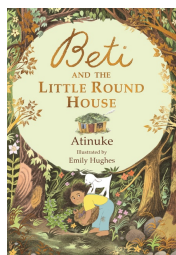




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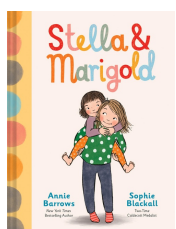
### Grades 2-3



#### **Beti and the Little Round House**

by Atinuke

With themes of endurance, friendship and the power of self-belief, this enchanting new collection of stories follows the adventures of Beti, Mam, Tad, baby Jac and her very own tiny goat named Naughty.



#### **Stella & Marigold**

by Annie Barrows

Two sisters, Stella and Marigold, do all the regular things, like go to school, but they also share adventures (both real and imagined) and secret sister things.



#### **Rica Baptista: A Week of Shenanigans**

by Janet Costa Bates

When her Grampy arrives on crutches for their week of adventure, Rica pulls out all the stops with the help of her best friend, Laini, to make this seemingly adventure-less time fun at home instead.



#### **Detective Beans & the Case of the Missing Hat**

by Li Chen

Meet Detective Beans, a young cat sleuth dedicated to solving cases. After a night of mystery movies with his best friend, Biscuit, Detective Beans wakes up to find his detective hat is missing. There's only one thing to do: hit the streets of Cat Town and

find that missing hat!



#### **Zoey and Sassafras: Gnomes and Sneezes**

by Asia Citro

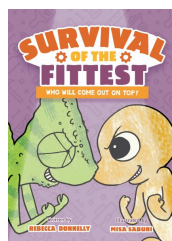
Zoey is very excited about the special hidden room in Sophie's new house. But Zoey hears something Sophie can't... Could it mean a new magical creature? Soon, Zoey learns about a mysterious illness, but she just can't seem to cure it.



#### **Orris and Timble: Lost and Found**

by Kate DiCamillo

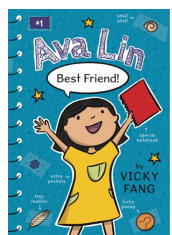
Orris the rat and Timble the owl are unlikely friends. Each night, Timble visits Orris in the barn and listens to his stories. But Timble is growing up, and one evening when the owl doesn't appear as usual, Orris wonders if Timble has forgotten him.



#### **Survival of the Fittest**

by Rebecca Donnelly

Survival of the Fittest: the game show where animal contestants pitch the latest and greatest in scientific innovation to a panel of shark judges! Animals compete to see who can come up with the most useful, most creative, most brilliant design for a product.



#### **Ava Lin, Best Friend!**

by Vicky Fang

Excited for the first day of school, brand-new first grader Ava Lin, who loves bubble tea, finding treasures and animals, is determined to find a best friend and must navigate some confusing social rules, with unintended and hilarious results.

# Best Books 2024-2025

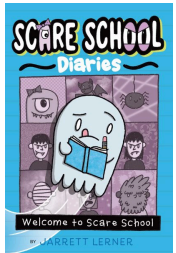
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## Ratnip: Lost and Found in the City

by Cam Higgins

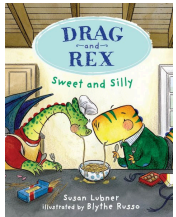
Ratnip the rat lives in the City where there's always plenty to eat, and after he discovers knick-knacks in the dumpster, he goes on a mission to return the treasure to its rightful owner.



## Scare School Diaries: Welcome to Scare School

by Jarrett Lerner

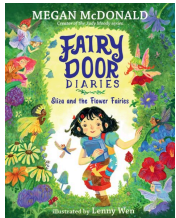
Scared to attend Scare School, young ghost Bash, who's never been good at "ghost stuff," is worried he's not going to make it through the challenging curriculum while trying to fit in with the rest of the ghouls.



## Drag and Rex: Sweet and Silly

by Susan Lubner

A dragon and a T. rex share some of the sweet adventures of being friends, from Valentine's Day to cooking dinner together.



## Fairy Door Diaries: Eliza and the Flower Fairies

by Megan McDonald

Eliza is transported to a world where flower fairies perch on every bloom, but things go awry after Eliza tries to pick a strange flower and her friend Poppy must rescue her before the Demon Wind steals the flower

fairies' scents.



## The Kids in Mrs. Z's Class: Emma McKenna, Full Out

by Kate Messner

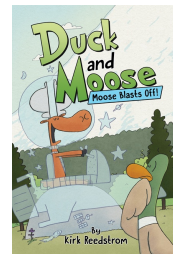
Determined to make this the best school year ever at the brand-new Curiosity Academy, third-grader Emma McKenna finds her fresh start doomed by the arrival of Lucy, her best-friend-turned-enemy, and races to make friends before Lucy ruins everything, again.



## Frankie and Friends: The Lost Tooth

by Christine A. Platt

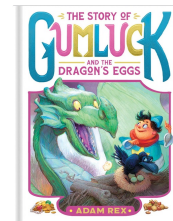
Frankie's first loose tooth might fall out when she is at the Kids' Journalism Conference with Mama, so Frankie and her toys hatch a plan to contact the Tooth Fairy, in a story that teaches young journalists the vocabulary of the trade.



## Duck and Moose: Moose Blasts Off!

by Kirk Reedstrom

Inviting Duck to play astronaut with him, Moose soon discovers Duck doesn't know how to use his imagination and gets frustrated until they both learn how to work--and imagine--together.



## The Story of Gumluck and the Dragon's Eggs

by Adam Rex

Helvetica the raven lays three eggs, but when she returns to her nest Viridian the dragon has moved in--so Gumluck devises a series of contests to determine who should have custody of the eggs.



## Legendarios: The Beginning of All Things

by Karla Valenti

Twins Emma and Martin are in separate classes for the first time at their new school. Unable to handle so much change alone, they escape into the book of legends, becoming trapped in the creation story of when the giant Ometecuhli made the world.



## Pocket Peaches: At the Fair

by Dora Wang

Mango can't wait to compete in the baking contest at the Moonberry Jubilee Fair. But when the recipe goes wrong, Mango has to learn how to "go with the flow." Thankfully, Mango's friends are there to help!



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