

Super Books for 2nd (almost 3rd) Graders!



Many reading levels can be found among second graders. This list includes books to meet these different needs as well as the variety of interests found in these developing readers.

Picture Books and Early Readers

Aardema, Verna	<i>Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears</i>
Ackerman, Karen	<i>Song and Dance Man</i>
Allard, Harry	<i>Miss Nelson is Missing</i> (and other "Miss Nelson" titles)
Anno, Mitsumasa	<i>Anno's Mysterious Multiplying Jar</i>
Arnold, Tedd	<i>Parts</i> (and other titles by this author)
Bildner, Phil	<i>Shoeless Joe and Black Betsy</i>
Blake, Robert J.	<i>Togo</i>
Blume, Judy	<i>The One in the Middle is a Green Kangaroo</i> and <i>The Pain and the Great One</i>
Buller, Jon	<i>20,000 Baseball Cards Under the Sea</i>
Bunting, Eve	<i>Fly Away Home</i> (and other titles by this author)
Byars, Betsy	<i>The Golly Sisters Go West</i> (and other "Golly Sisters" books)
Cherry, Lynne	<i>The Great Kapok Tree</i>
Denim, Sue	<i>The Dumb Bunnies</i> (and other "Dumb Bunnies" titles)
dePaola, Tomie	<i>Strega Nona</i> (and other books by this author)
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Mercy Watson to the Rescue</i> (and other "Mercy Watson" stories)
Gantos, Jack	<i>Rotten Ralph</i> (and other "Rotten Ralph" titles)
Kellogg, Steven	<i>Any titles by this author (a personal favorite)</i>
Nichol, Barbara	<i>Beethoven Lives Upstairs</i>
Nixon, Joan Lowry	<i>Beats Me, Claude</i> (and other "Claude" titles)
Noble, Trinka Hakes	<i>The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash</i>
Palatino, Margie	<i>Bad Boys</i> and <i>Moosestache</i>
Pilkey, Dav	<i>Dog Breath</i> and <i>The Hallo-Wiener</i>
Polacco, Patricia	<i>Chicken Sunday</i> (and other titles by this author)
Provinsen, Alice	<i>A Day in the Life of Murphy</i>
Pulver, Robin	<i>Punctuation Takes a Vacation</i>
Ryan, Pam Munoz	<i>Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride</i>
Say, Allen	<i>Grandfather's Journey</i> (and other titles by this author)
Scieszka, Jon	<i>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs</i> (and other titles by this author)
Smith, Lane	<i>John, Paul, George, and Ben</i>
Thaler, Mike	<i>The Gym Teacher from the Black Lagoon</i> (and other "Black Lagoon" titles)
Van Allsburg, Chris	<i>Jumanji</i> (and other titles by this author)

Series

Abbott, Tony	<i>The Secrets of Droon</i>
Adler, David	<i>Cam Jansen Mysteries</i>
Brown, Marc or Stephen Krensky	<i>Arthur</i> chapter books
Danziger, Paula	<i>Amber Brown</i>
Greenburg, Dan	<i>The Zack Files</i>
Greenburg, J.C.	<i>Andrew Lost</i>
Gutman, Dan	<i>My Weird School</i>
Kimpton, Diana	<i>Pony-Crazed Princess</i>
Klein, Abby	<i>Ready Freddy</i>
Kline, Suzy	<i>Horrible Harry</i>
McDonald, Megan	<i>Judy Moody and Stink</i>
McMullan, Kate	<i>Dragon Slayers' Academy</i>
Meadows, Daisy	<i>Rainbow Magic Fairies</i>
Osborne, Mary Pope	<i>The Magic Treehouse</i>
Peters, Stephanie	<i>Soccer Cats</i>
Rodda, Emily	<i>Fairy Realm</i>
Roy, Rob	<i>A to Z Mysteries</i>
Sachar, Louis	<i>Marvin Redpost</i>
Scieszka, Jon	<i>Time Warp Trio</i>
Sobol, Donald	<i>Encyclopedia Brown</i>
Stilton, Geronimo	<i>Geronimo Stilton</i>
Van Draanen, Wendelin	<i>Shredderman</i>
Various Authors	<i>The American Girls</i>

