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Recommended Reading List

Grade 3 and 4

Atwater, Richard. *Mr. Popper's Penguins*. This book was first published in 1938. The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortune of Mr. Popper. Newbery Honor book.

Avi. *Poppy's return*. In this ongoing Dimwood Forest Adventure, Poppy travels to her childhood home to save the other mice from their destruction by a bulldozer.

Blume, Judy. *Double Fudge*. His younger brother's obsession with money and the discovery of long lost cousins, Flora and Fauna, provide many embarrassing moments for 12 year old Peter.

Brown, Don. *Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein*. Albert Einstein, is introduced in this picture book that portrays how his brilliance often caused him to be the odd boy in school and life.

Byars, Betsy. *The black Tower*. Herculeah Jones gets involved in another dangerous mystery.

Child, Lauren. *Clarice Bean spells trouble*. Spelling causes lots of trouble for Clarice.

Clements, Andrew. *Room One: a Mystery or two*. Ted Hammond works to solve the mystery of the face he sees in an upper window of an abandoned house while being concerned about the possibility of his one-room schoolhouse being forced to close for lack of enough pupils.

Giovanni, Nikki *Rosa*. Beautiful illustrations enhance this account of Rosa Park's refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955. Caldecott Honor Medal (1996)

Hatkoff, Isabella. *Owen and Mzee: the true story of a remarkable friendship*. Baby Hippo Owen and 130 year old tortoise Mzee bond and become unlikely but fast friends at a park in Kenya.

Howe, James. *Bunnacula meets Edgar Allan Crow*. Overly alarmed chester the cat predicts a gruesome fate for the pets in the Monroe household when a writer of juvenile horror fiction and his bird companion stay overnight.

Kinney, Jeff. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. The hazards of growing up before you're ready are uniquely revealed through words and drawings as Greg records them in his diary.

Levine, Gail Carson. *Fairy Dust and the quest for the egg*. Fairy Prilla is on a quest to save Never Land despite her feelings of inadequacy and frustration over being a "no-talent fairy."

Look, Lenore. *Ruby Lu Empress of everything*. Ruby Lu's life becomes challenging after her deaf cousin from China arrives.

Lubar, David. ***Punished***. Logan has three days to complete three tasks before Professor Wordsworth will lift the magical punishment that keeps getting Logan in even more trouble.

O'Connor, Barbara. ***How to steal a dog***. *Half of me was thinking*, Georgina, don't do this. Stealing a dog is just plain wrong. *The other half of me was thinking*, Georgina, you're in a bad fix.

Park, Barbara. ***Skinnybones***. Alex Frankovitch has a big mouth that leads him into a lot of trouble. He can't help being the fifth grade class clown. Alex can't stop getting into one humiliating situation after another.

Pennypacker, Sara. ***Clementine***. Free-spirited Clementine is an ingenuous third grader with a talent for disaster and a good heart.

Sachar, Louis. ***There's a boy in the girls bathroom***. Bradley is a bully. Bradley is a behavior problem. He doesn't do his homework, classwork...anything. Teachers pass him from grade to grade just so that don't have to teach him again. Now, he's in 5th grade and his school hires a counselor named Miss Davis, or Carla, as she likes to be called. Can she help?

Scieszka, Jon. ***Oh say, I can't see***. Sam, Joe and Fred time warp to Revolutionary War days where they must convince George Washington and his men to cross the Delaware.

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