

Class III Picture Book Fiction

Bartone, Elisa. **Peppe the Lamplighter**

Peppe takes a job lighting the gas street lamps in his New York City neighborhood.

Base, Graham. **The Discovery of Dragons**

A trio of intrepid explorers provides the clever and witty discovery of dragons in Viking Europe, China and Prussia in this beautiful and exuberantly illustrated work.

At the Sign of the Seahorse

The inhabitants of a coral reef are threatened when a shady real estate deal started by the greedy Grouper floods their area with poisonous waste.

Bateman, Teresa. **The Ring of Truth**

After the king of the leprechauns bestows on him the Ring of Truth, Patrick O'Kelley no longer expects to win a blarney contest.

Bildner, Phil. **Shoeless Joe and Black Betsy**

Shoeless Joe Jackson, said by some to be the greatest baseball player ever, goes into a hitting slump just before he is to start his minor league career, so he asks a friend to make a bat to help him hit.

Blake, Robert. **Akiak**

Akiak, a sled dog, races through 1,151 miles of rugged Alaskan terrain from Anchorage to Nome on the Iditarod.

Togo

In 1925, Togo, a Siberian husky who loves being a sled dog, leads a team that rushes to bring diphtheria antitoxin from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska.

Blumenthal, Deborah. **Aunt Claire's Yellow Beehive Hair**

A girl seeking her connection to her family past and present creates a special book in tribute and remembrance, leaving blank pages for future memories.

Bodecker, N.M. **Quimble Wood**

Four quimbles, each no bigger than a little finger, fall out of a car in a forest, and they must learn to fend for themselves quickly since winter is not far off.

The Mushroom Center Disaster

The Mushroom Center Disaster describes what happens when a U.F.R. (Unidentified Flying Rubbish) descends upon the habitat of Mr. Beetle, Miss Ladybug and friends. Ahead of its time, this brief cautionary tale, demonstrates to readers the hazards of litter.

Bunting, Eve. **The Memory String**

While still grieving for her mother and unable to accept her stepmother, a girl clings to the memories represented by forty-three buttons on a string.

Burleigh, Robert. **Home Run: The Story of Babe Ruth**

The legendary Babe Ruth prepares to make a home run.

The Secret of the Great Houdini

As Sam and Uncle Ezra watch, the Great Houdini escapes from a trunk at the bottom of the river. Included here is factual information about Houdini and his career as a magician and escape artist.

Lookin' for Bird in the Big City

This is a fictionalized account of the time when, as a teen-age music student, trumpeter Miles Davis spent many hours trying to find Charlie Parker in New York City.

Carrick, Donald. **Morgan and the Artist**

An artist paints a tiny man who walks out of the painting and announces that he is the painter's inspiration.

Crosbie, Micheal J. **Arches to Zigzags: An Architectural ABC**

Read about a rhyming alphabet of architectural elements, from arches and doors to I-beams, mantels and urns.

DiTerlizzi, Tony. **Jimmy Zangwow's Out-Of-This World Moon Pie Adventure**

When Jimmy's mother won't let him have any Moon Pies for a snack, he takes a trip to the moon to get some.

The Spider and the Fly (Mary Howitt)

In this well-known poem a wily spider preys on the vanity and innocence of a little fly.

Donnelly, Jennifer. **Humble Pie**

A naughty boy gets his just "desserts."

Drummond, Allan. **The Flyers**

In 1903, a group of children on the beach at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, dream of flying and witness the first flight of the Wright brothers. Includes a chronology of milestones in the history of flight.

Grant, Joan. **The Blue Faience Hippopotamus**

A hippopotamus falls in love with an Egyptian princess, seeks out a magician who can change him into something the princess can love.

Hall, Becky. **A is for Arches: A Utah Alphabet Book**

This alphabet book introduces Utah's history, culture, and landscape, from Arches National Park to Zion National Park.

Halperin, Wendy. **When Chickens Grow Teeth: a Story from the French of Guy de Maupassant**

A cafe keeper in a small French village cannot escape from his wife's silly plan to have him hatch eggs in the bed to which he is confined.

Harvey, Brett. **Becky of Eldridge Street**

Becky, a recent Jewish immigrant from Russia, views growing up in New York City in 1910 as a vivid and exciting experience.

Hendershot, Judith. **In Coal Country**

A child growing up in a coal mining community finds both excitement and hard work, in a life deeply affected by the local industry.

High, Linda Oatman. **The Girl on the High-Diving Horse**

Eight-year-old Cordelia spends the summer of 1936 in Atlantic City with her photographer father, and dreams of being the girl who perches on a horse as it dives into a tank of water.

Hopkinson, Deborah. **Maria's Comet**

As a young girl, budding astronomer Maria Mitchell dreams of searching the night sky and someday finding a new comet.

Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings

In the early 1900s, Alta Weiss, a young woman who knows from an early age that she loves baseball, finds a way that she can play, even though she is a girl.

Jorgensen, Gail. **The Journey of the Red-Eyed Tree Frog**

A tree frog whose home is threatened by the destruction of the rainforest makes a long journey to the heart of the Amazon jungle, encountering many animals along the way, and consults the Oracle Toad for advice.

Keller, Laurie. **Arnie the Doughnut**

Arnie the talking doughnut convinces Mr. Bing that not all doughnuts are meant to be eaten.

Kurtz, Jane. **Faraway Home**

Desta's father, who needs to return briefly to his Ethiopian homeland, describes what it was like for him to grow up there.

Leighton, Maxine Rhea. **An Ellis Island Christmas**

Having left Poland and braved ocean storms to join her father in America, Krysia arrives at Ellis Island on Christmas Eve.

Levitin, Sonia. **The Man Who Kept His Heart in a Bucket**

Having once had his heart broken, Jack keeps it in a bucket safe from harm until one day a young maiden asks him to solve a riddle which teaches him the meaning of love.

Logan, Claudia. **The 5,000 Year-Old Puzzle: Solving a Mystery of Ancient Egypt**

An account of Dr. George Reisner's 1925 discovery and excavation of a secret tomb in Giza, Egypt, based on archival documents and records, but told through the fictionalized experiences of a young boy who accompanies his father on the dig.

