

Strega Nona - by Tomie de Paola

When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.

Blaze and the mountain lion - by C.W. Anderson

While riding through the open country near his family's ranch house, Billy and his pony Blaze come across a dangerous mountain lion.

A picture book of Anne Frank - David A. Adler

Traces the life of the young Jewish girl whose diary chronicles the years she and her family hid from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic.

Agapanthus Hum and Major Bark - Joy Cowley

After Agapanthus gets a puppy for a pet, she enters him in a champion dog show and comes away with a surprising result.

Why mosquitoes buzz in people's ears - retold by Verna Aardema

A mosquito's lie sets off a series of reactions in the jungle that results in the owl's refusal to wake the sun and the lion's decision to call a meeting of the animals.

Abigail takes the wheel - story by Avi

When the first mate of the freight boat Neptune falls ill, it is up to Abigail, the captain's daughter, to steer the ship up the Hudson River from New Jersey to New York City.

Miss Nelson has a field day - Harry Allard, James Marshall

The notorious Miss Swamp reappears at the Horace B. Smedley School, this time to shape up the football team and make them win at least one game.

The tailypo : a ghost story - told by Joanna Galdone

A strange varmint haunts the woodsman who lopped off its tail.

The dancing skeleton - by Cynthia C. DeFelice

An ornery dead man refuses to stay in his coffin and causes a disturbance when the best fiddler in town comes to call on his widow.

Cam Jansen, the mystery at the haunted house - David A. Adler

Cam and her friend Eric chase the thief of Aunt Katie's wallet through an amusement park and find themselves involved in another case requiring their special detective skills.

My brother, Ant - by Betsy Byars

Ant's older brother gets rid of the monster under Ant's bed, forgives Ant for drawing on his homework, tries to read a story, and helps Ant write a letter to Santa.

The magic school bus, lost in the solar system - by Joanna Cole

On a special field trip in the magic school bus, Ms. Frizzle's class goes into outer space and visits each planet in the solar system.

Little Rat sets sail - Monika Bang-Campbell

With a little courage and a lot of practice, Little Rat overcomes her fear of sailing.

Miss Nelson is missing! - Harry Allard, James Marshall

The arrival of a strict substitute teacher convinces Miss Nelson's students that they must find their cheery and hitherto unappreciated teacher and bring her back to school.

Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express - story by Eleanor Coerr

Sixteen-year-old Bill finds adventure when he becomes a rider for the Pony Express, but his letters home never hint at the danger he encounters.

Georgie Lee - Sharon Phillips Denslow

A young boy and his grandmother share all sorts of adventures on her farm with her cat Boots and her cow Georgie Lee.

The Golly Sisters go West - by Betsy Byars

May-May and Rose, the singing, dancing Golly sisters, have several adventures while traveling west by covered wagon, entertaining people along the way.

The magician and McTree - by Patricia Coombs

By mistake an old, old magician causes his cat McTree to talk and thus begins a series of exciting adventures for the feline.

The King's day : Louis XIV of France - by Alik

A day in the life of France's King Louis XIV, focusing on the elaborate ceremonies which took place when he dressed in the morning, ate his meals, conducted affairs of state, entertained, and finally, when he prepared to go to bed at night.

The day Jimmy's boa ate the wash - by Trinkha Hakes Noble

Jimmy's boa constrictor wreaks havoc on the class trip to a farm.

Hang a left at Venus - by Dan Greenburg

In Central Park, Zack and his dad encounter an alien who has lost his spaceship, which has been towed because it was illegally parked.

Paul Bunyan, a tall tale - retold and illustrated by Steven Kellogg

Recounts the life of the extraordinary lumberjack whose unusual size and strength brought him many fantastic adventures.

Makeup mess - by Robert Munsch

Hoping to be as beautiful as a movie star, Julie excitedly buys and applies various kinds of makeup, but the people around her do not react the way she expects.

Emily and Alice baby-sit Burton - written by Joyce Champion

When Emily and Alice accept their first babysitting job, they must learn how to care for their unusual charge, a bulldog jealous of the new human baby in its household.



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