gets busy each day stays strong, healthy, and happy."

**Everybody Cooks Rice** by Norah Dooley E 641.6  
It's dinnertime, but where is Anthony? He is tasting the food in the neighbors' houses. Whether they come from China, Puerto Rico or India, they all cook rice.

**Ancient Egypt** J 709.32 or **Ancient Mexico** J 709.72 by Kelly Campbell Hinshaw  
In all times and places, people have made works of art. Some are beautiful. Some are strange.

**Summer: An Alphabet Acrostic** (or other *Alphabet Acrostic* books) by Steven Schnur E 793.73  
Summer words are made into poems. Maybe you can write an acrostic poem with your name.

**Weather** E 811  
Sun and clouds, wind and snow, here are poems about weather selected by poet Lee Bennett Hopkins.

**Meet Danitra Brown** E 811 or **Danitra Brown, Class Clown** J 811.54 by Nikki Grimes  
Zuri writes poems about her best friend, Danitra Brown, who just happens to be "the greatest, most splendiferous girl in town."

**Tut's Mummy: Lost...and Found** by Judy Donnelly E 932  
Long ago a young king of Egypt died. His mummy was buried for over three thousand years before it was found.

**Celia Cruz, Queen of Salsa** by Veronica Chambers E Bio Cruz  
She was born a poor girl in Cuba. When she sang lullabies to her brothers and sisters, people would gather at the door to listen. "Her voice is *tan dulce*, sweet like *azúcar*."

**I Am Rosa Parks** by Rosa Parks E Bio Parks  
"Some people think that I kept my seat because I'd had a hard day, but that is not true. I was just tired of giving in." Rosa Parks tells the story of her life and how she helped to start the civil rights movement.

**George Did It** by Suzanne Jurmain E Bio Washington  
He said yes when he was asked to fight for freedom. He said yes when he was asked to help design the government. When George Washington was asked to be our first President, he wanted to say no.

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