McCully, Emily Arnold. **The Orphan Singer**

Determined that their daughter realize her musical destiny, her poor but devoted parents send her away as a baby to the Venetian 'ospedale', knowing she will be raised an orphan and will never again return home.

The Amazing Felix

Felix has been practicing a magic trick instead of the piano and is worried about disappointing his musician father, but then he gets to be a hero in the castle where his father is performing.

The Fantastic Drawings of Danielle

Even though her photographer father urges her to try a practical form of art, a young artist in turn-of-the-century Paris finds that her talent for drawing can be useful.

Muth, John. **Zen Shorts**

When Stillwater the giant panda moves into the neighborhood, the stories he tells to three siblings teach them to look at the world in new ways. Includes factual note on Zen.

Polacco, Patricia. **When Lightning Comes in a Jar**

A young girl describes the family reunion at her grandmother's house, from the food and baseball and photos to the flickering fireflies on the lawn.

The Keeping Quilt

A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of an immigrant Jewish family, remaining a symbol of their enduring love and faith.

Pulver, Robin. **Punctuation Takes a Vacation**

When all the punctuation marks in Mr. Wright's class decide to take a vacation, the students discover just how difficult life can be without them.

Rand, Gloria. **Fighting for the Forest**

When they find blue logging markings in the ancient forest where they like to hike, a boy and his father try to save the trees from being cut down. Includes information about how to find and enjoy ancient forests.

Roberts, Michael. **The Jungle ABC**

Collage illustrations present words related to Africa from antelope to orchids to yams

Mumbo Jumbo: The Creepy ABC

Collages take the reader on a very scary journey through the alphabet.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. **Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride: Based on a True Story**

A fictionalized account of the night Amelia Earhart flew Eleanor Roosevelt over Washington, D.C. in an airplane.

When Marion Sang

An introduction into the life of Marian Anderson, extraordinary singer and first African American to perform with the Metropolitan Opera whose life and career encouraged social change.

Sabuda, Robert. **Tutankhamen's Gift**

The book describes the brief history of Tutankhamen, one of the pharaohs of Egypt, and his contributions to art during his reign.

Say, Allen. **Grandfather's Journey**

A Japanese-American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn between a love for two different countries.

Kamishibai Man

After many years of retirement, an old Kamishibai man--a Japanese street performer who tells stories and sells candies--decides to make his rounds once more even though such entertainment declined after the advent of television.

Tea with Milk

After growing up near San Francisco, a young Japanese woman returns with her parents to their native Japan, but she feels foreign and out of place.

Stoltz, Mary. **Zekmet the Stone Carver**

Chosen to design a magnificent monument for a vain and demanding Pharaoh, an Egyptian stone carver conceives of and begins work on the Sphinx which still stands in the Egyptian desert today.

Strand, Mark. **Rembrandt Takes a Walk**

On a visit to his rich eccentric uncle, who owns many wonderful paintings, Tom is amazed when Rembrandt leaves his self-portrait and takes a walk with Tom.

Ul de Rico. **The Rainbow Goblins**

The seven Rainbow Goblins, each a different color, lived on color and prowled the valleys looking for rainbows to drain of their color. In Rainbow Valley, the flowers and the grasses and the animals come up with a way to take care of the goblin menace. After seven goblins try to steal it, the Rainbow is careful never again to touch the earth.

Valen, Nanine. **The Devil's Tail: Based on an Old French Tale**

Retells the traditional tale of three brothers who find they have a most unusual visitor in their house.

Van Allsburg, Chris. **The Z Was Zapped**

Depicts how A was in an avalanche, B was badly bitten, C was cut to ribbons, and the other letters of the alphabet suffered similar mishaps.

The Sweetest Fig

After being given two magical figs that make his dreams come true, Monsieur Bibot sees his plans for future wealth upset by his long-suffering dog.

Jumanji

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.

Zathura: A Space Adventure

Two boisterous brothers find excitement in a mysterious and mystical space adventure board game.

Wells, Rosemary. **The House in the Mail**

In 1927, Emily describes the ordering, arrival, and assembly of a mail-order house for her growing family.

Willard, Nancy. **The Sorcerer's Apprentice**

Sylvia, the new apprentice to the great magician Tottibo, steals one of his spells to complete an impossible task and accidentally creates chaos.

The Tale I Told Sasha

A yellow ball rolls out of sight, over the Bridge of Butterflies, across the Field of Lesser Beasts, through painted trees, to the place where all lost things are found.

The High Rise Glorious Skittle Skat Roarious Sky Pie Angel Food Cake

As she is preparing a special angel food cake for her mother's birthday, a girl is surprised by three angels who have dropped in for a taste.

Yolen, Jane. **The Ballad of the Pirate Queens**

Two women who sailed with "Calico Jack" Rackham and his pirates in the early 1700s do their best to defend his ship.

Piggins

During a dinner party, the lights go out and Mrs. Reynard's beautiful diamond necklace is stolen, but Piggins the butler quickly discovers the real thief.

Picnic With Piggins

A picnic in the country develops a mystery which turns out to be a birthday surprise.

Class III Historical Fiction

Bulla, Clyde Robert. **A Lion to Guard Us**

Three impoverished children draw upon all their resources to stay together and make their way from London to the Virginia colony in search of their father.

Pirate's Promise

While on his way to America in 1716, an English boy is captured by pirates.

A Sword in the Tree

After he and his mother flee for their lives, a young boy goes to King Arthur for help in winning back his castle from his wicked uncle, and discovers his father is still alive.

White Bird

A lonely boy is found and reared by a hermit in the wilderness of the Tennessee mountains in the 1880's.

Butcher, Nancy. **It Can't be Done, Nellie Bly: Reporter's Race around the World**

In 1888, a young, female reporter for New York World newspaper sets out to travel around the world in fewer than eighty days, while a Cosmopolitan magazine reporter tries to beat her to the goal.

