

# Chapter Books for Second Graders



***Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball*** by David A. Adler

J ADL

Cam uses her photographic memory to identify the person who stole a valuable autographed baseball.

***My Dad's A Birdman*** by David Almond

J ALM

In a rainy town in the north of England, there are strange goings-on. Dad is building a pair of wings, eating flies, and feathering his nest. Lizzie is missing her Mom and looking after Dad by letting him follow his newfound whimsy. What's behind it all? It's the great human bird competition.

***Soupy Saturdays with the Pain & the Great One*** by Judy Blume

J BLU

This book revisits the sometimes challenging relationship between a six-year-old (The Pain) and his eight-year-old sister (The Great One).

***The Seven Treasure Hunts*** by Betsy Cromer Byars

J BYA

Two boys make up a series of treasure hunts for each other, with disastrous and hilarious results.

***Mercy Watson Fights Crime*** by Kate DiCamillo

J DIC

Mercy the pig's love of buttered toast leads to the capture of a small thief who would rather be a cowboy.

***Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little*** by Peggy Elizabeth Gifford

J GIF

With summer coming to an end, about-to-be-fourth-grader Moxy Maxwell does a hundred different things to avoid reading her assigned summer reading book.

***Dude, Where's My Spaceship?*** By Dan Greenburg

J GRE

When their spaceship crash lands on Earth, Ploo is captured by the Army and taken to the mysterious Area 51. While her brothers, Lek and Klatu, try to rescue her, Ploo uses her ESP to make a new friend.

***Dear Max*** by Sally Grindley

J GRI

As Max--who is almost ten--and his favorite author, D.J. Lucas, exchange letters, the two writers *help each other with their new books and develop a special friendship.*

***How To Save Your Tail: If You Are A Rat Nabbed by Cats Who Really Like Stories about Magic Spoons, Wolves with Snout-warts, Big Hairy Chimney Trolls—and Cookies Too*** by Mary Elizabeth Hanson

J HAN

When he is captured by two of the queen's cats, Bob the rat prolongs his life by sharing fresh-baked cookies and stories of his ancestors, whose escapades are remarkably similar to those of well-known fairy tale heroes.

***Piper Reed, Navy Brat*** by Kimberly Willis Holt

J HOL

Piper is sad about leaving her home and friends behind when her father, a Navy aircraft mechanic, is transferred yet again, but with help from her often-annoying sisters and a surprise from their parents, she finds happiness in their new home in Pensacola, Florida.

***Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys*** by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard

J HOW

In the post-Civil War South, a young African American girl is determined to prove that she can go to school just like her older brothers.

***Horrible Harry and the Green Slime*** by Suzy Kline

J KIL

Follows the school activities of second-graders, Harry and Doug, as they participate in a secret mission to celebrate "Charlotte's Web," learn how to make green slime, and put on a skit warning about the dangers of smoking.

***Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic*** by Emily Jenkins

J JEN

Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys.

***Gooney Bird Greene*** by Lois Lowry

J LOW

A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

***Down Girl and Sit: Smarter than Squirrels*** by Lucy A. Nolan

J NOL

Recounts the adventures of a rambunctious dog who thinks her name is Down Girl and her next door neighbor, Sit, as they try to keep the world safe from dangerous squirrels, the paper boy, and a frightening creature named Here Kitty Kitty.

***Dinosaurs before Dark*** by Mary Pope Osborne

J OSB

Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic treehouse, which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs.

***Paint the Wind*** by Pam Munoz Ryan

J RYA

After her overprotective grandmother has a stroke, Maya, an orphan, leaves her extremely restricted life in California to stay with her mother's family on a remote Wyoming ranch, where she discovers a love of horses and encounters a wild mare that her mother once rode.

***The Little Prince*** by Antoine de Saint-Exupery

J SAI

An aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert encounters a little prince from a small planet who relates his adventures in seeking the secret of what is important in life.

***Lassie Come-home*** by Rosemary Wells

J WEL

Sold in financial desperation to a wealthy duke, a collie undertakes a 1000-mile journey in order to be reunited with her former master in Yorkshire.

***Abracadabra! Magic with Mouse and Mole*** by Wong Herbert Yee

J YEE

Mole is mad about magic until he takes his friend Mouse to a show that turns out to be all tricks, but then Mouse conjures up a special night program to show him the enchantment found in nature.

