

Recommended Series Books for Third Graders

A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

J ROY

From A to Z, you'll enjoy unraveling these mysteries along with Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose! Besides solving crimes and capers in their hometown of Green Lawn, Connecticut, the trio also goes to exciting places like a dude ranch in Montana, a castle in Maine, and an island in the Indian Ocean.

Amber Brown by Paula Danzinger

J DAN and EASY READER DAN

With sensitivity and laugh-out-loud humor, Danzinger chronicles the adventures of spunky fourth-grader Amber Brown as she deals with school friends and her parents' divorce.

Boxcar Children by Gertrude Warner

J WAR

Meet Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny Alden, orphans who wind up living in an old red boxcar after their parents have died. Eventually the children's wealthy grandfather finds them and gives them a wonderful home, but their adventures don't stop there. They travel to all parts of the country, see exciting places, and become involved in strange and mysterious happenings -- sometimes right in their own backyard!

Bunnica by Deborah and James Howe

J HOW

Before it's too late, Harold the dog and Chester the cat must find out the truth about newest pet in the Monroe household-- a suspicious-looking bunny with unusual habits...and fangs!

Cam Jansen by David Adler

J ADL

A fifth grade sleuth uses her photographic memory to solve crimes.

Dragon Slayers' Academy by Kate McMullan

J MCM

When a traveling minstrel foretells that he is to become a hero, Wiglaf sets out to fulfill his destiny: he signs up at the Dragon Slayers' Academy. But how can he ever hope to be a dragon slayer when he can't even stand the sight of blood?

Encyclopedia Brown by Donald Sobol

J SOB

Leroy Brown, aka Encyclopedia Brown, is Idaville neighborhood's ten-year-old star detective. With an uncanny knack for trivia, he solves mysteries for the neighborhood kids through his own detective agency.

Geronimo Stilton by Geronimo Stilton

J STI

Geronimo is the editor of New Mouse City's newspaper, *The Rodent's Gazette*. He is a mouse who loves the comforts of home and hates to travel, yet he finds himself journeying off on adventures with his thrill-seeking sister Thea, his jokester cousin Trap, and his favorite nephew Benjamin.

Hank the Cowdog by John Erickson

J ERI

Join Hank, the bumbling but well-meaning Head of Ranch Security and all his wacky animal and human friends as they get into all sorts of trouble and play down on the range.

Herbie Jones by Suzy Kline

J KLI

Third grade isn't looking too good for Herbie Jones. Not only is he stuck being in Apples, the lowest reading group in class, but he has to get a birthday present for annoying Annabelle and be good for the entire field trip to the museum! How is Herbie ever going to make it through the year?

Judy Moody by Megan McDonald

J MCD

Meet Judy Moody, a third grader with plenty of attitude. She has moods to fit every occasion and special faces she makes to go with them. Of course, her mom and dad and little brother Skink are used to it. Even her best friend Rocky knows when she's having one of her moody days. But Judy is also very creative, too, and when something catches her interest she gives it her all.

Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park

J PAR

Junie B. Jones just can't help getting into all kinds of scrapes. After all, going to school, and having to ride the smelly old school bus, and making new friends isn't easy. And it's really hard to follow the rules, when there seem to be so many of them!

Magic Treehouse by Mary Pope Osborne

J OSB

Jack and his little sister Annie are just two regular kids from Frog Creek, Pennsylvania. That is, until they discover a mysterious tree house packed with all sorts of books. As Jack and Annie soon find out, this is a magical tree house and the books have the power to transport them to any place in history or the future.

Martin Bridge by Jessica Scott Kerrin

J KER

Meet Martin Bridge, a boy whose plans for a brilliant rocket, a substitute bus driver, and a very old hamster go terribly wrong in this trio of stories.

Sebastian (Super Sleuth) by Mary Blount Christian

J CHR

This series follows the adventures of the world's greatest dog detective.

The Secrets of Droon by Tony Abbot

J ABB

A Hidden Door. A Magical Staircase. Discover the World of Droon! Eric, Julie, and Neal have just found something magic in Eric's basement. They have discovered a staircase to another world! The world of Droon is amazing - full of magic, flying lizards, and fun, furry creatures. But how will Eric, Julie, and Neal find their way home? Maybe their new friend, Princess Keeah, can help?

The Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi

J DIT

The Spiderwick Chronicles leave the old-fashioned charm of New England far behind and head south for some fiendish faerie fun in the hot Florida sun. Eleven-year-old Nicholas Vargas only *thinks* his life has been turned upside down after his developer father remarries and moves his new wife and daughter into the soon-to-be completed Mangrove Hollow. Boy was he wrong!

Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka

J TIM

With heroes like Joe, Fred and Sam, history (or the future, for that matter) is never boring. Each book in the series places the characters in a different time period, solving mysteries, battling baddies and just generally having hilarious, kooky adventures.

The Werewolf Club by Daniel Pinkwater

J PIN

Norman Gnormal's parents actually wanted a dog and not a little boy. So they raised little Norman as if he were one. But when he arrives at Watson Elementary School, students tease him for the way he was raised. In an effort to help him adjust, Principal Pantaloni enlists Norman in the Werewolf Club. Though not actually a werewolf himself, Norman gains acceptance from his new friends for his ability to run on all fours and his genuine delight in liverwurst milkshakes.