

Great Reads for 3rd Graders



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All Aboard!: Passenger Trains Around the World
by Karl Zimmermann. 385.22 Z74AL.

Bold, colorful photographs illustrate this guide to passenger trains, both past and present.

Blizzard of the Blue Moon by Mary Pope Osborne.
INT OSB.

Jack and Annie journey to New York to save a unicorn in this installment from the Magic Tree House series.

Bronzeville Boys and Girls by Gwendolyn Brooks.
811.54 B873B.

Brooks' gloriously universal celebration of African-American childhood receives a respectful and joyous treatment from pre-eminent illustrator Faith Ringgold.

Clementine by Sara Pennypacker. INT PEN.

An irrepressible 3rd grader shares the details of her wild week, which include accidentally cutting off her friend's hair and being sent to the principal's office.

Conejito: A Folktale From Panama by Margaret Read Mac Donald. 398.2097287 M135.

On his way to visit Tía Monica, Conejito (little rabbit) meets a fox, a tiger and a lion. He tells them he's too skinny to be eaten and tricks them out of their meal.

The Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine. INT FIN.

Tuffy likes to eat birds and mice, but the humans in his life are not so thrilled with his homicidal habits.

Gooney Bird and the Room Mother by Lois Lowry.
INT LOW.

Gooney Bird Greene hatches a plan to find a room mother for the chance to play Squanto in the class play.

Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine. INT LEV.

Henry Brown escapes slavery by mailing himself in a wooden box from Virginia to Philadelphia.

Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride by Kate DiCamillo.
EASY DIC.

Mr. Watson's and Mercy's regular Saturday morning drive in the Cadillac turns into quite an adventure.

Mr. Chickee's Funny Money by Christopher Paul Curtis. INT CUR.

Steven and Russell, the founding members of the Flint Future Detectives Club, crack their first case involving some mysterious money.

No Bad News by Kenneth Cole. INT COL.

Marcus needs a haircut and this morning he's going all by himself to the barbershop. An urban neighborhood is depicted in the realistic photographs.

Outside and Inside Mummies by Sandra Markle.
393.3 M346.

Dramatic photographs and lively text explore the science behind 46 mummies and the new technologies used to investigate these ancient mysteries.

Owen & Mzee by Isabella Hatkoff. 599.635 H364O.

After the tsunami, baby hippo Owen was separated from his mother. He was taken to Haller Park where he attached himself to a giant tortoise named Mzee.

A Pair of Polar Bears: Twin Cubs Find a Home at the San Diego Zoo by Joanne Ryder. 599.786 R992.

The development of Tatqiq and Kalluk, twin polar bears rescued by the San Diego Zoo, is chronicled in this stunning photo essay.

Probuditi! by Chris Van Allsburg. INT VANA.

After seeing a magician hypnotize someone, a young boy decides to hypnotize his younger sister with surprising results.

Soupy Saturdays With The Pain & The Great One
by Judy Blume. INT BLUME.

In alternating first-person chapters, Jacob (the Pain) and Abigail (the Great One) describe a series of Saturday adventures.

Sugar Cane: A Caribbean Rapunzel by Patricia Storage. 398.209729 S884.

A young fisherman's pregnant wife craves sugar cane, but the sugar cane garden belongs to a sorceress who claims the fisherman's baby girl, Sugar Cane, on the child's first birthday.



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