



Recommended Beginning Readers



I Am Invited to a Party! (and others in the Elephant & Piggie series)

by Mo Willems

When Piggie gets an invitation to a party, she is worried about what to wear. Gerald, who claims to know all about parties, shows Piggie how to be prepared.

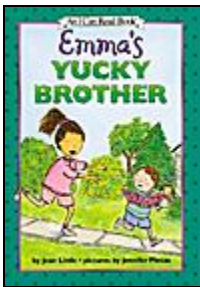


Biscuit (and others in the Biscuit series)

by Alyssa Capucilli

A little yellow dog wants ever one more thing before he'll go to sleep.

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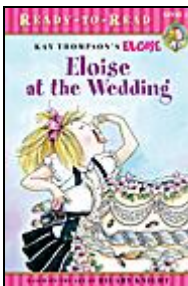


Emma's Yucky Brother (and others in the Emma series)

by Jean Little

Emma finds out how hard it is to be a big sister when her family adopts a four-year-old boy named Max.

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Eloise at the Wedding (Eloise series)

by Margaret McNamara

Although she hasn't been invited to the wedding being held in the Plaza Hotel where she lives, Eloise finds a way to play an important role in the ceremony.



Amelia Bedelia and the Surprise Shower (and other Amelia Bedelia books)

by Peggy Parish

While helping to prepare a surprise shower, Amelia Bedelia and her cousin make some arrangements that are not quite what the guests expected.

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The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Climbing Cat (and others in the series)

by Cynthia Rylant

The High Rise Private Eyes, animal detectives, try to find the cat who stole their neighbor's binoculars.

Lexile: 210



Minnie and Moo Go to the Moon (and others in the Minnie and Moo series)

by Denys Cazet

Two cow friends, Minnie and Moo, decide to drive the farmer's tractor all the way to the moon.

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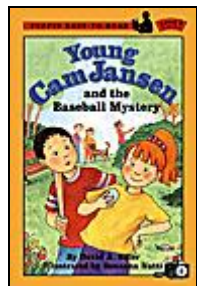


Nate the Great, San Francisco Detective (and others in the Nate the Great series)

by Marjorie Sharmat

Nate the Great goes to San Francisco to solve a mystery with his cousin, Olivia Sharp, who is also a detective.

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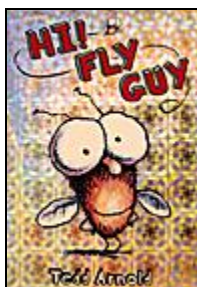


Young Cam Jansen and the Baseball Mystery (and others in the Young Cam Jansen series)

by David A. Adler

When a baseball game is stopped because of a lost ball, Cam uses her photographic memory to find the ball.

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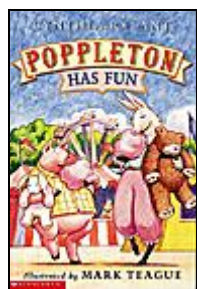


Hi! Fly Guy

by Tedd Arnold

When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.

Lexile: 280



Poppleton Has Fun (and others in the Poppleton series)

by Cynthia Rylant

Poppleton goes to a movie alone, makes a quilt with his friends, and ends up eating a banana split instead of taking a bath.

Lexile: 290



Fancy Nancy: Pajama Day (and other in the Fancy Nancy series)

by Jane O'Connor

Nancy, who likes to use fancy words, is excited to wear her elegant nightgown for Pajama Day at school, until best friend Bree and schoolmate Clara impress everyone by wearing matching pink polka-dot pajamas.

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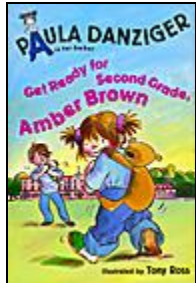


Splat the Cat Sings Flat (and others in the Splat the Cat series)

by Rob Scotton

When Splat's teacher tells the class that they will be performing on Parents' Night at school, Splat develops a very bad case of stage fright because he cannot sing a note. His non-traditional performance that night makes Splat the star of the program.

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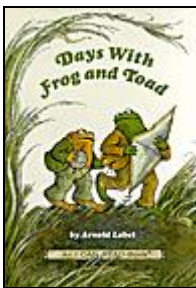


Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown (A is for Amber series)

by Paula Danziger

Amber is nervous about starting second grade with a new teacher, but despite being in the same class as mean Hannah Burton, things turn out just fine.

Lexile: 300



Days with Frog and Toad (and others in the Frog and Toad series)

by Arnold Lobel

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

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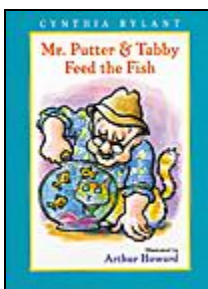


Henry and Mudge and the Long Weekend (and others in the Henry and Mudge series)

by Cynthia Rylant

Henry and Mudge's boring weekend becomes interesting when Mom suggests building a castle in the basement.

Lexile: 340



Mr. Putter & Tabby Feed the Fish (and others in the Mr. Putter & Tabby series)

by Cynthia Rylant

After Mr. Putter buys three goldfish and takes them home, he discovers that his cat Tabby has a serious problem with them.

Lexile: 340



Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa

by Erica Silverman

Cowgirl Kate and her always-hungry horse Cocoa, count cows, share a story, and help each other fall asleep.

Lexile: 400



Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride (and others in the Mercy Watson Series)

by Kate DiCamillo

Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive in his Cadillac with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel.

Lexile: 390 - 450

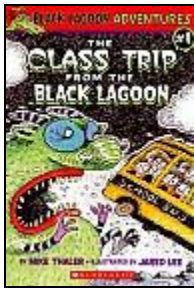


Stanley, Flat Again! (and others in the Flat Stanley series)

by Jeff Brown

After Stanley Lambchop goes flat once again, he uses his flatness to help win a sailboat race and to rescue a classmate from a collapsed building.

Lexile: 480



Class Trip from the Black Lagoon (and others in the Black Lagoon Adventure series)

by Mike Thaler

The students must deal with a scary bus driver named Mr. Fenderbender, mosquitoes as large as Dracula, and their mean teacher, Mrs. Green, on their class trip to the Black Lagoon.

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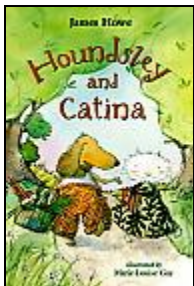


Pinky and Rex (and others in the Pinky and Rex series)

by James Howe

Rex and her best friend Pinky, each the proud possessor of twenty-seven stuffed animals or dinosaurs, find their visit to the museum and its gift shop complicated by Pinky's little sister Amanda.

Lexile: 490



Houndsley & Catina

by James Howe

Houndsley and Catina run into trouble when they decide to prove that they are the best at cooking and writing, respectively.

Lexile: 580