Rascal*

JF Puppy Place

When Lizzie and Charles take in Rascal, a pesky Jack Russell terrier puppy, they have their hands full keeping him out of trouble.

Third Grade Mermaid*

JF Raymundo

Cora the mermaid is having trouble with spelling, but if she wants to stay on the swim team she has to get an A on her next test.

Third Grade Angels

JF Spinelli

George Morton competes with his third-grade classmates to earn the first 'halo' of the year for good behavior, but being good turns out to be more stressful than he anticipated.

The Brave Kitten (Pet Rescue Adventures)*

JF Webb

After helping care for an injured kitten, Helena becomes concerned the cat won't find a home.

Graphic Novels

Bug Boys*

JF G Bug Boys

Two bug best buddies go on adventures, including exploring spooky caves, founding a library, saving their town's honey supply from extinction, and even making friends with ferocious termites!

Cucumber Quest: The Doughnut Kingdom*

JF G Cucumber

Magician Cucumber and his sister Almond are sent on a quest to find the only weapon capable of defeating the Nightmare Knight.

InvestiGators*

JF G InvestiGators

With their Very Exciting Spy Technology and their tried-and-true, toilet-based travel tech-

niques, the InvestiGators are undercover and on the case! Can Mango and Brash uncover the clues, crack their cases, and corral the crooks—or will the criminals wriggle out of their grasp?

Finals Crisis (DC Super Hero Girls)*

JF G Super-Hero

When a mysterious villain kidnaps the students of Super Hero High, they will have to work together to outwit their captor, save the city, and pass their finals.

Nonfiction

The Spider (Disgusting Critters)*

E 595.4 GRA

Learn all about spiders, including habitat (pretty much everywhere but outer space), silk spinning (can trap prey and make a nifty bowtie), and more in this funny nonfiction book.

Manhattan: Mapping the Story of an Island
J 974.7 THE

Told in dazzling maps and informative sidebars, *Manhattan* explores the 400+ year history of Manhattan Island.

When Sue Found Sue

JB Hendrickson

From a young age, Sue Hendrickson was meant to find things from lost coins to bottles. Her endless curiosity eventually led to her career in paleontology, where she would continue to find things big and small. In 1990, at a dig in South Dakota, Sue made her biggest discovery to date: Sue the T. rex, the largest and most complete T. rex skeleton ever unearthed!

For further suggestions tailored to your interests, search the Novelist K-8 database or ask a librarian!

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*Starred titles are part of a series; other books in that series will also be appropriate for this grade.



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Picture Books

The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors

P Daywalt

Rock searches for an adversary that might best him; meanwhile Paper and Scissors set off on their own quests for competitors.

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs

P Willems

When three hungry dinosaurs lay a trap to catch something to eat, Goldilocks who never listens to warnings, walks straight into it.

Chapter Books

The Bad Guys*

Chapter Blabey

Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha want to be heroes and free the dogs in the city pound, but their plan goes awry.

The Chicken Squad*

Chapter Cronin

When a squirrel comes barreling into the coop ranting about a scary thing in the yard, the chickens investigate this strange object.

Rise of the Balloon Goons (Notebook of Doom)*

Chapter Cummings

Alexander finds a notebook full of information about monsters, and spooky balloon men try to attack him!

My Robot Ate My Homework (Project Droid)*
Chapter Krulik

Third-grader Logan has the perfect solution for homework--just have his robot do it! But Logan is going to have to fill his own hard drive with facts when a geography bee is announced.

Rock Star (Jada Jones)*

Chapter Lyons

Jada's best friend moved away but a class project on rocks and minerals—Jada's favorite topic—could mean new friends, if only one of her teammates would stop being mean.

Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot*

Chapter Pilkey

Ricky Ricotta, a small mouse, is bullied at school, but when he rescues a powerful robot from its evil creator, he acquires a friend and protector who helps him save the city!

A Boy Called Bat*

JF Arnold

Bat's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But the minute Bat meets the kit, he knows they belong together.

Frankie Sparks and the Class Pet*

JF Blakemore

Frankie, the self-proclaimed "best inventor in the third grade," creates a tool to persuade her classmates a rat would make the best class pet.

Power Pitcher

JF Christopher

Jimmie learns an important lesson about the misuse of power when he is elected captain of his baseball team and makes decisions that are not in the team's best interests.

The Million Dollar Shot*

JF Gutman

Eddie believes he can solve his family's financial woes by sinking a million-dollar half-time basket at the NBA finals, but someone will stop at nothing to keep him from winning.

Farm Fresh Fun (Phoebe G. Green)*

JF Hiranandani

A peaceful field trip to Goat Hill Farm turns into a wild, noisy adventure for third-grade friends.

Sleepover Sleuths (Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew)*

JF Keene

When 8-year-old Nancy Drew is invited to a sleepover party, the host's doll goes missing and Nancy tries to solve her first case.

The Princess Test

JF Levine

In this humorous retelling of H.C. Andersen's "The Princess and the Pea," Lorelei must pass many difficult tests to prove she is a princess.

Ruby Lu, Star of the Show*

JF Look

Ruby's father loses his job on her first day of third grade, which causes many things in her life to change.

Judy Moody Was in a Mood*

JF McDonald

Third grader Judy Moody is in a bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself.

Fairest of All (Whatever After)*

JF Mlynowski

After moving to a new house, Abby and her younger brother discover a mirror, which transports them into Snow White's fairy tale.

Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth*

JF O'Connor

Nancy Clancy has everything she needs to be a detective. When a classmate's prized possession disappears from school, it's up to Nancy to follow the clues and save the day!

The Case of the Snack Snatcher (West Meadows Detectives)*

JF O'Donnell

When someone steals the morning snacks, third-grade detective Myron and his selfappointed partner Hajrah are on the case.