



Children's Booklist 2025: Favorite Series for Grades 1-3

Both New and Familiar Early Chapter Books



Isla of Adventure

by Dela Costa

When a lost baby dolphin needs help, Isla gets ready to use her animal-speaking ability but is unable to understand a single thing the dolphin says and wonders if she's in way over her head until someone unexpected arrives to save the day.



Press Start!

by Thomas Flintham

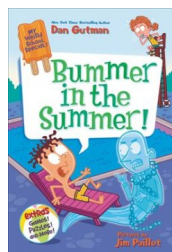
In this choose-your-own-adventure-style book, readers can press start to help Super Rabbit Boy rescue his kidnapped animal friends from evil King Viking and watch their choices make the story unfold in fun and exciting ways.



Farm Friends

by Kimberly Derting

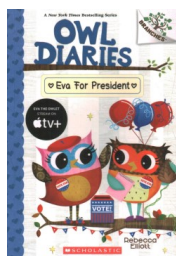
When it is time to plant her flower garden, Poppy's father explains about the importance of pollinators and she decides to plant flowers that will attract bees and butterflies to the farm.



My Weird School

by Dan Gutman

Dreaming of all the fun-filled mischief he wants to enjoy during summer vacation, A.J. is approached by the unsettlingly familiar spirits of summers past, present and future, who try to convince him to mend his ways.



Owl Diaries

by Rebecca Elliott

When no one steps up to run against Sue for class president, Eva decides to throw her hat into the ring during this very special week at Treetop Elementary.



Jina Jeong

by Carol Kim

When Jina sees how much food gets thrown away at school and even notices wasting food at home, she and her friends start a Share Table so kids can donate their uneaten food instead of throwing it in the trash.

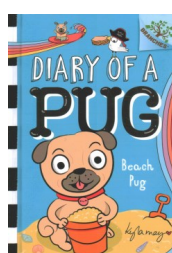


Home for Meow

by Reese Eschmann

Kira Parker lives above The Purrfect Cup, the cat cafe that her family owns and runs. When her parents decide they want to renovate it, she is worried because it means knocking down a wall. When a stray cat and its puppy companion find their way into the cafe, Kira has the great idea to convince her

parents that they belong at The Purrfect Cup.



Diary of a Pug

by Kyla May

It is Bub the pug's first trip to the beach, and Bella wants to enter him in a pet-surfing contest, but Bub is scared of the ocean and refuses, so he hopes to make it up to Bella by presenting her with the treasure at the end of the map he found.

Familiar Faces

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Kwame's Magic Quest

by Bernard Mensah

Excited to start magical training with his new friends at school, 8-year-old Kwame starts to worry when he can't access his magic powers, especially when his friend Fifi starts acting strangely, making him wonder if evil is afoot.

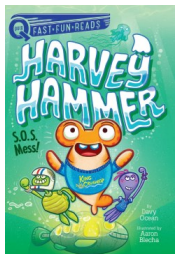


Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol

by Andres Miedoso

Here's the thing about nightmares: at the end of the night, they're all made up. All you need to do is open your eyes, and you're safe and snug in your own bed. That is, unless you're Andres Miedoso. Because all his nightmares are coming true. Desmond

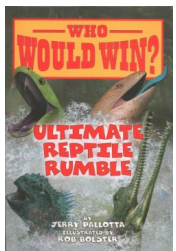
and Andres must battle Andres' nightmares come to life.



Harvey Hammer

by Davy Ocean

When his best friend Flash the turtle gets taken by a leggy-airbreather (human), young hammerhead shark Harvey must save his buddy from becoming someone's pet--or even worse, dinner!



Who Would Win?

by Jerry Pallotta

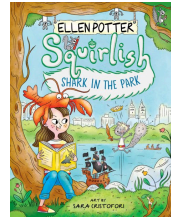
This nonfiction reader compares and contrasts 16 ferocious reptiles. Readers will learn about each animal's anatomy, behavior, and more. Then, compare and contrast the battling animals before finally discovering the winner!



Royal Sweets

by Helen Perelman

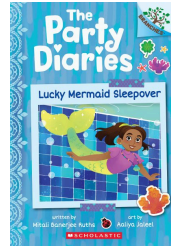
Princess Mini finds a baby narwhal on the shores of Ice Cream Isles--he's lost! Princess Mini is determined to help him, but she will need the help of her friends to find the narwhal's family. Will there be a happy family reunion?



Squirlish : Shark in the Park

by Ellen Potter

Cordelia, a human girl living with squirrels in Central Park, must protect squirrel Prince Oliver during his quest for the Royal Scepter, but Prince Oliver has other plans and is more interested in finding a shark than a scepter



The Party Diaries

by Mitali Banerjee Ruths

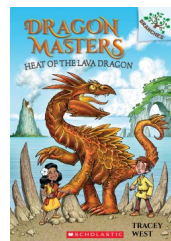
Priya is helping Maddie plan a mermaid-themed sleepover party at Maddie's new apartment where they come up with lots of fun activities and decorations, and Priya has some extra special surprise decorations for Maddie's room.



Mia Mayhem

by Kara West

Tasked to grow her own plant with super seeds collected from all corners of the Earth and beyond, Mia finds herself in a unbe-LEAF-able situation when it won't stop growing until it takes over the world!



Dragon Masters

by Tracey West

Drake, Rori, Ana and Bo are dragon masters who use dragon stones to communicate with their dragons. Their battles against evil bring the kids and their dragons together.



Who Is...?/Who Was...? Biographies

by Various Authors

Illustrated biographies featuring a range of fascinating historical and current figures provide great information and entertainment through short chapters and illustrations that will appeal to reluctant readers as well as middle grade readers in general.



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