Caudill, Rebecca. **The Happy Little Family**

It's a good thing mothers understand what no one else seems to when you are the youngest child and finally 4 years old. Bonnie is ready to join her siblings in their many adventures. Join the Fairchild family in their journeys of fun and adventure that close families enjoy. Other books in the Fairchild Family series are: **The Schoolhouse in the Woods; Schoolroom in the Parlor; Up and Down the River**

Coatsworth, Elizabeth. **Away Goes Sally**

In the early nineteenth-century, Sally, an orphan living on the family farm with her three aunts and two uncles, is excited when, after deciding to relocate in Maine, the family sets out on the long and adventurous winter journey taking with them a little house on runners so that her oldest aunt may never have to leave her own fireside behind. **Five Bushel Farm; The Fair American**

Dorris, Michael. **Sees Behind Trees**

A Native American boy with a special gift to "see" beyond his poor eyesight journeys with an old warrior to a land of mystery and beauty.

Fleischman, Sid. **Jim Ugly**

The adventures of twelve-year-old Jake and Jim Ugly, his father's part-mongrel, part-wolf dog, as they travel through the Old West trying to find out what really happened to Jake's actor father.

Fritz, Jean. **The Cabin Faced West**

Set in the wilderness of western Pennsylvania, Anne Hamilton grew up in a cabin where she learned to deal with loneliness and helped to build the West. This is the story of Jean Fritz' great great grandmother, Anne Hamilton Scott. Hamilton Hill is now known as Ginger Hill.

Godden, Rumer. **Miss Happiness and Miss Flower**

After she leaves India to live with her cousins in England, eight-year-old Nona is overcome with homesickness until her great-aunt sends two Japanese dolls which need love and care. Includes construction plans for a Japanese dollhouse.

Harlow, Jean Hiatt. **Star in the Storm**

In 1912, fearful for the safety of her beloved Newfoundland dog Sirius because of a new law outlawing non-shepherding dogs in her Newfoundland village, twelve-year-old Maggie tries to save him by keeping him hidden. (same story as **The Wreck of the Ethie**)

Hill, Kirkpatrick. **The Year of Miss Agnes**

Ten-year-old Fred (short for Frederika) narrates the story of school and village life among the Athapascans in Alaska during 1948 when Miss Agnes arrived as the new teacher.

Toughboy and Sister

The death of their drunken father strands ten-year-old Toughboy and his younger sister at a remote fishing cabin on the Yukon River near Ruby, Alaska, where they spend a summer trying to cope with dwindling food supplies and hostile wildlife.

Hooks, William. **Maria's Cave**

A young Spanish girl discovers the first prehistoric paintings ever seen in modern times in a cave at Altamira, Spain.

Hyatt, Patricia Rusch. **Coast to Coast With Alice**

The author recreates and narrates sixteen-year-old Hermine Jahns' experiences traveling on the first cross-country automobile trip with a woman driver in 1909. Includes photographs from the actual journey.

Hyland, Hillary. **The Wreck of the Ethie**

Fictionalized account of the wreck of the steamship Ethie which occurred on the remote western coast of Newfoundland in December 1919 and in which the dog Skipper proved his heroism.

Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie. **Lumber Camp Library**

Ruby wants to be a teacher, but after her father's death in a logging accident she must quit school to care for her ten brothers and sisters, until a chance meeting with a lonely old blind woman transforms her life.

A Doctor Like Papa

When the influenza epidemic of 1918 comes to Vermont, eleven-year-old Margaret, who has always wanted to be a physician, finds out what doctoring is really like.

The Canada Geese Quilt

Worried that the coming of a new baby and her grandmother's serious illness will change the warm familiar life on her family's Vermont farm, ten-year-old Ariel combines her artistic talent with her grandmother's knowledge to make a very special quilt.

Fisher, Dorothy Canfield. **Understood Betsy**

A small and timid girl discovers her own abilities and the world around her when she goes to live with relatives on a farm in Vermont.

Krensky, Stephen. **The Iron Dragon Never Sleeps**

In 1867, while staying with her father in a small California mining town, ten-year-old Winnie meets a Chinese boy close to her age and discovers the role of his people in completing the transcontinental railroad.

The Printer's Apprentice

In 1735 in New York City, a young printer's apprentice learns about the importance of freedom of speech when the printer Peter Zenger is arrested and tried for writing articles criticizing the government.

Kurtz, Jane. **Bicycle Madness**

In the late nineteenth century, Lillie gains friendship and help with a spelling bee from a neighbor, Frances Willard, who braves criticism to speak about women's rights and learn to ride a bicycle. Includes historical notes.

Lattimore, Eleanor Frances. **Little Pear**

Little Pear is a young boy who lives in a small village in China. Although his story takes place long ago, he is much like any little boy today--always on the lookout for excitement and adventure! Little Pear is just looking for fun, but he has a knack for finding trouble without even trying! Join him as he stows away to the fair in a wheelbarrow full of vegetables, nearly flies away on a kite, has a mishap with a firecracker, and is rescued from the river by a houseboat family.

MacBride, Roger. **Little House on the Rocky Ridge**

In 1894 Laura Ingalls Wilder, her husband, and her seven-year-old daughter Rose make the long and difficult journey to Missouri to start a new life. Others in the *Rose Years* series are: **New Dawn on the Rocky Ridge; In the Land of the Big Red Apple; Little Farm in the Ozarks; On the Other Side of the Hill; Bachelor Girl**

Minihan, John. **Abigail's Drum**

During the War of 1812, when British soldiers threaten the town of Scituate, Massachusetts, young Rebecca Bates and her sister Abigail, daughters of the local lighthouse keeper, find a way to save both him and the town.

Morpurgo, Michael. **Butterfly Lion**

Trying to run away from boarding school in England, a boy encounters an old woman who tells him the story of Bertie and his beautiful white lion.

The Wreck of the Zanzibar

In 1907, Laura living with her family on one of the stormy Isles of Scilly records in her diary how her dream of participating in a shipwreck rescue is finally realized.

Newman, Lesla. **Hachiko Waits**

Professor Ueno's loyal Akita, Hachiko, waits for him at the train station every afternoon, and even after the professor has a fatal heart attack while at work, Hachiko faithfully continues to await his return until the day the dog dies. Based on a true story.

