

## BEGINNING CHAPTER BOOKS

- Youth Fic    Ada, Alma.                      **My Name is Maria Isabel**  
Immigrant Maria Isabel wants to fit in at school, and a writing assignment called “My Greatest Wish” gives her that opportunity.
- Youth Fic    Adler, David.                      **The “Cam Jansen” Series**  
Fifth-grade sleuth uses her photographic memory to solve crimes.
- Youth Fic    Blume, Judy                      **The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo**  
Freddy hates being the middle one in the family until he gets a part in the school play.
- Youth Fic    Borden, Louise                      **The John Hancock Club**  
Sean McFerrin and his third grade class in Room 121 can't wait to learn how to write in cursive handwriting. As Sean and his classmates practice cursive writing, they also learn about John Hancock, a patriot in the American Revolution who had a very special signature. Will Sean's cursive ever be good enough for him to join a club named after such an important man?
- Youth Fic    Brisson, Pat                      **Hot Fudge Hero**  
In trials with an unfriendly neighbor, his sister and his mother, Bertie is rewarded for his actions with a hot fudge sundae.
- Youth Fic    Byars, Betsy                      **Little Horse**  
After accidentally falling into a stream, Little Horse fights the swift current that carries him farther and farther from the valley where he was born. When he finally manages to scramble ashore, a giant bird swoops down on him. Little Horse runs for cover in a forest of flowers only to have a giant paw pin him to the ground. But a hand gently lifts him up and tucks him inside a warm cave-just like the cave he used to share with his mother.
- Picture Book    Castaneda, O                      **Abuela’s Weave**  
A Guatemalan girl and her grandmother grow close as they make weavings and travel to market to sell them.
- Youth Fic    Catling, Patrick                      **The Chocolate Touch**  
A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

- Youth Fic Charbonnet, G. **Tutu Much Ballet**  
Charlotte wishes for gymnastics camp but her mother and grandmother insist she take ballet lessons.
- Youth Fic Chew, R. **Wednesday Witch**  
The arrival of a witch who travels on a vacuum cleaner is the start of Mary Jane's strange adventures.
- Youth Fic Christian Mary **"Sebastian (Super Sleuth)" Series**  
Follows the exploits of the world's greatest dog detective.
- Youth Fic Christopher, Matt **Centerfield Ballhawk**  
Because of his poor performance at bat, Jose worries about disappointing his dad, a former ballplayer.
- Youth Fic Christopher, Matt **Dog that Pitched a No Hitter**  
Mike's telepathic dog Harry helps the team.
- Youth Fic Christopher, Matt **Zero's Slider**  
Zero discovers that he can throw a slider when there's a bandage on his injured thumb.
- Youth Fic Christopher, Matt **Hit-Away Kid**  
Barry likes winning at baseball so much that he has a tendency to bend the rules until dirty tactics of a rival team give him a new perspective on sports ethics.
- Youth Fic Christopher, Matt **Man Out at First**  
After he gets hit by a fast-moving ball, Turtleneck loses both his confidence and his position at first base.
- Youth Fic Christopher, Matt **Spy on Third Base**  
The third baseman wonders if he should help his team by using his ability to know where the batter is going to hit the ball.
- Youth Fic Christopher, Matt **Lucky Baseball Bat**  
Marty loses his confidence when he loses his lucky baseball bat and wonders if he will recover both in time for the championship.
- Youth Fic Clifford, E. **"Flatfoot Fox" series**  
Flatfoot has been called "world's greatest detective". He just happens to be a fox.

- Youth Fic Cohen, B. **213 Valentines**  
After being transferred to a special fourth-grade class, Wade plans to send himself 213 valentines signed by celebrities.
- Youth Fic Cone, M. **“Mishmash” series**  
Mishmash, a precocious dog and his owner Pete share experiences in their neighborhood and school.
- Youth Fic Conford, E. **“Jenny Archer” series**  
Nine-year-old Jenny has a big imagination. She makes her own adventures.
- Youth Fic Cuyler, M. **Weird Wolf**  
Harry Walpole is turning into a werewolf! Can he break the curse—without a silver bullet?
- Youth Fic Cuyler, M. **Invisible in the Third Grade**  
Alex finds a brand of bubble gum that turns him invisible but his pranks get out of hand on halloween night.
- Youth Fic Dalglish, Alice **Courage of Sarah Noble**  
An eight-year-old girl finds courage to go with her father to build a house in the wilderness and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back for the rest of the family.
- Youth Fic Dalglish, Alice **Bears on Hemlock Mountain**  
A young boy fears traveling over Hemlock Mountain because of bears, but with the help of a big iron pot he completes his errand.
- Youth Series Delton, J. **“Pee Wee Scouts” series**  
A paperback series about a group of scouts and their larger-than-life experiences.
- Youth Fic Duffey, Betsy **How to be Cool in Third Grade**  
Robby decides that the only way to get through third grade is to be “cool”
- Youth Fic Duncan, Lois **Wonder Kid Meets the Evil Lunch Snatcher**  
Terrorized by a bully, Brian and a fellow comic book fan devise a plan involving a new superhero called Wonder Kid.

