

Biographies

(filed in the 921s alphabetically under the subjects' last names)

Goldsmith, Howard	<i>Thomas Edison to the Rescue</i>
Greene, Stephanie	<i>Betsy Ross and the Silver Thimble</i> 190L
Jaffe, Elizabeth	<i>Ellen Ochoa</i> 280L
Jenner, Caryn	<i>The Story of Pocahontas</i> 290L
Klingel, Cynthia	<i>Charles Schultz</i>
Krensky, Stephen	<i>Sacagawea and the Bravest Deed</i>
Patrick, Denise	<i>A Lesson for Martin Luther King, Jr</i>
Penner, Lucille	<i>Sitting Bull</i> 330L
Walker, Pamela	<i>Helen Keller</i> 150L

Character Counts

Boelts, Maribeth	<i>The Sloths Get a Pet</i> (Responsibility)
Chardiet, Bernice	<i>The Best Teacher in the World</i> (Trustworthi-ness) 240L
Driscoll, Laura	<i>The Bravest Cat: The True Story of Scarlett</i> (Courage) 310L
Herman, R. A.	<i>Pal the Pony</i> (Caring) 270L
Hoff, Syd	<i>Chester</i> (Caring) 170L
Holtzman, Caren	<i>No Fair!</i> (Fairness) 60L
Johnston, Tony	<i>Wild, Wild, Rodeo</i> (Sportsmanship) 290L
Kilgras, Heidi	<i>Peanut</i> (Responsibility)
McPhail, David	<i>Rick is Sick</i> (Caring)
Mills, Claudia	<i>Gus and Grandpa at Basket-ball</i> (Responsibility) 310L
Most, Bernard	<i>The Very Boastful Kangaroo</i> (Responsibility) 300L
Pearson, Mary E.	<i>Generous Me</i> (Sharing) 270L
Redmond, S.	<i>Pigeon Hero!</i> (Trustworthiness)
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>Henry and Mudge and the Tall Tree House</i> (Caring) 290L
Suen, Anastasia	<i>Hamster Chase</i> (Citizenship) 160L
Tidd, Louise	<i>Let Me Help!</i> (Caring) 10L
Van Leeuwen, Jean	<i>Oliver and Albert, Friends For-ever</i> (Respect) 200L

Classics

Grahame, Kenneth	<i>The Riverbank</i> (Wind in the Willows)
Hall, Patricia	<i>Raggedy Ann & Andy Day at the Fair</i>
Hill, Susan	<i>Stuart at the Library</i>
Krensky, Stephen	<i>Eeyore Has a Birthday</i> (Winnie the Pooh)
Lewis, C. S.	<i>Welcome to Narnia</i>
Lundell, Margo	<i>Lad, a Dog: The Bad Puppy</i> 330L
Stevenson, Robert Louis	<i>The Treasure Map</i> (Treasure Island) (PB)
Twain, Mark	<i>A Song for Aunt Polly</i> (Tom Sawyer)
Warner, G. C.	<i>Meet the Boxcar Children</i> 300L

Multi-Cultural

Black, Sonia W.	<i>Hanging Out with Mom</i> (African-American)
DeRubertis, Barbara	<i>Count on Pablo</i> (Latino American) 190L
Franco, Betsy	<i>Grandpa’s Quilt</i> (African-American) 110L
Head, Judith	<i>Mud Soup</i> (Mexican American)
Holub, Joan	<i>The Pizza That We Made</i>
Krulik, Nancy	<i>Is It Hanukkah Yet?</i>
McKissack, Patricia	<i>Messy Bessey</i> (African American) 140L
Pearson, Mary E.	<i>Fast Dan</i> (African-American) 50L
Shore, Diane Z	<i>Rosa Loves to Read</i> (Hispanic) 120L

Adventure

Coxe, Molly	<i>The Great Snake Escape</i> 300L
Dubowski, Cathy	<i>Pirate School</i> 240L
James, P. J.	<i>Supertwins and the Sneaky, Slimy Book Worms</i> 190L
Orme, David	<i>Dinosaur Planet</i>
Pearson, Mary E.	<i>I Can Do It All</i>
Parish, Peggy	<i>Granny and the Despera-does</i> 90L
Puckett, Kelley	<i>Batman’s Dark Secret</i> 140L
O’Connor, Jane	<i>Sir Small and the Sea Mon-ster</i>
Quackenbush, R.	<i>Batbaby Finds A Home</i> 170L