Park, Linda Sue. **Seesaw Girl**

Impatient with the constraints put on her as an aristocratic girl living in Korea during the seventeenth-century, twelve-year-old Jade Blossom determines to see beyond her small world.

Roop, Peter and Connie. **Grace's Letter to Lincoln**

On the eve of the 1860 presidential election, as war clouds gather and the South threatens to secede, Grace decides to help Abraham Lincoln get elected by writing and advising him to grow a beard.

Rounds, Glen. **Blind Outlaw**

A blind outlaw horse is tamed by a boy who can not speak.

Schafer, Jack. **Old Ramon**

A wise old shepherd teaches a young boy lessons about survival, bravery, wisdom, and friendship as he shows him how to care for a flock of sheep in the harsh Mojave Desert.

Seidler, Tor. **The Dulcimer Boy**

Twin brothers are abandoned on their uncle's doorstep in early twentieth-century New England with nothing but a silver-stringed dulcimer.

Treffinger, Carolyn. **Li Lun: Lad of Courage**

Banished from his fishing village because of his fear of the sea, Li Lun must prove his courage on a mountaintop.

Turnbull, Ann. **Maroo of the Winter Caves**

Maroo, a girl of the late Ice Age, must take charge after her father is killed, and lead her little brother, mother, and grandmother to the safety of the winter camp before the first blizzards strike.

Wells, Rosemary. **Mary on Horseback: Three Mountain Stories**

Tells the stories of three families who were helped by the work of Mary Breckinridge, the first nurse to go into the Appalachian Mountains and give medical care to the isolated inhabitants. Includes an afterword with facts about Breckinridge and the Frontier Nursing Service she founded.

Wingwalker

During the Depression, Reuben and his out-of-work parents move from Oklahoma to Minnesota, where his father gets a job as a carnival wingwalker and Reuben has a chance to overcome his terror of flying.

Rachel Field's Hitty: Her First Hundred Years

In this updated version of an old Newbury winner, a doll named Hitty recounts her adventures as she moves through a continually changing string of owners.

Whelan, Gloria. **Fruitlands: Louisa May Alcott Made Perfect**

Fictional diary entries recount the true-life efforts of Louisa May Alcott's family to establish a utopian community known as Fruitlands in Massachusetts in 1843.

Hannah

Hannah, a blind girl living in Michigan in the late nineteenth century, doesn't go to school until a new teacher tells her about the Braille method of reading for the blind.

The Wanigan

In 1878, eleven-year-old Annabel and her parents survive a year of adventure which includes floating downriver in two shacks along with a group of Michigan lumbermen moving logs.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. **Little House in the Big Woods**

Laura Ingalls's story begins in 1871 in a little log cabin on the edge of the Big Woods of Wisconsin. Four-year-old Laura lives in the little house with her Pa, her Ma, her sisters Mary and Carrie, and their trusty dog, Jack. Others in the *Little House* series are: **Little House on the Prairie; Farmer Boy; On the Banks of Plum Creek; By the Shores of Silver Lake; The Long Winter; Little Town on the Prairie; These Happy Golden Years; The First Four Years**

Wiley, Melissa. **Little House in the Highlands**

The childhood adventures in the Scottish countryside of six-year-old Martha Morse, who would grow up to become the great-grandmother of author Laura Ingalls Wilder. Others in the *Martha Years* series are: **The Far Side of the Loch; Down to the Bonny Glen; Beyond the Heather Hills**

Little House on Boston Bay

Living with her family near Boston, Charlotte Tucker, who would grow up to become the grandmother of Laura Ingalls Wilder, feels the effects of the War of 1812. Other in the *Charlotte Years* series are: **On Tide Mill Lane; Road From Roxbury; Across the Puddingstone Dam**

Wilkes, Maria D. **Little House in Brookfield**

Young Caroline Quiner, who would grow up to be Laura Ingalls Wilder's mother, and her family survive their first year without Father in the frontier town of Brookfield, Wisconsin. Others in the *Caroline Years* series are: **Little Town at the Crossroads**; **Little Clearing in the Woods**

Class III Realistic Contemporary Fiction

Avi. **The Good Dog**

McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack.

Birney, Betty. **The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs**

Eben McAllister searches his small town to see if he can find anything comparable to the real Seven Wonders of the World.

Bond Ruskin. **Binya's Blue Umbrella**

A young girl receives a bright blue umbrella in exchange for a necklace. The umbrella brings a smile to everyone's face except one man who wants it for himself.

Bulla, Clyde Robert. **Shoeshine Girl**

Determined to earn some money, ten-year-old Sarah Ida gets a job at a shoeshine stand and learns a great many things besides shining shoes.

Byars, Betsy. **Tornado**

As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy.

The SOS File

The students in Mr. Magro's class submit stories for the SOS file about their biggest emergencies, and then they read them aloud for extra credit.

Calhoun, Mary. **Katie John**

Katie John and her family move into an inherited house in order to sell it, but find they don't want to part with it. **Honestly, Katie John; Depend on Katie John**

The House of Thirty Cats

Sarah finds homes for Miss Tabitha's many cats when the town council declares she must get rid of them.

Carlson, Natalie Savage. **The Family Under the Bridge**

An old tramp, adopted by three fatherless children when their mother hides them under a bridge on the Seine, finds a home for mother and children, and a job for himself.

Cameron, Ann. **The Stories Julian Tells**

Relates episodes in Julian's life which include getting into trouble with his younger brother Huey, planting a garden, what he did to try to grow taller, losing a tooth, and finding a new friend.