- Youth Fic Edwards, Michelle **Pa Lia's First Day**  
Pa Lia's first day at her new school, Jackson Magnet, isn't going so well. She doesn't know anyone there. She can't find her second-grade classroom. But worst of all, she accidentally gets the only kids who have been nice to her in trouble. Will Pa Lia ever fit in?
- Youth Fic Etra, Jonathan **Aliens for Breakfast**  
Finding an intergalactic special agent in his cereal box, Richard joins in a fight to save Earth from aliens, one of whom is masquerading as his classmate.
- Youth Fic Etra, Jonathan **Aliens for Lunch**  
When his bag of microwave popcorn explodes and a space alien emerges, Richard joins him on a top secret interstellar mission.
- Youth Fic Gannett, Ruth S. **My Father's Dragon**  
A young boy rescues a poor baby dragon from being misused by a group of lazy wild animals.
- Youth Fic Gannett, Ruth S. **Dragons of Blueland**  
Elmer and his baby dragon fly to the home of the dragons.
- Youth Fic Giff, Patricia **"Polk Street" series**  
Series takes up through a year in Ms. Rooney's class.
- Youth Fic Giff, Patricia Reilly **Rosie's Big City Ballet**  
When Rosie sets her heart on being selected for a part in Miss Deidre's summer ballet performance, she has no idea that she may be chosen for something even better.
- Youth Fic Gilson, Jamie **You Cheat!**  
Nathan bribes his brother into going fishing, then wishes he hadn't.
- Youth Fic Greene, Carol **The Jenny Summer**  
Robin discovers the pleasure of having a best friend when Jenny moves in next door.
- Youth Fic Greenwald, Sheila **"Rosy" series**  
Lively Rosy grows and matures through a series of adventures.
- Youth Fic Greenwood, Pamela **What About My Goldfish**  
Jamie worries about moving to a new city, but with the help of his pets he adjusts to his new home.

- Youth Fic Gross, V. **The Day it Rained Forever**  
Based on the Johnstown flood event. A dam bursts, releasing a wall of water 125 feet high.
- Youth Fic Guest, Elissa Hayden **Iris and Walter and the School Play**  
When Iris moves to the country, she misses the city where she formerly lived; but with the help of a new friend named Walter, she learns to adjust to her new home.
- Youth Fic Hansen, Ron **The Shadowmaker**  
A little girl named Drizzle rescues her town from a mysterious wizard who makes new shadows for people.
- Youth Fic Hautzig, Deborah **Walter the Warlock**  
When his father requests that he write a song using magic, Walter knows he really wants to write the song himself.
- Youth Fic Hayes, Geoffrey **Swamp of the Hideous Zombies**  
When the people of Boogle Bay begin to disappear, Otto feels sure that Zombie monsters are at work.
- Youth Fic Herman, Charlotte **Millie Cooper, 3B**  
Millie copes with school and other problems in creative and funny ways.
- Youth Fic Hesse, Karen **Sable**  
Tate is happy when a stray dog appears, but Sable causes trouble with the neighbors and has to go.
- Youth Fic Hooks, William **Pioneer Cat**  
A pioneer girl smuggles a cat aboard her wagon train. How long can she keep it a secret?
- Youth Fic Howe, James **“Pinky and Rex” series**  
Pinky’s a boy, Rex is a girl. These are the stories of their special friendship.
- Youth Fic Jacobs, Shannon **Song of the Giraffe**  
Hoping for the respect of her tribe and inspired by a dream, Kisana braves a dangerous journey.
- Youth Fic Keller, Holly **I Am Angela**  
Whether at camp, on a trip to the zoo, walking a neighbor's dogs, or working on a class project, Angela's love of nature is evident.

- Youth Fic King-Smith, Dick **“Sophie” series**  
Four-year-old Sophie dreams of being a farmer.
- Youth Fic Kinsey-Warnock, **Canada Geese Quilt**  
Worried that the coming baby will change her family life, ten-year-old Ariel uses her talent and her grandmother’s experience to make a very special quilt.
- Youth Fic Kline, Suzy **Horrible Harry and the Locked Closet**  
After four days in a row of indoor recess, Miss Mackle's students are bored-until Harry decides to solve the biggest mystery ever in Room 3B! There's a locked closet in the classroom that's been sealed off for years, and he wants to know what's inside. So Harry drafts Doug, Song Lee, and the rest of the class to help him investigate. Their search reveals many surprises-from a hidden trapdoor to...eyeballs! What secret treasures does the closet hold? Is it something more horrible than even Harry can imagine?
- Youth Fic Lawlor, L **How to Survive Third Grade**  
Can a “loser” become a winner? Ernest attempts to make a difficult adjustment.
- Youth Fic LeGuin, Ursula **Catwings**  
Four kittens with wings fly from the city slums in search of a safe home.
- Youth Fic LeGuin, Ursula **Catwings Return**  
Wishing to visit their mother in the city, two winged cats return and find a winged kitten in a building about to be destroyed.
- Youth Fic Leverich, Kathleen **“Best Enemies” series**  
Rivalry of two fourth-graders Priscilla and Felicity.
- Youth Fic Leverich, Kathleen **“Brigid” series**  
Books include Brigid Beware, Brigid Bewitched, and Brigid the Bad.
- Youth Fic Levinson, M **Fourth Grade Four**  
Afraid that he will be teased for wearing glasses, fourth-grader Alex refuses to wear them anywhere but home.
- Youth Fic Levy, Elizabeth **Something Queer in Outer Space**  
It’s Gwen and Jill to the rescue when someone tries to sabotage Fletcher the basset hound’s mission in space.

