

BOOKLIST FOR THE FIRST GRADE

Banks, Kate. [*Night Worker*](#). (Pic Bk B)

Alex wants to be a "night worker" like his father who goes to work at a construction site after Alex goes to bed.

Brown, Ruth. [*Mad Summer Night's Dream*](#). (Pic Bk B)

A strange dream on a midsummer night in winter produces many contradictions and unusual sights, from singing flowers and blooming birds to dancing stone monkeys.

Bunting, Eve. [*The Wednesday Surprise*](#). (Pic Bk B)

Seven-year-old Anna and her grandmother plan a surprise for Dad's birthday.

Byars, Betsy. [*The Golly Sisters Go West*](#). (series) (ICR B)

May-May and Rose, the singing, dancing Golly sisters, travel west by covered wagon, entertaining people along the way.

Carle, Eric. [*A House For Hermit Crab*](#). (Pic Bk C)

Poor Hermit Crab! He's outgrown his snug little shell, so he finds himself a larger one -- and many new friends to decorate and protect his new house.

Clement, Rod. [*Grandpa's Teeth*](#). (Pic Bk C)

Grandpa's teeth have mysteriously disappeared, and the whole town is under suspicion. The only way for people to prove they are innocent is to smile -- all the time!

Coerr, Eleanor. [*The Josefina Story Quilt*](#). (ICR C)

While traveling west with her family in 1850, a young girl makes a patchwork quilt chronicling the experiences of the journey and reserves a special patch for her pet hen Josefina.

Cooney, Barbara. [*Hattie and the Wild Waves*](#). (Pic Bk C)

A young girl from Brooklyn, New York, enjoys her summer at the beach where she can paint and listen to the wild waves.

Daly, Niki. [*Jamela's Dress*](#). (Pic Bk D)

Jamela gets in trouble when she takes the expensive material intended for a new dress for Mama, parades it in the street, and allows it to become dirty and torn.

Diakite, Baba Wague. [*The Hatseller and the Monkeys*](#). (398.20966 D54ha)

An African version of the familiar story of a man who sets off to sell his hats, only to have them stolen by a tree full of mischievous monkeys.

Eastman, P.D. [*Are You My Mother?*](#) (ICR E)

A baby bird is hatched while his mother is away. Fallen from his nest, he sets out to look for her and asks everyone he meets -- including a dog, a cow, and a plane -- "Are you my mother?"

Fleming, Candace. [*Gabriella's Song*](#). (Pic Bk F)

A young girl finds music all around her as she walks about the city of Venice, Italy, and she shares her song with everyone she meets.

Fleming, Candace. [*When Agnes Caws*](#). (Pic Bk F)

When eight-year-old Agnes Peregrine, an accomplished birdcaller, travels with her parents to the Himalayas in search of the elusive pink-headed duck, she encounters a dastardly foe.

Fox, Mem. [*Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*](#). (Pic Bk F)

Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge lives next door to a nursing home in which several of his good friends reside. Of course, his favorite is Miss Nancy Alison Delacourt Cooper, because she has four names just as he does. The only problem is Miss Nancy, who is 96, has "lost" her memory. Undaunted, Wilfred sets out to "find" Miss Nancy's memory for her.

Friedman, Ina. [*How My Parents Learned to Eat*](#). (Pic Bk F)

An American sailor courts a young Japanese woman and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating.

Grossman, Bill. [*My Little Sister Ate One Hare*](#). (Pic Bk G)

Little sister has no problem eating one hare, two snakes, and three ants, but when she gets to ten peas, she throws up quite a mess.

Henkes, Kevin. [*Sheila Rae, the Brave*](#). (Pic Bk H)

When brave Sheila Rae, who usually looks out for her sister Louise, becomes lost and scared one day, Louise comes to the rescue.

Hesse, Karen. [*Come On, Rain!*](#) (Pic Bk H)

A young girl eagerly awaits a coming rainstorm to bring relief from the oppressive summer heat.

Hoff, Syd. [*Danny and the Dinosaur*](#). (ICR H)

A little boy is surprised and pleased when one of the dinosaurs from the museum agrees to play with him.

Isaacs, Anne. [*Swamp Angel*](#). (Pic Bk I)

Ages 5-9. Along with other amazing feats, Angelica Longrider, also known as Swamp Angel, wrestles a huge bear, known as Thundering Tarnation, to save the winter supplies of the settlers in Tennessee.