More Stories Julian Tells

Cleary, Beverly. **Henry Huggins**

Nothing ever happens to Henry Huggins. Nothing, that is, until a stray dog named Ribsy comes into his life. Pretty soon, Henry and Ribsy are wreaking havoc on the city bus, getting a ride in a police car with sirens wailing, and winning a prize at the dog show. **Ribsy; Henry and the Paper Route; Henry and the Clubhouse; Henry and Beezus**

Clements, Andrew. **Jake Drake, Bully Buster**

Jake uses his wits and insights to deal with a bully, since he is a "bully-magnet", but Link Baxter is his biggest challenge yet. **Jake Drake, Know-it-all; Jake Drake, Class Clown**

Cone, Molly. **Mishmash**

The dog Mishmash moved into Pete's heart, his family's new house, his neighbor's garden and life was never the same again. **Mishmash and the Big Fat Problem; Mishmash and the Sauerkraut Mystery**

Conford, Ellen. **Jenny Archer, Author**

Stymied by an assignment to write her autobiography, Jenny decides to enhance her life story by using her considerable imagination. **Get the Picture Jenny Archer; Can Do, Jenny Archer; Jenny Archer to the Rescue; A Job for Jenny Archer**

Fenner, Carol. **Snowed in With Grandmother Silk**

Ruddy is disappointed when his parents go on a cruise and he must stay with his fussy grandmother for a whole week, but an unexpected snowstorm reveals a surprising side of Grandmother Silk.

Greene, Stephanie. **Owen Foote, Soccer Star**

When Owen and his best friend Joseph join a neighborhood soccer league, they not only face a test of their game skills but also of their friendship. **Owen Foote, Mighty Scientist; Owen Foote, Super Spy; Owen Foote, Money Man**

Horvath, Polly. **The Occasional Cow**

When Imogene is met at the airport by four plump cousins standing on their hands and waving their feet in the air, she quickly realizes that summer in Iowa may not be as dull as she thought.

The Happy Yellow Car

Betty copes with all the problems of growing up and the hardship of the Depression when she wins the Pork-Fry Queen contest and her father comes home with a yellow car that they cannot afford.

Hossack, Sylvie Adams. **The Flying Chickens of Paradise Lane**

As summer turns to fall on Paradise Lane, Brenda Louise, her old friend McClure, and her new friend Rosie discover that some wishes do come true.

Hurwitz, Joanna. **The Adventures of Ali Baba Bernstein**

Eight-year-old David is convinced that his life will be more adventurous when he changes his name to Ali Baba. **Ali Baba Bernstein, Lost and Found; Hurrah for Ali Baba Bernstein**

Aldo Ice Cream

Nine-year-old Aldo discovers the pleasures of doing volunteer work to help the older citizens of the community and the satisfactions of earning his first money on his own for unselfish reasons.

Class Clown

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.

Kelly, Katy. **Lucy Rose: Here's the Thing About Me**

I'm Lucy Rose and here's the thing about me: I am eight and according to my grandfather I have the kind of life that is called eventful, which means NOT boring. According to my mom and my grandmother, I'm what they call a handful. And according to my dad, I am one smart cookie. I say I am one girl who is feeling not-so-sure about things on account of my parents got a separation. Plus my mom and I just moved to Washington, D.C. Here's another thing about me: Most of the time, I am plain hilarious. **Lucy Rose: Big on Plans; Lucy Rose: Busy Like You Can't Believe**

King-Smith, Dick. **The Mysterious Miss Slade**

When eight-year-old Patsy and her younger brother befriend their old neighbor and her many animals, the children help the mysterious lady change her life.

The Stray

When seventy-five-year-old Henny Hickathrift runs away from the old people's home, she meets five children and their parents who welcome her into their family.

Look, Lenore. **Ruby Lu, Brave and True**

"Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks and learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.

Lovelace, Maud Hart. **Betsy-Tacy**

Betsy is happy when a little girl her own age moves to Hill Street. Soon Betsy and Tacy are best friends. **Betsy-Tacy and Tib; Betsy and Tacy Go Downtown; Betsy and Tacy Go Over the Big Hill**

MacLachlan, Patricia. **Arthur, For the Very First Time**

Arthur spends a summer with his unconventional aunt and uncle and begins to look at life, his family, and himself differently.

Seven Kisses in a Row

Emma learns to accept "different strokes for different folks" when her aunt and uncle come to take care of her and her brother.

McCall Smith, Alexander. **Akimbo and the Elephants**

On the African game preserve where his father works, Akimbo devises a dangerous plan to capture a ring of elephant poachers. **Akimbo and the Crocodile Man; Akimbo and the Lions**

McCleery, William. **Wolf Story**

A young father tells his five-year-old son humorous variations on the theme of a hen escaping the clutches of a wily wolf.

McCloskey, Robert. **Homer Price**

Six episodes in the life of Homer Price including one in which he and his pet skunk capture four bandits and another about a donut machine on the rampage.

Mills, Claudia. **7 X 9 = Trouble**

Third-grader Wilson struggles with his times-tables in order to beat the class deadline.

Mowat, Farley. **Owls in the Family**

A young boy's pet menagerie - which includes crows, magpies, gophers and a dog - grows out of control with the addition of *two* cantankerous pet owls. The story of how Wol and Weeps turn the whole town upside down is warm, funny, and bursting with adventure and suspense.

Napoli, Donna Jo. **Sly the Sleuth and the Pet Mysteries**

Sly the Sleuth, also known as Sylvia, solves three mysteries for her friends and neighbors, all involving pets, through her detective agency, Sleuth for Hire.

Nordstrom, Ursula. **The Secret Language**

Two friends develop a unique way of communication and discover its widespread implications.

Robinson, Barbara. **The Best School Year Ever**

The six horrible Herdmans, the worst kids in the history of the world, cause mayhem throughout the school year. **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever; The Best Halloween Ever**

Rylant, Cynthia. **The Blue Hill Meadows**

Tells the story of the Meadow family and the life they lead in the quiet country town of Blue Hill, VA.

Sachar, Louis. **Marvin Redpost: Super Fast, Out of Control!**

Afraid of his new mountain bike, third-grader Marvin finds himself in a desperate situation when he accepts a challenge to ride down Suicide Hill. Enjoy six other funny stories about Marvin Redpost.

Sobol, Donald. **Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective**

Encyclopedia Brown opens his own detective agency. **Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Dead Eagles; Encyclopedia Brown Carries On; Encyclopedia Brown Gets His Man**

Yep, Laurence. **Later Gator**

Teddy finds that his imagination has gotten him into trouble once more, when he buys his younger brother, Bobby, an alligator for his birthday.