- Newbery MacLachlan, Patricia **Sarah, Plain and Tall**  
Newbery award winning novel about a unique early settler family.
- Youth Fic Marzollo, Jean **Slam Dunk Saturday**  
Nine-year-old Billy wants to do well in his school's basketball fund-raiser but he is intimidated by a loud-mouth schoolmate.
- Youth Fic Marzollo, Jean **Pizza Pie Slugger**  
Billy is bothered by his step-sister's presence at his games and feels that she is jinxing him into a batting slump.
- Youth Fic Masters, Susan **Libby Bloom**  
Libby, a fourth-grader, begins tuba lessons with a perceptive band teacher and finds she has hidden talents.
- Youth Fic Naylor, Phyllis **The Boys Start the War**  
Disgusted that a family with three girls moves into the house across the river, nine-year-old Wally and his three brothers declare a practical joke war on the girls in this first book of a series.
- Youth Fic Osborne, Mary **"Magic Tree House" series**  
Jack and Annie travel through history, to prehistoric, ancient and other times.
- Youth Fic Park, Barbara **"Junie B. Jones" series**  
Junie herself tells about life as a kindergartner, with a new baby brother, spying on friends and other fun adventures.
- Youth Fic Pennypacker, Sara **Clementine**  
While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.
- Youth Fic Pfeffer, Susan **The Trouble with Wishes**  
The noisy, mean atmosphere of her class makes it hard for Katie to decide how to use the three wishes given to her by an old magic lamp.
- Youth Fic Pilkey, Dav **The Adventures of Captain Underpants**  
When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen.

- Youth Fic Quigley, James **Johnny Germ Head**  
While performing a heroic act at an amusement park, third-grader Johnny confronts his fear of germs.
- Youth Series Roy, Ron **A Spy in the White House**  
KC's mom is getting married . . . to the President of the United States! KC wants the day to be perfect, but someone keeps leaking wedding secrets. The newspapers have even printed where the president and his bride are going on their honeymoon. To save the wedding, KC and Marshall must track down the spy in the White House! Read the entire series!
- Youth Series Roy, Ron **The Absent Author**  
Dink writes to his favorite author, mystery writer Wallis Wallace, and invites him to visit Green Lawn. To Dink's amazement, Wallace says he'll come! But when the big day arrives, Wallace is nowhere to be found. The police think he just missed his plane, but Dink suspects foul play. It's up to Dink and his two best friends, Josh and Ruth Rose, to find the famous writer--before it's too late! This is the first in the *A to Z Mystery Series!*
- Youth Fic Rylant, Cynthia **In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen**  
While staying with their aunt for a year, three nine-year-old cousins keep busy baking and selling cookies, putting on a poetry and singing performance, and trying to encourage a romance between their aunt and one of their former customers.
- Youth Fic Sachar, Louis **"Marvin Redpost" series**  
Adventures and misadventures of an imaginative nine-year-old.
- Youth Fic Scieszka, John **"Time Warp Trio" series**  
Funny time travel fantasies that take the reader to pirate ships, the Wild West, medieval England and prehistoric times.
- Youth Fic Schubert, Ulli **Harry's Got a Girlfriend**  
Harry is embarrassed to admit that he thinks Michelle is nice, especially when he is the only boy she invites to her birthday party.
- Youth Fic Simon, Jo Ann **Star**  
Shy, overweight fourth-grader Toni loses her feelings of clumsiness when she forges a special bond with a horse and succeeds in her first horse show.

- Youth Fic Thaler, Mike **Class Trip from the Black Lagoon**  
OH NO, it's the class trip from the Black Lagoon. The kids have no idea where they are going and imagine a doomed class trip full of ferocious animals, maniacal monsters, and scary aerial acrobatics. It's any kid's nightmare---danger and homework everywhere. There's never a dull moment in the Black Lagoon!
- Youth Fic Warner, G. **“Boxcar Children” series**  
Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny are orphans. Determined to make it on their own, they set out to find a safe place to live. They discover an old, red boxcar that provides shelter from a storm. Against all odds, they make it into their home--and become the Boxcar Children!
- Youth Fic Whelan, Gloria **Hannah**  
Hannah, a blind girl living in Michigan at the end of the nineteenth century, doesn't go to school until a new teacher tells her about the Braille method of reading.
- Youth Fic Whelan, Gloria **Next Spring an Oriole**  
In 1837, ten-year-old Libby and her parents journey by covered wagon to the Michigan frontier where they make themselves a new home near friendly Indians.