Isadora, Rachel. [*At the Crossroads*](#). (Pic Bk I)

The children are waiting at the crossroads. The excitement and sense of celebration grows. Today their fathers come home from working in the mines, and neither hardship nor deprivation can tarnish the joy of the reunion.

Kajikawa, Kimiko. [*Yoshi's Feast*](#). (Pic Bk K)

A witty tale of delicious smells and rhythmic sounds aptly proves that you often get what you pay for!

Kimmel, Eric. [*Anansi and the Talking Melon*](#). (398.24 K5a)

A clever spider tricks Elephant and some other animals into thinking the melon in which he is hiding can talk.

Kraus, Robert. [*Whose Mouse Are You?*](#) (Pic Bk K)

A lonely little mouse has to be resourceful in order to bring his family back together.

Kuskin, Karla. [*The Philharmonic Gets Dressed*](#). (Pic Bk K)

The 105 members of the orchestra are shown showering, dressing, traveling and setting themselves up on stage for an evening's concert.

Lester, Helen. [*Hooway for Rodney Wat*](#). (Pic Bk L)

All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully.

Lobel, Arnold. [*Mouse Tales*](#). (ICR L)

Seven mouse boys lie awake one night...And they ask their Papa to tell them a story. Papa does better than he tells them seven stories, one for each boy.

Lobel, Arnold. [*Frog and Toad*](#). (series) (ICR L)

Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends - Frog and Toad.

MacLachlan, Patricia. [*All the Places to Love*](#). (Pic Bk M)

A young boy describes the favorite places that he shares with his family on his grandparents' farm and in the nearby countryside.

Marshall, James. [*George and Martha*](#). (series) (Pic Bk M)

Though their friendship is often tested, George and Martha survive with a sense of humor.

Martin, Bill. [*The Maestro Plays*](#). (Pic Bk M)

Ages 3-5. A clown--the maestro--plays or attempts to play fourteen musical instruments.

McPhail, David. [*Edward and the Pirates*](#). (Pic Bk M)

Once Edward has learned to read, books and his vivid imagination provide him with great adventures

Minarik, Else. [*Little Bear*](#). (series) (ICR M)

Here are four stories about Little Bear and his mother, who is always there when Little Bear needs her.

Mosel, Arlene. [*Tikki Tikki Tembo*](#). (398.2 M852t)

When the eldest son fell in the well and most of the time getting help was spent pronouncing the name of the one in trouble, the Chinese, according to legend, decided to give all their children short names.

Myers, Christopher. [*The Black Cat*](#). (Pic Bk M)

A black cat wanders through the streets of a city.