Cockroach Cooties

Teddy and his little brother Bobby devise strategies using bugs to defeat the school bully.

Skunk Scout

Teddy is not thrilled with the present his uncle gives him for his tenth birthday--a camping trip for him and his younger brother--but on his first outing away from San Francisco's Chinatown, Teddy learns some interesting facts about nature, about his uncle, and about himself.

Class III Fantastic Fiction

Amato, Mary. *The Word Eater*

Lerner Chanse, a new student at Cleveland Park Middle School, finds a worm that magically makes things disappear, and she hopes it will help her fit in, or get revenge, at her hated school.

Avi. *The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventures of a Small Snail (And an Even Smaller Ant)*

Avon the snail and Edward, a take-charge ant, set off together on a journey to an undetermined destination in search of unspecified adventures.

Barber, Antonia. *The Mousehole Cat*

When the Great Storm-Cat threatens the small English village of Mousehole, only an old fisherman's cat can soothe its fierceness during a dangerous sea venture.

Barker, Cecily Mary. *The Lord of the Rushie River*

This is the story of a young girl, Susan, and how she is rescued by swans and looked after by them while her father is away at sea.

Bond, Michael. *A Bear Called Paddington*

The Browns first meet Paddington on a railway platform in London. He is sitting on a battered suitcase, wearing an odd-looking hat and a sign around his neck that reads, "Please look after this bear. Thank you." And that is just what they do; unaware that home will never be the same once Paddington becomes a member of the family.

More About Paddington, *Paddington at Large; Paddington Abroad; Paddington Goes to Town*

Burgess, Thornton. *Old Mother West Wind*

The adventures of Peter Rabbit, Johnny Chuck, Reddy Fox, the Merry Little Breezes, and all their companions in the fields, the woods, and the streams. ***Mother West Wind's Children***

Butterworth, Oliver. *The Enormous Egg*

When Nate Twitchell discovers that one of his family's hens has laid the biggest egg he has ever seen, he is determined to see it hatch. And when it does, neither he nor his parents, the townspeople the scientists, or the politicians from Washington are prepared for what comes out!

Cameron, Eleanor. *The Wonderful Flight to Mushroom Planet*

A mystery man inspires two boys to build a space ship which takes them to the planet of Basidium to help the Mushroom people. ***Mr. Bass's Planetoid***

Chew, Ruth. *The Trouble With Magic*

When a wizard sets up housekeeping in their attic, Rick and Barbara discover that magic can be wonderful--sometimes. ***The Wednesday Witch; Second-Hand Magic; Earthstar Magic***

Cooper, Susan. *The Magician's Boy*

A boy who works for a magician meets familiar fairy tale characters when he is transported to the Land of Story in search of a missing puppet.

Dyer, Heather. *The Fish in Room 11*

Toby lives in a hotel by the sea. When his friendship with Eliza and her mermaid parents arouses suspicion, he tries to disguise the mermaids as hotel guests. Trying to hide a family with fins and tails is tougher than Toby thinks.

Eager, Edward. **Half Magic**

Jane finds a magic charm which grants half of any wish, and her brother and sisters take turns making double wishes, leading to strange happenings. Finally Jane is called on to make a last wish. **Seven-Day Magic; Time Garden; Knight's Castle; Magic or Not?; Magic by the Lake**

Enright, Elizabeth. **Tatsinda**

When a giant invades the peaceful kingdom of the Tatrajanni and takes the different-looking girl prisoner, it takes the combined efforts of the wise woman of the mountain, the Prince, and the girl herself to rid the kingdom of the intruder.

Erickson, John. **The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog**

Hank the Cowdog, Head of Ranch Security, is framed for the murder of a chicken and becomes an outlaw with the coyotes. Hank the Cowdog has many other adventures.

Erickson, Russell. **Warton and Morton**

Two brother toads, off on a camping trip, are separated during a flash flood and before reuniting have much more adventure than they bargained for. **Warton and the King of the Skies**

Estes, Eleanor. **The Witch Family**

Two little girls who love to draw witches build an elaborate world around the imaginary Old Witch and her family.

The Alley

In the heart of Brooklyn, there is an alley that seems to be the perfect location for Connie Ives and her friends to grow and have adventures. **The Tunnel of Hugsy Goode**

Fleischman, Sid. **The Ghost on Saturday Night**

When Professor Pepper gives Opie tickets to a ghost-raising instead of a nickel in payment for being guided through the dense fog, Opie manages to make money anyway by helping to thwart a bank robbery.

McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm: Three Tall Tales

When Josh McBroom learns that the eighty acres of Iowa farmland he's purchased are all stacked up on top of each other at the bottom of a muddy little pond, he thinks he's been bamboozled. But McBroom knows he's got the better of the bargain when the pond dries up to reveal an acre of soil so rich that seeds spring up into full-grown plants in no time and even nickels grow into quarters.

Greer, Gery. **Jason and the Lizard Pirates**

Jason, Cooper Vor, and Lootna kick a band of Lizard Pirates off the planet Lumaloon in the further adventures of the Intra-galactic Troubleshooting Team. **Jason and the Escape From Bat Planet**

Max and me and the Time Machine

Steve buys a time machine at a garage sale and takes his friend Max to the year 1250, where they land in the middle of a jousting match, with the fierce Sir Bevis as an enemy.

Max and Me and the Wild West

Hayes, Sarah. **Crumbling Castle**

Hoping to enjoy a quiet life working spells in the basement of his new castle, Zeb the wizard finds his life very not at all peaceful thanks to Jason the crow and the castle's other zany occupants.

Heide, Florence Parry. **The Shrinking of Treehorn**

A boy discovers he is shrinking but does not know the cause or cure. **Treehorn's Treasure; Treehorn's Wish**

Howe, James. **Bunnica: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery**

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat warns his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire. **Celery Stalks at Midnight; Howliday Inn; Nighty-Nightmare**

Hurwitz, Joanna. **Pee Wee's Tale**

When his owner's parents let him go in Central Park, a young guinea pig learns to survive in the natural world with the help of a "park-wise" squirrel while trying to find his way back home. **Pee Wee and Plush; Lexi's Tale**

King-Smith, Dick. **The School Mouse**

Flora, the world's most educated mouse, saves her family during a crisis.