Nature

Bauer, Marion Dane	<i>Rain</i> (J 551.577 Bau) 170L
Bowdish, Lynea	<i>Thunder Doesn’t Scare Me!</i>
Brimner, Larry Dane	<i>Raindrops</i> 60L
Dussling, Jennifer	<i>Pink Snow & Other Weird Weather</i> 300L
Franco, Betsy	<i>Shells</i>
Glassman, Jackie	<i>Amazing Arctic Animals</i> (J 591.7586 Gla)
Klingel, Cynthia	<i>Forests</i> (J 577.3 Kli)
Marzollo, Jean	<i>I Am a Star</i> (J 523.8 Mar) 10L
Marzollo, Jean	<i>I Am A Rock</i> 70L
Marzollo, Jean	<i>I Am Snow</i> (J 551.5784 Mar)
Mayer, Mercer	<i>Grandma’s Garden</i>
Medearis, Angela Shelf	<i>Seeds Grow</i> (J 575.68 Med)
Meister, Cari	<i>I Love Rocks!</i>
Wallace, Karen	<i>Whatever the Weather</i> (J 551.6 Wal) 140L

Folklore & Fairytales

Hooks, William H.	<i>Feed Me: An Aesop Fable</i> 250L
Hooks, William H.	<i>The Gruff Brothers</i> 340L
Jewell, Nancy	<i>Two Silly Trolls</i> 350L
Jordan, Apple	<i>The Sky is Falling</i> (Chicken Little)

Lexau, Joan M.	<i>Crocodile & Hen: A Bakongo Folktale</i> (J 398.2096 Lex) 120L
Mason, Jane B.	<i>The Flying Horse; The Story of Pegasus</i> 90L
McDermott, Gerald	<i>The Fox and the Stork</i> 250L
Orgel, Doris	<i>The Mouse Who Wanted to Marry</i>
Orme, David	<i>The Thirsty Moose</i>
Schwartz, Alvin	<i>I Saw You in the Bath-tub, and Other Folk Rhymes</i>
Schwartz, Alvin	<i>All of our Noses are Here, and other Noodle Tales</i> 270L
Spinner, Stephanie	<i>Monster in the Maze; The Story of the Minotaur</i> (J 398.22 Spi)
Wheeler, Cindy	<i>The Emperor’s Birthday Suit</i> 330L
Ziefert, Harriet	<i>Gingerbread Boy</i> 70L
Ziefert, Harriet	<i>Little Red Riding Hood</i> 200L
Ziefert, Harriet	<i>The Princess and the Pea</i>
Ziefert, Harriet	<i>The Ugly Duckling</i> 40L

Fantasy

Albee, Sarah	<i>My New Pet is the Greatest</i>
Collicott, Sharleen	<i>Mildred and Sam</i>
Egan, Kate	<i>Meet the Spy Kids</i>
Gorbachev, Valeri	<i>Ms. Turtle the Babysitter</i>
Hoff, Syd	<i>Oliver</i> 180L
Hoff, Syd	<i>Sammy the Seal</i> 120L
Holub, Joan	<i>Abby Cadabra, Super Speller</i>
Loehr, Mallory	<i>Unicorn Wings</i>
Minters, Frances	<i>Chicken for a Day</i>
Pilkey, Dav	<i>A Friend for Dragon</i> 280L
Slater, Teddy	<i>The Littles and the Summer Storm</i> 240L
Thomas, Shelley M.	<i>Good Night, Good Knight</i> 50L

Historical Fiction

Harrison, David L.	<i>Johnny Appleseed: My Story</i> 200L
Jenner, Caryn	<i>Survivors: The Night the Titanic Sank</i> 260L
Kulling, Monica	<i>Eat My Dust! Henry Ford’s First Race</i>
Levinson, Nancy	<i>Snowshoe Thompson</i> 330L
Roop, Peter	<i>Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie</i> 260L
Rosenbloom, Joseph	<i>Deputy Dan and the Bank Robbers</i> 220L