- Parish, Peggy.** [*Amelia Bedelia*](#). (series) (ICR P)
A literal-minded housekeeper causes chaos in the Rogers household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.
- Peet, Bill.** [*Big Bad Bruce*](#). (Pic Bk P)
Bruce, a bear bully, never picks on anyone his own size until he is diminished in more ways than one by a small but very independent witch.
- Perrault, Charles.** [*Puss in Boots*](#). (398.21 P426p)
A clever cat helps his poor master win fame, fortune, and the hand of a beautiful princess.
- Polacco, Patricia.** [*Babushka's Doll*](#). (Pic Bk P)
A little girl gets a doll that turns out to be twice as rambunctious as her owner.
- Polacco, Patricia.** [*Thunder Cake*](#). (Pic Bk P)
Grandma consoles her frightened granddaughter by telling her that the dark clouds of the impending storm are nothing more than the ingredients for a Thunder Cake.
- Porte, Barbara Ann.** [*Ma Jiang and the Orange Ants*](#). (IBT P835ma)
When her father and brother are called away to war, Ma Jiang finds a unique way to trap the orange ants that her mother sells in order to make a living.
- Rand, Ted.** [*Mailing May*](#). (Pic Bk R)
Here is the true story of how May got to visit her grandma, thanks to her own spunk, her father's ingenuity, and the U.S. mail.
- Rathmann, Peggy.** [*Officer Buckle and Gloria*](#). (Pic Bk R)
The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.
- Rogasky, Barbara.** [*Rapunzel*](#). (398.21 R63r)
Retells the tale of the beautiful girl imprisoned in a lonely tower by a witch.
- Rylant, Cynthia.** [*Henry and Mudge*](#). (series) (ICR R)
Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.
- Rylant, Cynthia.** [*Poppleton*](#). (series) (ICR R)
Poppleton the pig makes a friend, reads a library book about adventure, and helps a sick friend get better.
- Say, Allen.** [*Tree of Cranes*](#). (Pic Bk S)
A Japanese boy learns of Christmas when his mother decorates a pine tree with paper cranes.
- Sendak, Maurice.** [*Where the Wild Things Are*](#). (Pic Bk S)
Max is being so terrible that his mother sends him to his room without supper. But Max doesn't care -- he sails off to the land of the Wild Things, and they make him his king.
- Seuss.** [*The Cat in the Hat*](#). (ICR S)
A fantastic cat entertains two children in a most unusual way.
- Seuss.** [*One Fish, Two Fish Red Fish, Blue Fish*](#). (ICR S)
Presents a story-poem about the activities of such unusual animals as the Nook, Wump, Yink, Yop, Gack, and the Zeds.
- Small, David.** [*Imogene's Antlers*](#). (Pic Bk S)
Imogene awakens one morning to find she has grown antlers.
- Soto, Gary.** [*Chato's Kitchen*](#). (Pic Bk S)
Chato thinks he's the cool cat of East Los Angeles, and when a family of small mice moves next door to him in the barrio, he invites them over for dinner--to be his dinner.
- Soto, Gary.** [*Too Many Tamales*](#). (Children's Holiday Pic Bk S)
Maria tries on her mother's wedding ring while helping make tamales for a Christmas family get-together. Panic ensues when hours later, she realizes the ring is missing.
- Stanley, Diane.** [*Saving Sweetness*](#). (Pic Bk S)
The sheriff of a dusty western town rescues Sweetness, an unusually resourceful orphan, from nasty old Mrs. Sump and her terrible orphanage.

Steig, William. [*Pete's a Pizza*](#). (Pic Bk S)

When Pete feels miserable because rain makes it impossible to play ball outdoors, his father finds a fun indoor game to play with his son.

Surat, Michele Maria. [*Angel Child, Dragon Child*](#). (Pic Bk S)

Ut, an immigrant child from Vietnam, tries to adjust to a new life in America.

Van Allsburg, Chris. [*Two Bad Ants*](#). (IBTV2635tw)

When two bad ants desert from their colony, they experience a dangerous adventure that convinces them to return to their former safety.

Van Leeuwen, Jean. [*Oliver and Amanda*](#). (series) (ICR V)

Presents five stories about telling secrets, playing alone, and other activities in the lives of Oliver and Amanda, who are Pigs.

Wiesner, David. [*Sector 7*](#). (Pic Bk W)

While on a school trip to the Empire State Building, a boy is taken by a friendly cloud to visit Sector 7, where he discovers how clouds are shaped and channeled throughout the country.

Williams, Sherley. [*Working Cotton*](#). (Pic Bk W)

This child's view of a long day's work in the cotton fields, simply expressed in a poet's resonant language, is a fresh and stirring look at migrant family life.

Williams, Suzanne. [*Library Lil*](#). (Pic Bk W)

A formidable librarian makes readers not only out of the once resistant residents of her small town, but out of a tough-talking, television-watching motorcycle gang as well.

Williams, Vera. [*A Chair for My Mother*](#). (Pic Bk W)

A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

Winter, Jeanette. [*The House That Jack Built*](#). (Pic Bk W)

Simple rebus illustrations are used to present the familiar cumulative nursery rhyme about the antics that go on in the house built by an unsuspecting Jack.

Wood, Audrey. [*Heckedy Peg*](#). (Pic Bk W)

The delightful story of a mother, who with the help of a blackbird, saves her seven children from Heckedy Peg, a witch who has changed them into different kinds of food.

Young, Ed. [*Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China*](#). (398.20951 Y841)

Three sisters staying home alone are endangered by a hungry wolf who is disguised as their grandmother.

Zemach, Margot. [*It Could Always Be Worse; A Yiddish Folk Tale*](#). (398.2 Z41I)

A poor unfortunate man follows the Rabbi's surprising advice and takes the farm animals into his hut to live with him and his family.