

Terrific Titles for 3rd & 4th Graders

J Fic Auxier

Auxier, Jonathan. **Willa the Wisp**

(Fabled Stables series)

One day eight-year-old Auggie Pound, the caretaker of the rare animals in the Fabled Stables, ventures into the swamp to save a new rare creature, the wisp.

J Fic Ayoade

Ayoade, Richard. **The Book That No One Wanted to Read**

Claiming to be the first book that has ever written itself, this book delivers a series of grievances to a "bookist" reader.

J Fic Barnaby

Barnaby, Hannah Rodgers. **Monster and Boy**

(Monster and Boy series)

When Monster (who lives under the bed) meets Boy (who sleeps in the bed), the boy starts to scream-- and Monster promptly swallows him. It's the beginning of a beautiful friendship!

J Fic Guerrero

Guerrero, Tanya. **How to Make Friends with the Sea**

Moving to the Philippines with his zoologist mother, twelve-year-old Pablo struggles with anxiety while his mother fosters an orphaned child with a facial anomaly.

J Fic Harrell

Harrell, Rob. **Wink**

After being diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, twelve-year-old Ross discovers how music, art, and true friends can push him through treatment and survive middle school.

J Fic Kinsella

Kinsella, Sophie. **Fairy Mom and Me**

(Fairy Mom and Me series)

Ella Brook cannot wait to grow up and be a fairy like her mom, even though her fairy mom's spells often backfire, and Ella usually must come to the rescue.

J Fic Klassen

Klassen, Jon. **The Skull: A Tyrolean Folktale**

This is a story about a girl named Otilia. It is also about a house in the woods, a skull who lives there, a secret the skull has, and the night that Otilia finds out what that secret is.

J Fic Lee

Lee, Stacey. **Winston Chu vs. the Whimsies**

(Winston Chu series)

Winston Chu saves the owner of a shop from a robbery only to be gifted with a broomstick and a dustpan—items that turn out to be more a curse than a blessing when they sweep away important stuff, like his sister.

J Fic Mara

Mara, Maddy. **Azmina the Gold Glitter Dragon**

(Dragon Girls series)

Azmina, Willa, and Naomi are thrilled to learn they're Glitter Dragon Girls. As Dragon Girls, they are sworn protectors of the forest and must help keep it safe from the troublesome Shadow Sprites, who are determined to take the forest's magic for their own.

J Fic McDunn

McDunn, Gillian. **Honestly Elliott**

Struggling with ADHD, loneliness, and connecting with his father who would rather see him embrace sports instead of cooking, Elliott finds a friend in popular, perfect Maribel.

J Fic Messinger

Messinger, Jonathan. **The Fuzzy Apocalypse**

(Alien Adventures of Finn Caspian series)

When Explorer Troop 301 gets stuck on a planet that's about to explode, Finn and his friends will have to face giant aliens, a leader with mind control powers, and one evil, fluffy bunny rabbit in order to save the planet.

J Fic Mlynowski

Mlynowski, Sarah. **Best Wishes**

(Best Wishes series)

Becca feels so alone after her best friend ditches her. But when a magical bracelet grants her wish for more friends, she discovers having a dream come true is not that simple.

J Fic Oshiro

Oshiro, Mark. **You Only Live Once, David Bravo**

After eleven-year-old David Bravo wishes for a do-over of a disastrous day of middle school, he and a shapeshifting spirit guide try to right a wrong in his past.

J Fic Park

Park, Linda Sue. **The One Thing You'd Save**

If your house was on fire, what one thing would you save? This book explores different answers to this question in linked poems that capture the voices of a middle school class.

J Fic Shang

Shang, Wendy Wan Long. **Bubble Trouble**

Chloe is desperate to go to Broadway, but money is tight, and her father's inventions are not selling. So, Chloe comes up with a way to make some money by selling boba tea.

J Fic Simon

Simon, Raphael. **The Anti-Book**

Mickey finds a book that will erase whatever is written in it, and after filling the page with all the things he dislikes, he finds himself in the anti-world where everything familiar is gone.

J Fic Soontornvat

Soontornvat, Christina. **The Guardian Test**

(Legends of Lotus Island series)

Plum has been accepted to the Guardian Academy, but while her classmates begin to transform into amazing creatures, Plum can't even seem to magic up a single feather!

J Fic Stowell

Stowell, Louie. **The Dragon in the Library**

(Kit the Wizard series)

Reluctant reader Kit discovers her wizarding powers and the magic she can wield through books to help save the local library, and its resident dragon, from a power-hungry tycoon.

J Fic Timberlake

Timberlake, Amy. **Skunk and Badger**

(Skunk and Badger series)

The last thing Badger wants is a roommate, and certainly not Skunk, but he does not have a choice; and soon everything in Badger's quiet and ordered life is turned upside down.

J Fic Tsang

Tsang, Katie. **Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Ghosts**

(Sam Wu is NOT Afraid series)

After an embarrassing incident on his school field trip, Sam is determined to prove that he is not afraid of ghosts.

J 070.43 Gr (Graphic Novel)

Gravel, Elise. **Killer Underwear Invasion! How to Spot Fake News, Disinformation, & Conspiracy Theories**

In this hilarious, yet fact-filled book, Gravel uses her wit and quirky illustration style to break down what fake news is, why people spread it, and how to tell what's real and what isn't.

J 509.22 St

Stabler, David. **Kid Scientists: True Tales of Childhood from Science Superstars**

(Kid Legends series)

From Benjamin Franklin to Marie Curie to Neil deGrasse Tyson, you can take a lively look into the childhoods of some of the world's most brilliant scientists.

J 582.16 Ke

Kelley, Tera. **Listen to the Language of the Trees**

This is the story of a new seedling at the base of a giant tree. It will take great luck for this tiny seedling to survive, but it will have help from its friends in the forest.

J 614.49 Me

Messner, Kate. **Plagues and Pandemics**

(History Smashers series)

With a mix of sidebars, illustrations, photos, and graphic panels, this book uncovers the hidden truths about history's pandemics, from the Black Death to COVID-19.

J B Gerhardt Ts

Tsui, Bonnie. **Sarah and the Big Wave: The True Story of the First Woman to Surf Mavericks**

Have you ever seen a big wave? One that's 20, 30, 40, even 50 feet tall? Here's a better question: would you ever surf a big wave? Sarah Gerhardt did--and this is her story.

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