History

Barker, Henry	<i>Egyptian Gods & Goddesses</i> (J 299 Bar)
Brenner, Martha	<i>Abe Lincoln’s Hat</i> (J 973.7092) 330L
Daly-Weir, Catherine	<i>Knights</i> (J 940.1 Dal)
Donnelly, Judy	<i>Titanic, Lost and Found</i> (J 910.453 Don) 290L
Frantz, Jennifer	<i>Totem Poles</i> (J 730.89 Fra) 320L
Hayward, Linda	<i>The First Thanksgiving</i>
Kramer, S.A.	<i>Night Flight</i> (J 629.13 Kra) 230L

Ruffin, Frances E.	<i>Martin Luther King</i> (J 323.1196 Ruf)
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Humor

Banks, Steven	<i>Special Delivery</i> (Sponge-Bob SquarePants)
Bottner, Barbara	<i>Marsha is Only a Flower</i> 50L
Callahan, Thera	<i>Sara Joins the Circus</i>
Freeman, Martha	<i>Mrs. Wow Never Wanted a Cow</i>
Hall, Katy	<i>Bunny Riddles</i> 280L
Hall, Katy	<i>Chickie Riddles</i> 140L
Hoban, Julia	<i>Buzby</i> 300L
Hoff, Syd	<i>Julius</i> 210L
McNamara, Margaret	<i>Eloise Has A Lesson</i>
Karlin, Nurit	<i>The Fat Cat Sat on the Mat</i> 220L
Medearis, Angela	<i>We Eat Dinner in the Bathtub</i> 270L
Palmer, Todd Starr	<i>Rhino and Mouse</i> 170L
Spirn, Michele	<i>The Know-Nothings</i> 230L
Underwood, Deborah	<i>Pirate Mom</i>

School, Family & Friends

Aboff, Marcie	<i>The Giant Jelly Bean Jar</i>
Bader, Bonnie	<i>Benny the Big Shot Goes to Camp</i>
Baker, Barbara	<i>Digby and Kate</i> 150L
Bliss, Corrine D.	<i>Shortest Kid in the World</i>
Bonsall, Crosby	<i>Piggle</i>
Bonsall, Crosby	<i>Who’s a Pest</i>
Brown, Marc	<i>Arthur and the School Pet</i> 270L
Caple, Kathy	<i>The Friendship Tree</i> 180L
Chardiet, Bernice	<i>Best Teacher in the World</i> 240L
Chorao, Kay	<i>Here Comes Kate</i>
Cristaldi, Kathryn	<i>Princess Lulu Goes to Camp</i> 340L
Fishman, Cathy	<i>Soup</i> 60L
Hill, Susan	<i>Ruby Bakes a Cake</i>
Hines, Anna	<i>William’s Turn</i> 100L
Holub, Joan	<i>Pen Pals</i> 280L
Jensen, Patsy	<i>Loose –Tooth Luke</i> 130 L
Kenah, Katharine	<i>Best Seat in Second Grade</i>
Krensky, Stephen	<i>Lionel and His Friends</i> 280L
Maccarone, Grace	<i>Mr. Rover Takes Over</i>
Marshall, Edward	<i>Fox and His Friends</i> 200L
McNamara, Margaret	<i>A Tooth Story</i>
Powell, Jillian	<i>Too Tall Tilly</i>
Ruelle, Karen Gray	<i>Snow Valentines</i> 200L
Simon, Chaman	<i>One Happy Classroom</i> 200L
Simon, Chaman	<i>Show-and-Tell Sam</i> 240L
Stadler, John	<i>The Adventures of Snail at School</i> 280L
Zehler, Antonia	<i>Two Fine Ladies Have a Tiff</i>



Mysteries

Berenstain, Stan	<i>The Berenstain Bears and the Missing Watermelon Money</i> 240L
Cushman, Doug.....	<i>Inspector Hopper</i> 150L
Grambling, Lois	<i>Miss Hildy’s Missing Cape Caper</i>
Harrison, Paul.....	<i>The Mystery of the Cheese</i>
Platt, Kin	<i>Big Max</i> 200L
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Missing Monkey</i> 160L
Sharmat, M. W.	<i>Nate the Great</i> 130L
Skofield, James	<i>Detective Dinosaur</i> 330L



