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Living in space

by Kathryn Clay

Examines how astronauts eat, sleep, work, and even exercise in a weightless world. Find more great non-fiction titles in the Smithsonian Little Explorer series.



If you decide to go to the moon

by Faith McNulty

You are invited a trip to the moon--from reminders of what one should pack on a trip to the moon, to the exciting countdown and lift-off.



Rotten pumpkin: A Rotten tale in 15 voices

by David M. Schwartz

After a jack-o-lantern's night in the spotlight, it gets discarded in the garden, where different animals, bugs, fungi, worms, slime molds, and microbes feed off of it and break it down into the soil, where its

nutrients help a pumpkin seed grow



Mac undercover

by Mac Barnett

When Mac receives a call from the Queen of England asking him to find the Coronation Spoon, Mac embarks on his first adventure as a secret agent



The No.1 Car Spotter

by Atinuke

A boy uses his special talent for identifying cars and for thinking up good ideas to help his family and neighbors in his village in Nigeria.



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Berkeley Public Library Favorites for 2nd Grade



Fly Guy vs. the fly swatter

by Tedd Arnold

Fly Guy goes with Buzz and his class on a field trip --- to a fly swatter factory!



Iris and Walter: True friends

by Elissa Haden Guest

Walter shows Iris how to make friends with his horse Rain, and in turn, Iris helps Walter deal with a problem at school



Otto's orange day

by Jay Lynch

After a genie fulfills Otto's wish by turning the whole world orange, Otto realizes that his favorite color is not the best color for everything



Rescue on the Outer Banks

by Candice F. Ransom

In 1886 Sam Deal and his horse, Ginger, help an African American lifesaving crew rescue shipwreck victims off the coast of North Carolina. Learn more history in the On My Own History series.



Dodsworth in New York

by Tim Egan

When Dodsworth sets out for an around-the-world adventure he does not expect a crazy duck to stow away in his suitcase

Chapter books to read myself



Monkey me and the golden monkey

by Timothy Roland

Eating a banana that was zapped by lasers during a class field trip to the science museum, Clyde, an energetic student who cannot sit still, transforms into a monkey and relies on his twin sister, Claudia, to stay out of trouble.



The princess in black

by Shannon Hale

Stopping monsters is no job for a prim and perfect princess in pink. So when trouble calls, Princess Magnolia transforms into her alter ego and confronts the monster as...The Princess in Black.



The Bad Guys

by Aaron Blabey

The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound--but their plan soon goes awry



Don't mess with the ninja puppy!

by Nancy E. Krulik

Sparky's magic bone transports him to Tokyo, Japan, where he meets a new friend, an Akita named Nanami But Nanami isn't just any Akita. She's the queen of the Ninja Dogs. Magic Bone series



Ricky Ricotta's mighty robot vs. the unpleasant penguins from Pluto

by Dav Pilkey

President Penguin from Pluto is mad because earth people have declared that Pluto isn't a planet anymore. Can Ricky and his Mighty Robot save the day once again?



Lost!

by Terry Lynn Johnson

Exploring the Costa Rican jungle to search for a mythical statue, Carter and Anna are chased off the path by howler monkeys and must figure out how to survive and reach safety when they realize they have become lost. Survivor Diaries series.



Bunjitsu Bunny's best move

by John Himmelman

As Isabel, the best bunjitsu artist in her class, continues to practice her skills, she also grows in her understanding of how to use her strongest weapon—her mind.



I barfed on Mrs. Kenly

by Jessica Harper

Cleo's string of embarrassments turn suddenly worse when a bout of carsickness results in an accident involving a family friend's fur coat. Uh-oh Cleo series



Little Horse

by Betsy Cromer Byars

Little Horse falls into the stream and is swept away into a dangerous adventure and a new life.



Jasmine Toguchi, mochi queen

by Debbi Michiko Florence

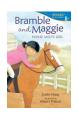
Eager to do something her big sister has not done first, Jasmine decides to pound mochi with the men and boys when her family gets together for New Year's



Grin and bear it

by Leo Landry

Will stage fright prevent a very funny bear from becoming a stand-up comedian?



Bramble and Maggie: horse meets girl

by Jessie Haas

Maggie hopes to have a pony of her own when she meets Bramble, a horse who in longs for a new owner who will provide lots of attention, love and the best care possible.

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