A Mouse Called Wolf

A mouse with an unusual name shares his musical gift with a widowed concert pianist.

Martin's Mice

A farm cat who doesn't want to catch mice keeps a family of them as pets in the barn; but then he is given away to a townswoman and acquires a new perspective

Funny Frank

Gertie the hen is appalled when her son Frank wants to swim with the ducks, but Jemima and her mother, the farmer's wife, make him a special outfit so that his dream can come true.

LeGuin, Ursula. **Alexander and the Wonderful Catwings**

Alexander sets out to explore on his own and meets up with Jane, one of the Catwings, who rescues him from a tree. He learns how he can repay her kindness. **Catwings Return; Jane On Her Own: A Catwings Tale**

Grahame, Kenneth. **The Reluctant Dragon**

The boy who finds the dragon in the cave knows it is a kindly, harmless one, but how can he convince the frightened villagers and, especially, St. George the dragon killer that there is no cause for concern?

MacDonald, Betty. **Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle**

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle lives in an upside-down house that smells like cookies. She was even married to a pirate once. Most of all, she knows everything about children. She can cure them of any ailment. Patsy hates baths. Hubert never puts anything away. Allen eats v-e-r-y slowly. Mrs Piggle-Wiggle has a treatment for all of them. **Hello, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle; Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle's Magic**

MacDonald, George. **The Light Princess**

Because she is not invited to the christening of the princess, the King's sister casts a spell depriving the child of gravity and the ability to weep tears.

Mayne, William. **A Year and a Day**

Adam, a fairy child, is abandoned in the human world, and a family adopts him for a year and a day.

Milne, A.A. **Winnie-the-Pooh**

Enjoy the adventures of Winnie-the-Pooh, Christopher Robin, Piglet, Owl, Tigger and the ever doleful Eeyore. **The House on Pooh Corner; When We Were Very Young**

Nesbit, E. **The Deliverers of Their Country**

Effie and Harry discover the dragons first in Britain and decide to rouse the great dragonslayer, St. George out of his eternal sleep to help them.

The Book of Beasts

As young King Lionel turns the pages of his magical book, a hungry red dragon and other creatures, in the illustrations come to life.

Pinkwater, Daniel. **The Hoboken Chicken Emergency**

Arthur goes to pick up the turkey for Thanksgiving dinner but comes back with a 260-pound chicken.

Rodda, Emily. **Rowan of Rin**

Because only he can read the magical map, timid Rowan joins six other villagers to climb a mountain and try to restore their water supply, as fears of a dragon and other horrors threaten to drive them back.

Rowan and the Travelers; Rowan and the Keeper of the Crystal; Rowan and the Zebak

Sanvoisin, Eric. **The Ink Drinker**

A boy who hates books discovers an ink-drinking vampire in his father's bookshop and follows him to his underground vault. **A Straw for Two; Little Red Ink Drinker**

Scieszka, Jon. **It's All Greek to Me**

As they are about to go on stage, Joe, Fred, and Sam are transported back to the time of Zeus and the other gods in Greek mythology, who, strangely enough, behave much as the characters in the trio's class play. Other *Time Warp Trio* stories are: **2095; Sam Samurai; See You Later, Gladiator; The Not-so-Jolly Roger; Knights of the Kitchen Table; Me Oh Maya!; Da Wild, Da Crazy, Da Vinci; Tut, Tut; The Good, the Bad and the Goofy; Summer Reading is Killing Me!; Your Mother Was a Neanderthal; Oh Say, I Can't See; Hey Kid, Wanna Buy a Bridge?**

Sepulveda, Luis. **The Story of a Seagull and the Cat Who Taught Her to Fly**

A seagull, dying from the effects of an oil spill, entrusts her egg to Zorba the cat, who promises to care for it until her chick hatches, and then teach the chick to fly.

Sharp, Margery. **The Rescuers**

So it was that three brave mice - pampered little Miss Bianca, Bernard the good-hearted kitchen boy mouse and the sturdy sailor mouse Nils, set out on their hair-raising attempt to rescue a poor, languishing poet. **Miss Bianca**

Shipton, Paul. **Bug Muldoon: The Garden of Fear**

Something strange is going on in the garden and Bug Muldoon, beetle private investigator, tries to figure out how the ants and the wasps are involved.

Stewart, Paul. **Far-Flung Adventures: Fergus Crane**

Fergus Crane has an almost ordinary life—having lessons taught by rather odd teachers on the school ship *Betty Jeanne* and helping his mother in the bakery. But then a mysterious flying box appears at the window of his waterfront home and Fergus is plunged headlong into an exciting adventure! The box is followed by a winged mechanical horse that whisks him off to meet his long-lost uncle and his penguin helpers, Finn, Bill, and Jackson. Fergus finds out that his teachers are not quite what they seem— they're actually pirates! Can Fergus and his winged horse save his schoolmates on the far-off Fire Island? And who else will he find there? **Far-Flung Adventures: Corby Flood; Far-Flung Adventures: Hugo Pepper**

Titus, Eve. **Basil of Baker Street**

Basil, following in the footsteps of the famous Sherlock Holmes, solves the mystery of the missing twins. **Basil in Mexico**

Van de Wetering, Janwillem. **Hugh Pine**

Hugh Pine, a porcupine genius, works with his human friends to save his less intelligent fellow porcupines from the deadly dangers of the road. **Hugh Pine and the Good Place**

White, E.B. **Charlotte's Web**

Charlotte the spider saves the life of Wilbur the pig with the help of Templeton the rat.

Stuart Little

The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.

The Trumpet of the Swan

Knowing how to read and write is not enough for Louis, a voiceless Trumpeter Swan; his determination to learn to play a stolen trumpet takes him far from his wilderness home.

