

**Skippyjon Jones - Judy Schachner**

Skippyjon Jones is a Siamese cat with a huge imagination, who battles a giant bumblebee on behalf of his new Chihuahua friends.

**Go west, swamp monsters! - by Mary Blount Christian**

Four young swamp monsters put on cowboy clothes and go in search of the wild, wild West.

**The Tub people - by Pam Conrad**

The tub people have to rescue the tub child when the water rushes down the drain before the tub people are put safely on the shelf.

**Jamberry - story and pictures by Bruce Degen**

A little boy walking in the forest meets a big lovable bear that takes him on a delicious berry-picking adventure in the magical world of Berryland.

**The missing tooth - by Joanna Cole**

Best friends Arlo and Robby are almost identical in what they wear, what they like, and even where they have teeth missing, but when Robby insists on betting on who is going to lose the next tooth their friendship is endangered.

**The straw maid - by Anita Lobel**

Forced to cook and clean for three robbers, a little girl tricks them and escapes with their booty.

**Small Wolf - story by Nathaniel Benchle**

A young Native American boy sets out to hunt on Manhattan Island and discovers some strange people with white faces and very different ideas about land.

**Milk and cookies : a Frank Asch bear story**

While sleeping at his grandparents' house, Baby Bear dreams that a dragon ate up all the milk and cookies in the house.

**Rollo and Tweedy and the ghost at Dougal Castle - story and pictures by Laura Jean Allen**

Lord Dougal asks the detective Tweedy and his assistant Rollo to solve the mystery of the ghost haunting Dougal Castle.

**The amazing, the incredible super dog - by Crosby Bonsall**

A little girl brags to her cat about the tricks she teaches her dog, unaware that her cat can do them all.

**Sparky and Eddie : the first day of school - by Tony Johnston**

Even though they are not in the same class, two young friends are glad that they decided to give school a try.

**Baseball ballerina - by Kathryn Cristaldi**

A baseball-loving girl worries that the ballet class her mother forces her to take will ruin her reputation with the other members of her baseball team.

**Pirate School - by Cathy East Dubowski and Mark Dubowski**

At Pirate School, Pete learns to act like a pirate and fight it out, but when he and a classmate find the treasure at the same time, pirate rules don't seem to work.

**Marsha makes me sick - Barbara Bottner**

Lulu's younger sister Marsha, who has the chicken pox, seems to take all of their mother's time, and Lulu tries hard to get some attention of her own.

**The Fox and the Stork - by Gerald McDermott**

When sly Fox invites Stork to lunch but tricks her out of her portion, she devises a way to get the last laugh.

**Kit and Kat** - written and illustrated by  
**Tomie dePaola**

Three stories featuring the Kitten Kids sleeping at their grandparents' house, riding bikes, and playing with a bully.

**The Clown-Arounds go on vacation** - by  
**Joanna Cole**

The Clown-Around family has some misadventures on its way to visit Uncle Waldo.

**Wagon wheels** - by **Barbara Brenner**

Insights into the lives of black pioneers in Kansas in the 1870s are shared in a story about three brothers who endure through a hard winter and brave wilderness dangers as they journey to meet their father.

**Frog and toad all year** - by **Arnold Lobel**

Five tales about the friendship of Frog and Toad depict them engaging in varied activities throughout the seasons of the year.

**Mixed-up magic** - by **Joanna Cole**

Maggie meets a kindly boastful elf who never quite fulfills the wish he means to grant.

**Minnie and Moo and the potato from Planet X** - by **Den s [i.e. Denys] Cazet**

Minnie and Moo come to the aid of a visitor from outer space.

**The case of the double cross** - written and illustrated by **Crosby Bonsall**

It takes perseverance, ingenuity, and the baffling appearance of little bearded men writing messages in code before Marigold and her friends can prove their worthiness to join the boys' exclusive Private Eyes Club.

**Biscuit** - story by **Alyssa Satin Capucilli**

A little yellow dog wants ever one more thing before he'll go to sleep.

**Mama, don't go!** - by **Rosemary Wells**

Yoko loves kindergarten, but she doesn't want her mother to leave--until her new friend helps her realize that "mothers always come back."

**Kick, pass, and run** - story and pictures by **Leonard Kessler**

After observing a boy's football game, a group of animals organizes its own teams and game.



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## Brilliant books for 1<sup>st</sup> grade



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