Beginning Novels

Atwater, Rick	<i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i>
Auch, Mary Jane	<i>I Was a Third Grade Spy</i>
Birdsall, Jeanne	<i>The Penderwicks</i>
Blume, Judy	<i>Freckle Juice</i>
Byars, Betsy	<i>My Dog, My Hero</i> and <i>Tornado</i>
Christopher, Matt	<i>The Dog that Called the Pitch</i> (and other sports titles by this author)
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Ramona the Pest</i> (and other titles by this author)
Clements, Andrew	<i>Frindle</i> (and other titles by this author)
Colfer, Eoin	<i>The Legend of Spud Murphy</i> (and other "Legend" titles)
Dahl, Roald	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> (and other titles by this author)
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> and <i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i>
Howe, James	<i>Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery</i> (and other titles by this author)
Hurwitz, Johanna	<i>Russell and Elisa</i> (and other "Russell" and "Elisa" titles)
Kelly, Katy	<i>Lucy Rose: Big on Plans</i> (and other "Lucy Rose" books)
King-Smith, David	<i>Lady Lollipop</i> (and other titles by this author)
Levine, Gail Carson	<i>The Princess Test</i>

Lowry, Lois	<i>Gooney Bird Greene</i> (and other books in the collection)
MacDonald, Betty	<i>Mrs. Piggle Wiggle</i> (and other "Mrs. Piggle Wiggle" titles)
McKenna, Colleen	<i>Third Grade Ghouls</i>
Nolan, Lucy	<i>Down Girl and Sit: Smarter Than Squirrels</i>
Pennypacker, Sara	<i>Clementine</i>

Nonfiction

Barretta, Gene	<i>Now and Ben</i>
Clements, Andrew	<i>Dolores and the Big Fire</i>
Cole, Joanna	<i>Ms. Frizzle's Adventures</i> (series)
Cole, Joanna	<i>The Magic School Bus</i> adventures
DePaola, Tomie	<i>26 Fairmount Avenue</i> (and other biographies) and <i>The Popcorn Book</i>
George, Jean Craighead	<i>How to Talk to Your Dog</i>
Hatkoff, Isabella	<i>Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship</i>
Kalman, Maira	<i>Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of John J. Harvey</i>
Leedy, Loreen	<i>There's a Frog in my Throat!</i>
Old, Wendie	<i>To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers</i>
Raven, Margo Theis	<i>Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot</i>
Schwartz, David	<i>How Much is a Million?</i> (and other books by this author)
Simon, Seymour	<i>Earthquakes</i> (and other titles by this author)
St. George, Judith	<i>So You Want to Be President?</i>
Various Authors	"You Wouldn't Want to Be..." series
Weatherford, Carole B.	<i>Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom</i>

Poetry

Aylesworth, Jim	<i>The Burger and the Hot Dog</i>
Bagert, Brod	<i>Giant Children</i>
Demarest, Chris	<i>I Invited a Dragon to Dinner</i>
Florian, Douglas	<i>Insectlopedia</i> (and others by this poet)
George, Kristine O'Connell	<i>Toasting Marshmallows: Camping Poems</i>
Gottfried, Maya	<i>Good Dog</i>
Hoberman, Mary Ann	<i>You Read to Me, I'll Read to You</i>
Katz, Alan	<i>Take Me Out of the Bathtub</i>
Kirk, Daniel	<i>Dogs Rule!</i>
Prelustky, Jack	Any by this author (the U.S.A.'s 1 st children's poet laureate)
Rex, Adam	<i>Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich</i>
Shields, Carol Diggory	<i>Almost Late to School</i>
Sierra, Judy	<i>Antarctic Antics</i> and <i>Monster Goose</i>
Silverstein, Shel	<i>A Light in the Attic</i> and <i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i>
Stevenson, James	<i>Candy Corn</i> and <i>Corn Chowder</i>
Whitehead, Jenny	<i>Lunch Box Mail</i>