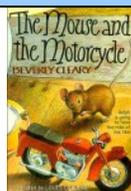


## Suggested Books for 3rd Grade Readers



### ***Sideways Stories from Wayside School*** by Louis Sachar, Julie Brinckloe (illus.)

There'd been a terrible mistake. Wayside School was supposed to be built with 30 classrooms all next to each other in a row. Instead, they built the classrooms one on top of the other ... 30 stories tall! (The builder said he was very sorry.) That may be why all kinds of funny things happen at Wayside School -- especially on the 30th floor. You'll meet Mrs. Gorf, the meanest teacher of all; terrible Todd, who always gets sent home early; and John, who can only read upside down -- along with all the other kids in the crazy mixed-up school that came out sideways. But you'll never guess the truth about Sammy, the new kid ... or what's in store for Wayside School on Halloween!



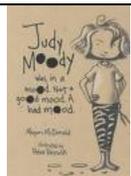
### **The Mouse and the Motorcycle** by **Beverly Cleary** (Grades 3-5)

The story features a mouse named Ralph who lives in a somewhat run-down inn in a mountain resort area with many other mice from his extended family. Ralph interacts with a young boy named Keith, who gives Ralph a toy motorcycle. Keith teaches Ralph that in order to make the motorcycle go, he has only to make the same motorcycle sounds Keith makes while playing with it. Ralph is soon able to ride the motorcycle, which becomes his trademark until the end of the third book in the series. In the novel, Ralph helps to save Keith during an illness by delivering an [aspirin](#) to him. Keith is not seen again in the sequels of the story. Each book features a different boy as a new friend for Ralph.



### ***Sarah, Plain and Tall*** by **Patricia MacLachlan**

*Sarah, Plain and Tall* is a tale set in the late 19th century. It is about a widowed midwestern farmer with two children, Anna and Caleb. The farmer advertises for a wife. When Sarah arrives she is homesick for Maine, especially for the ocean which she misses greatly. The children fear that she will not stay, and when she goes off to town alone, young Caleb, whose mother died during childbirth, is stricken with the fear that she has gone for good. But she returns with colored pencils to illustrate for them the beauty of Maine, and to explain that, though she misses her home, "the truth of it is I would miss you more." The tale gently explores themes of abandonment, loss and love.



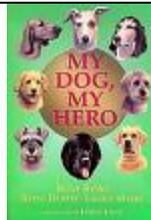
### **Judy Moody** by Megan McDonald

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.



### **Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days!** by **Stephen Manes**

This is a funny story about a boy who finds a "how-to" book on how to be perfect in just three days. Following the instructions, he finds himself doing some pretty odd things, like wearing broccoli around his neck. The end of the story is appropriately funny and sweet.



### **My Dog, My Hero** by **Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey and Laurie Myers**

Eight dogs have been nominated for the Hero of the Year Medal. Each deserves to win, but only one can.

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### Fiction:

- Because of Winn-Dixie by Dicamillo
- Caddie Woodlawn by Brink
- Chicken House by Howard
- Escape the Giant Wave by Kehert
- Shiloh by Naylor
- Snow Treasure by McSwigan
- Star in the Storm by Harlow
- Stone Fox by Gardiner
- Thunder Form the Sea by Harlow
- Tornado by Byars
- Wayside School is Falling Down by Sachar
- White Star by Crisp
- Beverly Cleary Books

### Non-Fiction:

- Adventures in Ancient Egypt by Bailey
- Animal Stories by King-Smith
- Destination Polar Regions by Grupper
- DK Guide to Dinosaurs by Lambert
- Grapes of Math by Tang
- If you lived in the time of by Scholastic
- Koko's Story by Patterson
- Rice Is Life by Gelman
- Safari by Bateman

### Series:

- Amber Brown Series by Danzinger
- Boxcar Children Series by Warner
- Childhood of Famous Americans
- Dear America Series
- Findle and books by Clements
- Fred Bowen Series
- Hardy Boys Series
- Lucy Rose Series by Kelly Magic Schoolbus Series by Cole
- Nancy Drew Series

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### Poetry:

- Children by Prelutsky
- Dragons Are Singing Tonight by Prelutsky
- If I were In Charge of the World and Other Worries by Viorst
- It's Raining Pigs and Noodle By Perlutsky
- Mammalabilia by Florian
- My Parents Think I'm Sleepin by Prelutsky
- Runny Babbit by Silvertein
- Something Big Has Been Here by Prelutsky
- The Frogs Wore Red Suspenders by Prelutsky
- Where the Sidewalks Ends and other poetry by Silverstein
- Worries by Viorst

### Classics:

- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Dahl
- Cricket in Times Square by Selden
- Heidi by Spyri
- Misti of Chincoteague and other books by Henry
- Pippi Longstocking by Lindgren
- Wizard of Oz by Baum

### Biography:

- Anastasia's Album by Brewster
- Beethoven Lives Upstairs by Nichol
- Mary on Horseback by Wells
- Meet Thomas Jefferson by Barret
- Michelangelo by Stanley
- Riding Freedom by Ryan
- Stone Girl, Bone Girl by Anholt
- The Secret Soldier by Taylor
- Tiger Woods by Wheller
- You forgot Your Skirt, Amelia Bloomer by Corey
- Wanted Dead or Alive by McGovern

## More Suggested Books for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Readers

### ***AMBER BROWN IS NOT A CRAYON* BY PAULA DANZIGER**

The year she is in the third grade is a sad time for Amber because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state.

### ***BE A PERFECT PERSON IN JUST THREE DAYS* BY STEPHEN MANES**

Milo, tired of problems with his sister, parents and classmates, finds a book in the library which promises to make him perfect in just three days.

### ***BUNNICULA: A RABBIT TALE OF MYSTERY* BY DEBORAH AND JAMES HOWE**

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

### ***CLASS CLOWN* BY JOHANNA HURWITZ**

Lucas Cott, the most obstreperous boy in the third grade, finds it very hard to turn over a new leaf when he decides to become the perfect student.

### ***FANTASTIC MR. FOX* BY ROALD DAHL**

Three farmers, each one meaner than the other, try all-out-warfare to get rid of a fox and his family.

### ***FLAT STANLEY* BY JEFF BROWN**

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he's sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

### ***FRINDLE* BY ANDREW CLEMENTS**

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

### ***HELP! I'M A PRISONER IN THE LIBRARY!* BY ETH CLIFFORD**

Two girls spend an adventurous night trapped inside the public library during a terrible blizzard.

### ***THE HUNDRED DRESSES* BY ELEANOR ESTES**

In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.

### ***MY FATHER'S DRAGON* BY RUTH CHRISMAN GANNETT**

A young boy determined to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.

### ***RAMONA THE PEST* BY BEVERLY CLEARY**

Ramona meets lots of interesting people in kindergarten class, like Davy whom she keeps trying to kiss and Susan whose springy curls seem to ask to be pulled.

### ***SLEEPING UGLY* BY JANE YOLEN**

When beautiful Princess Miserella, Plain Jane and a fairy fall under a sleeping spell, a prince undoes the spell in a surprising way.

### ***STONE FOX* BY JOHN REYNOLDS GARDINER**

Little Willie hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters.

**THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX BY KATE DICAMILLO**

Award winning story about a mouse, Despereaux Tilling, whose talents and perseverance take him through life's adventures.

**TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING BY JUDY BLUME**

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.

**TWELVE DANCING PRINCESSES RETOLD BY RUTH SANDERSON**

A tale of twelve princesses who dance secretly all night long and how their secret is eventually discovered.

## Series Books

**A TO Z MYSTERIES SERIES BY RON ROY**

*Join Dink and his friends Josh and Ruth Rose on their adventures, as they try to solve their neighborhood mysteries. The series begins with **The Absent Author** .*

**SECRETS OF DROON SERIES BY TONY ABBOTT**

*A trio of friends, Eric, Julie and Neal stumble upon the magical world of Droon . The series begins with **The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet** .*

**A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS SERIES BY LEMONY SNICKET**

*After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune. The series begins with **A Bad Beginning** .*

**MAGIC TREE HOUSE SERIES BY MARY POPE OSBORNE**

*Travel through time and around the world with Jack and Annie. The series begins with **Dinosaurs Before Dark** .*

**SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES SERIES BY TONY DiTERLIZZI AND HOLLY BLACK.**

*The three Grace children find adventure in a world inhabited by fairies and other creatures, making for some unique experiences. The series begins with **Book One, The Field Guide** .*