

**The original adventures of Hank the Cowdog - John R. Erickson**

Hank the Cowdog, Head of Ranch Security, is framed for the murder of a chicken and becomes an outlaw with the coyotes.

**Kit saves the day- by Valerie Tripp**

Tired of doing chores and longing for adventure during the Great Depression, Kit meets a hobo and decides to hop a freight train.

**Wilma unlimited : how Wilma Rudolph became the world's fastest woman - Kathleen Krull**

A biography of the African-American woman who overcame crippling polio as a child to become the first woman to win three gold medals in track in a single Olympics.

**I was a third grade science project - Mary Jane Auch**

While trying to hypnotize his dog for the third grade science fair, Brian accidentally makes his best friend Josh think he's a cat.

**Mufaro's beautiful daughters : an African tale - John Steptoe**

Mufaro's two beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a wife.

**Chuck and Danielle - Peter Dickinson**

Danielle's pet whippet, Chuck, is terrified of absolutely everything, but Danielle is sure that Chuck is going to save the universe one day.

**The ghost in the lagoon - by Natalie Savage Carlson**

Timmy finds a way to outwit the pirate's ghost that stands guard over a buried treasure.

**Twenty and ten - by Claire Huchet Bishop**

Twenty school children hide ten Jewish children from the Nazis occupying France during World War II.

**Flatfoot Fox : and the case of the Bashful Beaver - Eth Clifford**

Although Flatfoot Fox is fairly certain that he knows who stole Bashful Beaver's buttons, the smartest detective in the world allows his assistant, Secretary Bird, to try to solve the case.

**The million dollar shot - Dan Gutman**

Eddie Ball believes he can solve his family's financial woes by sinking a million-dollar half-time basket at the NBA finals, but someone wants him to miss and will stop at nothing to keep Eddie from winning.

**The bunnysitters - by Kate Banks**

Hoping to make enough money so they can finish building a derby car, two boys offer to take care of a neighbor's rabbit.

**Arthur's teacher trouble - Marc Brown**

Third-grader Arthur is amazed when he is chosen to be in the school spellathon.

**Third grade is terrible -Barbara Baker**

Liza is convinced third grade is going to be great until she gets to school that first day and everything starts going wrong.

**My teacher is an alien - Bruce Coville**

Uneasy about her new substitute teacher, Susan Simmons' suspicions about Mr. Smith are confirmed when she discovers he's an alien determined to bring some sixth-grade specimens back to his planet.

**When Willard met Babe Ruth - Donald Hall**

A boy meets the young Babe Ruth and along with his family follows the Babe's long and illustrious career.

# Terrific books for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade



Take the time to get  
lost in these books  
about everything from  
kings and queens, to  
science projects,  
to pirates.

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Book Index with review. Check out  
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## **Tracks in the snow - Lucy Jane Bledsoe**

Erin and her science project partner  
Tiffany become lost in the snow-covered  
Sierra mountains when Erin leads them on  
a trek to find her missing babysitter.

## **Tangles - by Errol Broome**

When she takes money from her  
neighbor's wallet in order to buy a kitten,  
Sophie finds that she cannot live with the  
guilt.

## **Betty Doll - Patricia Polacco**

From the day the author's mother first  
sewed Betty Doll together stitch-by-  
stitch to the day, many years later, when  
she discovered she had cancer, her sweet  
Betty Doll was there--through blizzards,  
sickness, and weddings.

## **Touch the moon - Marion Dane Bauer**

When the china horse Jennifer receives  
for her birthday is magically transformed  
into a real horse, they share an evening of  
fantastic adventures.

## **The mouse and the motorcycle - Beverly Cleary**

A reckless young mouse named Ralph  
makes friends with a boy in room 215 of  
the Mountain View Inn and discovers the  
joys of motorcycling.

## **The ghost of Nicholas Greebe - Tony Johnston**

In Colonial Massachusetts, the ghost of a  
recently-buried farmer haunts his  
widow's house after a dog takes one of  
his bones on a long journey.

## **Sarah, plain and tall - Patricia MacLachlan**

When their father invites a mail-order  
bride to come live with them in their  
prairie home, Caleb and Anna are  
captivated by their new mother and hope  
that she will stay.

## **Ramona's world - Beverly Cleary**

Follows the adventures of nine-year-old  
Ramona at home with big sister Beezus  
and baby sister Roberta, and at school in  
Mrs. Meacham's class.

## **Too much magic - by Betsy and Samuel Sternan**

Two brothers have a grand time wishing  
for all sorts of things with the help of a  
magic cube the younger brother finds on  
the playground.



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