Poetry

Dakos, Kalli.....	<i>The Bug in Teacher’s Coffee</i> (J 811.54 Dak)
Hopkins, Lee B.	<i>Christmas Presents: Holiday Poetry</i> (J 811.008 Chr)
Hopkins, Lee B.	<i>Hanukkah Lights: Holiday Poetry</i> (J 296.435 Han)
Hopkins, Lee B.	<i>Halloween Howls: Holiday Poetry</i> (J811.008 Hal)
Hopkins, Lee B.	<i>A Pet for Me: Poems</i> (J 811.008 Pet)
Hopkins, Lee B.	<i>Valentine Hearts: Holiday Poetry</i> (J 811.008 Val)
Prelutsky, Jack.....	<i>It’s Snowing! It’s Snowing! Winter Poems</i> (J 811.54 Pre)
Zolotow, Charlotte.....	<i>Seasons: A Book of Poems</i> (J 811.54 Zol)

Science and Math

Bauer, Marion Dane.....	<i>Clouds</i> (J 551.576 Bau) 240L
Bullock, Linda	<i>Looking Through a Microscope</i> (J 502.82 Bul) 270L
Curry, Don L.	<i>What is Matter?</i> (J 530 Cur) 340L
Dussling, Jennifer.....	<i>Planets</i> (J 523.4 Dus) 270L
Garrett, Ginger.....	<i>Scientists Ask Questions</i> (J 507.8 Gar) 330L
Garrett, Ginger.....	<i>Solids, Liquids, and Gases</i> (J 530.4 Gar) 150L
Holub, Joan	<i>The Garden That We Grew</i>
Katz, Bobbi	<i>Make Way for Tooth Decay</i> (J 617.601 Kat) 210L
Koss, Amy.....	<i>Where Fish Go in Winter: And Other Great Mys-teries</i> (J 500 Kos)
Sargent, Brian.....	<i>How Much Does It Hold?</i> 280L (J 530.8 Sar)
Stewart, Melissa	<i>Energy in Motion</i> (J 531.6 Ste) 310L
Trumbauer, Lisa.....	<i>All About Sound</i> (J 534 Tru) 260L
Trumbauer, Lisa.....	<i>What is a Thermometer?</i> (J 536.50287 Tru) 260L
Young, June.....	<i>Look How It Changes</i> (J 541.39 You) 10L

Science Fiction

Albee, Sarah.....	<i>My Best Friend is Out of This World</i>
Cazet, Denys	<i>Minnie and Moo and the Potato From Planet X</i>
French, Vivian	<i>I Wish I Were an Alien</i>
Friedman, Michael.....	<i>Superman’s First Flight</i> 280L
James, B.J.....	<i>Supertwins Meet the Bad Dogs from Space</i>
Kulling, Monica	<i>Queen in Disguise</i> (Star Wars, Episode I)
McVeigh, Mark.....	<i>Buzz vs. Torque: One-on-One</i>
O’Connor, Teddy.....	<i>A New Brain for Igor</i> 110L
Sierra, Judy	<i>Coco and Cavendish: Fire Dogs</i>
West, Tracey.....	<i>Me and My Robot</i>
Weston, Martha	<i>Dinosaurs Meet Dr. Clock</i> 300L

Slightly Scary Stories



Bonsall, Crosby	<i>Who’s Afraid of the Dark?</i> 90L
Cazet, Denys	<i>Minnie & Moo Meet Frankenswine</i> 190L
Cushman, Doug.....	<i>Dirk Bones and the Mystery of the Haunted House</i>
Hall, Katy	<i>Creepy Riddles</i>
Keeler, Kathleen	<i>I Dare You: Stories to Scare You</i> 90L
Keeler, Kathleen	<i>I Double Dare You!: More Stories to Scare You</i> 150L
Maitland, Barbara	<i>The Bookstore Burglar</i>
O’Connor, Jane.....	<i>Eek! Stories to Make You Shriek</i> 220L
Schwartz, Alvin	<i>Ghosts! Ghostly Tales from Folklore</i>
Thiesing, Lisa	<i>The Viper</i>