Class III Folklore, Fairy Tales and Mythology

Aardema, Verna. **Misoso: Once-Upon-a-Time Tales From Africa**

Twelve folktales collected from different parts and tribes of Africa: Zulu, Swahili, Ashanti, Temne Mano, Fang, Khoikhoi, Emo-Yo-Quaim, and Liberian.

Barber, Antonia. **Hidden Tales From Eastern Europe**

This volume contains: The Twelve Months; Misery; The Shepard King; The Most Beautiful Flower; The Chatterer; The Happy Man; The Hundred Children.

Catkin

When a tiny, magical cat carelessly allows a young girl to be captured by the Little People, he must confront her captors and solve three cunning riddles in order to rescue her.

Batt, Tanya Robyn. **The Princess and the White Bear King**

A girl travels east of the sun and west of the moon to free her beloved prince from a magic spell.

Bower, Tamara. **The Shipwrecked Sailor: An Egyptian Tale of Hieroglyphs**

A tale, based on a story found in ancient papyrus scrolls, about a shipwrecked sailor who finds fortune when he is befriended by a serpent that is the Prince of the magical island of Punt.

Craft, Kinuko Y. and M. Charlotte Craft. **Cupid and Psyche**

The god of love, Cupid, falls in love with a beautiful mortal, Psyche.

Cinderella

Although mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters, Cinderella meets her prince with the help of her fairy godmother.

King Midas and the Golden Touch

A king finds himself bitterly regretting the consequences of his wish that everything he touches would turn to gold.

Sleeping Beauty

Briar Rose who, as the object of a fairy's anger, pricks herself and falls into a deep sleep.

D'Aulaire, Ingri. **D'Aulaires' Trolls**

Describes the various kinds of trolls found in Norway's mountains and relates some of the stories associated with them. **Book of Greek Myths; Norse Gods and Giants**

Doherty, Berlie. **Tales of Wonder and Magic**

Contains "The Girl From Llyn y Fan Fach", "The People Could Fly", "The Boggles and the Moon", "Tamlane", "The Boy of the Red Twilight Sky", "Chura and Marwe", "The Black Bull of Norrøway", "Mirragen the Cat-Man", "The Girl Who Couldn't Walk", and "The Woman of the Sea."

Fairy Tales

This collection of classic fairy tales has beautiful illustrations.

Haviland, Virginia. **Tales Told in ...**

Each volume in this series includes readable folklore and fairy tales from that country. Countries included are: Sweden, France, Ireland, Scotland, Italy, Spain, Germany, Greece, Russia, England; Czechoslovakia; Japan; and Norway.

Hoffman, Mary. **Sun, Moon, and Stars**

Contains stories about the sun, moon, and stars, including a patchwork of ideas about how people navigated by the stars, why they thought the earth was flat, about the Star of Bethlehem, and the signs of the zodiac.

Earth, Fire, Water, Air

Mythological stories about the four elements of earth, fire, water, and air.

McCaughrean, Geraldine. **Starry Skies**

Each country explains star formations in a different. Many are told in the wonderfully illustrated volume.

Osborne, Mary Pope. **The One-Eyed Giant**

Of all the adventures faced by Odysseus, none is more terrifying than Polyphemus, the one-eyed giant. Other *Tales From the Odyssey* are: **The Land of the Dead; Sirens and Sea Monster; The Gray-Eyed Goddess; Return to Ithaca**

Parnell, Fran. **The Barefoot Book of Monsters**

Stories included here are: The Terrible Chenoo -- The Monster of the Whirlwind -- The Abominable Snowman -- The Girl with No Fear -- Rona Long Teeth -- The Feathered Ogre.

Porazinska, Janina. **The Enchanted Book**

In this traditional Polish tale the youngest miller's daughter succeeds in outwitting an evil sorcerer.

Schwartz, Alvin. **And the Green Grass Grew All Around: Folk Poetry for Everyone**

Do your ears hang low? Do they wobble to and fro?

If they do, you may be a folk poet! From autograph rhymes to street rhymes, from riddles to nonsense rhymes, folk poetry celebrates the vitality and originality of everyday language.

Sierra, Judy. **Silly and Sillier: Read-Aloud Tales From Around the World**

A compilation of folktales from twenty different cultures, each of which contains elements suited to storytelling for younger children.

Tenggren, Gustaf. **Tenggren's Golden Tales From Arabian Nights**

Illustrated retellings of ten stories of Scheherazade, along with the legend of how they came to be told.

Vittorini, Domenico. **The Thread of Life**

Here are twelve tales from Italy that include: The Most Precious Possession -- A Wise Sentence -- The One-Legged Crane -- March and the Shepherd -- The Three Fools -- The Man, The Serpent and the Fox -- A Strange Reward -- Cenerentola -- The Adventurous Winnower -- The Wooden Bowl -- The Wise Judge -- The Thread of Life

Ward, Helen. **Unwitting Wisdom: An Anthology of Aesop's Animal Tales**

Here is an illustrated adaptation of twelve animal fables first told by the Greek slave Aesop.

Werner, Jane. **The Golden Books Treasury of Elves and Fairies**

Read about lost merbabies and bears who will do anything for canned salmon, bargain with pixies, and search for lost treasure with a leprechaun in this collection of twenty stories and poems.

Yolen, Jane. **Wings**

The story of Daedalus, the Greek master craftsman, who murdered his nephew because of envy, fled to Crete, and then, with his son, tried to fly away from Crete like a bird.

Pegasus: The Flying Horse

Retells how, with the help of goddess Athena, the handsome and overly proud Bellerophon tames the winged horse Pegasus and conquers the monstrous Chimaera.

Meow: Cat Stories From Around World

Stories included here are: The Mouse and the Cat -- Nursery rhymes -- The King of the Cats -- The Cat and the Fox (Aesop) -- Ramb and Amb -- What People Say About Cats -- The Pious Cat -- Why tiger is Angry at Cat -- The Cat and the Hen (Aesop) -- Cat and Rat -- Why the Cat Falls on Her Feet

The Fairies Ring

A collection of poems by such writers as Robert Graves, William Shakespeare, and Walter de la Mare and tales from around the world about fairies in all their forms.