Sports

Book, Rita	<i>My Soccer Mom From Mars</i>
Cartier, Wesley	<i>Marco’s Run</i> 20L
Cristaldi, Kathryn	<i>Baseball Ballerina</i> 270L
Dobkin, Bonnie	<i>I Love Fishing</i> 30L
Herman, Gail	<i>Slip! Slide! Skate!</i> 10L
Katschke, Judy	<i>Kick the Football, Charlie Brown</i> 240L
Kessler, Leonard.....	<i>Here Comes the Strikeout</i> 140L
Kessler, Leonard.....	<i>Kick, Pass and Run</i> 140L
Kessler, Leonard	<i>Last One In Is a Rotten Egg</i> 220L
Klingel, Cynthia.....	<i>Rock Climbing</i>
Marzollo, Jean	<i>Football Friends</i> 260L
Marzollo, Jean	<i>Hockey Hero</i> 330L
Mayer, Mercer.....	<i>Field Day</i>
McCully, Emily Arnold.....	<i>Grandmas At Bat</i> 270L
O’Connor, Jane.....	<i>Kate Skates</i> 170L
Schade, Susan	<i>Cat at Bat</i>

Tips for Helping Beginning Readers:

While your child reads to you, follow along. If she gets stuck on a word, let her sound it out if the word sounds the way it is spelled (run, find) but tell her what the word is if it doesn’t sound the way it is spelled (knot) or she just can’t figure it out. You can help her by asking questions (“What sound does the letter ‘d’ make?”).

Help your child find clues by looking at the pictures. Encourage him to predict what will happen next in the story; it will help him be ready to read the words.



Don’t correct your new reader too often. If your child is getting frustrated or discouraged, ease off with corrections, and perhaps read a portion of the story to him. Then let him take over again.

If possible, wait until the end of a sentence to correct a word she has read incorrectly. This allows her to read to the end and hear if the sentence makes sense. You can then point to the missed word and ask her to read it again.

If your child is losing her place on the page frequently, suggest that she follow along with her finger, or place a ruler under each sentence.

Praise your child occasionally, perhaps at the end of a long page of print, or at the end of a chapter. Keep telling him what a good job he is doing, what a good reader he is. Don’t dwell on mistakes, or use negative comments like, “that’s wrong.” Instead, say “try again” if he reads a word incorrectly.

Most important, have fun! Share how enjoyable reading can be. (“That was a funny story, wasn’t it?”) Give your young reader lots of positive reinforcement. (You are doing great! You really are a good reader!”)

And remember that the interest level and comprehension level for most beginning readers are far above their reading level, so it is important to continue to read to them. This is a great time to introduce them to the rich literature of longer chapter books and more complex folktales and fairytales. Show your child that there is a world of wonder waiting for them in the pages of books!



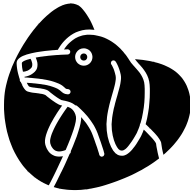
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Lexile reading levels are given for some of these titles (i.e., 120L).

Animals



Boland, Janice.....	<i>A Dog Named Sam</i> 120L
Bonsall, Crosby	<i>And I Mean It, Stanley</i>
Brown, Charlotte Lewis.....	<i>The Day the Dinosaurs Died</i> (J 567.9 Bro)
Calvert, Deanna.....	<i>Feeding the Gulls</i>
Driscoll, Laura.....	<i>Frogs</i> 150L
Godwin, Laura	<i>Forest</i> 270L
McKissack, Pat.....	<i>Bugs!</i>
Robinson, Fay	<i>Creepy Beetles</i> (J 595.76 Rob) 300L
Robinson, Fay	<i>Fantastic Frogs</i> (J 597.89 Rob) 190L
Simon, Seymour	<i>Baby Animals</i> (J 591.39 Sim)
Stolz, Mary.....	<i>Emmett’s Pig</i>
Taha, Karen T.	<i>Hotdog on TV</i>
Thomson, Sarah L.....	<i>Amazing Sharks</i> (J 597.3 Tho)
Wallace, Karen	<i>Bed for the Winter</i> (J 591.565 Wal) 240L
Wallace, Karen	<i>Diving Dolphin</i> (J 599.53 Wal) 180L
Weston, Martha	<i>Cats Are Like That</i> 180L

Award Winners

Lobel, Arnold.....	<i>Frog and Toad All Year</i> (Christopher Award) 300L
Lobel, Arnold.....	<i>Frog and Toad Together</i> (Newbery Honor Book) 330L
Lobel, Arnold.....	<i>Owl at Home</i> (Garden State Award)
Minarik, Else H.	<i>A Kiss for Little Bear</i> (New York Times Best Illustrated) 100L
Parish, Peggy	<i>Amelia Bedelia and the Baby</i> (Buckeye Award) 80L
VanLeeuwen, Jean	<i>Amanda Pig & the Really Hot Day</i> (Seuss Honor Book) 290L