

# Third Grade Book List

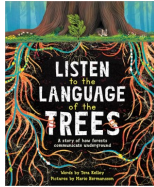
Picture Books, Easy Readers, Non-Fiction, Moving-Up, Graphic Novels and Fiction for children entering or in 3rd grade.



## The Truth About Dragons

by Julie Leung

In a mix of Eastern and Western mythologies, a mother tells her child about two forests inhabited by different, but equally enchanting dragons that coexist within the child's heart.



## Listen to the Language of the Trees: A Story of How Forests Communicate Underground

by Tera Kelley

Exploring the underground communication system between trees and the mysterious fungi that help them, this eye-opening picture book shows readers that the natural world's survival depends on staying connected and helping others.



## The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read

by Rita L. Hubbard

The inspirational story of Mary Walker, a woman whose long life spanned from the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement, and who, through perseverance and dedication, learned to read at age 116, proving that it's never too late to learn new things.



## The Vast Wonder of the World: Biologist Ernest Everett Just

by Mélina Mangal

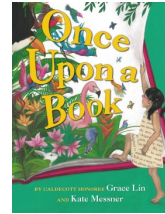
A picture book introduction to the work of lesser-known scientific pioneer Ernest Everett Just describes how his all-encompassing approach to research was challenged by discrimination but ultimately led to important discoveries about egg cells and the origins of life.



## Butt or Face? Can You Tell Which End You're Looking At?

by Kari Lavelle

This book will be your new favorite laugh-until-your-stomach-hurts family game! In Butt or Face, weird animals are introduced with a close-up photo. Kids must guess: are they seeing seeing...um...err... the bottom or the top? On every reveal page, kids can enjoy the animals' complete photos and fascinating scientific facts, which explain how the critters' camouflage and trickery help them to engage with their habitats. Can YOU tell a butt from a face?



## Once Upon a Book

by Grace Lin

Celebrating the joy of reading and the power of imagination, this enchanting story follows Alice as she is swept away to a world of wonder and adventure in the pages of her favorite book.



## Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré

by Anika Denise

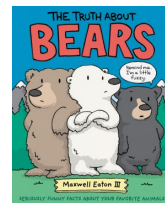
A lyrical picture book portrait of New York City's first Puerto Rican librarian describes how Pura Belpré moved to America in 1921 and became an influential writer and puppeteer who is celebrated for championing bilingual literature.



## Niki Nakayama: A Chef's Tale in 13 bites

by Jamie Michalak

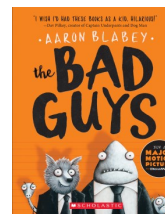
Using the structure of a traditional kaiseki meal, this book details the Japanese American chef's hunger for success in 13 "bites," letting her food do the talking as she rises to culinary fame.



## The Truth About Bears: Seriously Funny Facts About Your Favorite Animals

by Maxwell Eaton

Very humorously introduces bears, discussing their physical characteristics, where they live, and what they eat, and offers readers tips on bear safety.



## The Bad Guys

by Aaron Blabey

A group of animal companions who look bad but perform good deeds overcome their inborn natures to work together for the sake of rescuing hundreds of dogs from a maximum-security dog pound.



## The Knight at Dawn: The Graphic Novel

by Jenny Laird

Readers will be whisked back to medieval time with Jack and Annie, where instead of finding the knight they are looking for, they find themselves unwelcome guests in the Great Hall of a castle where a feast is under way.

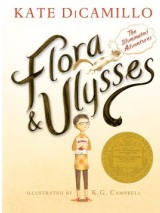
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## The Creature of the Pines

by Adam Gidwitz

After encountering a Jersey Devil while on a field trip to the Pine Barrens, Elliot and his new friend Uchenna help their weird teacher Professor Fauna rescue the mythological creature from a pair of greedy billionaire brothers.



## Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures

by Kate DiCamillo

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight

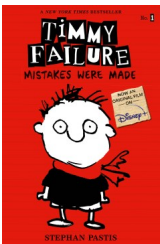
after being revived.



## The Boy Who Grew Dragons

by Andy Shepherd

Discovering a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandfather's garden, young Tomas is astonished when a baby dragon hatches from one of the tree's fruits, challenging him to manage the responsibilities of caring for all the tiny, fire-breathing pets that hatch from the dragon fruit tree.

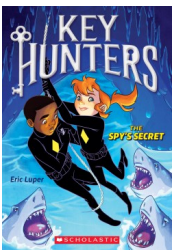


## Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made

by Stephan Pastis

Resolving to earn money for his mother's bills, eleven-year-old Timmy launches a detective business with a lazy polar bear, but finds their enterprise challenged by a college-bound spy and a four-foot-tall girl

whom Timmy refuses to acknowledge.

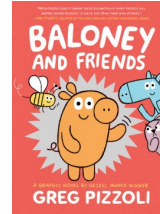


## The Spy's Secret

by Eric Luper

Agents Cleo and Evan have been given an impossible mission to become super-spies, foil the plans of an evil mastermind by breaking into his secret underwater lair, find the right key to unlock the place where a collection of dangerous books is locked up tight, complete a daring rescue

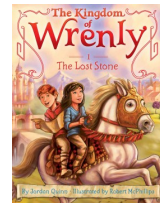
of the friend who has vanished into the pages of one of those books and get out alive!



## Baloney and Friends

by Greg Pizzoli

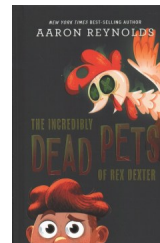
The first entry in a full-color graphic-novel series about four unlikely friends who support each other through wacky adventures.



## The Lost Stone

by Jordan Quinn

The first book in this fantasy series finds adventure-seeking 8-year-old prince Lucas and royal seamstress's daughter Clara teaming up to find Queen Tasha's missing emerald before encountering amazing fairies, trolls, dragons and wizards.



## The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter

by Aaron Reynolds

Receiving a pet chicken instead of the dog he has wished for all his life, Rex is cursed by the Grim Reaper in the wake of his chicken's untimely demise and becomes haunted by a chatty, messy bunch of dead

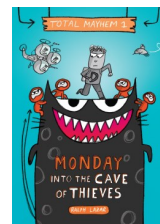
animal ghosts from the local zoo.



## Mac Undercover

by Mac Barnett

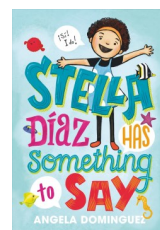
A hilarious, fully illustrated new spy adventure series that introduces Mac B., the queen of England's newest secret agent, who travels around the globe in search of stolen treasures.



## Monday: Into the Cave of Thieves

by Ralph Lazar

Getting into a Total Mayhem Situation before breakfast while still in his pajamas, Dash Candoo must take matters into his own hands in order to save the entire planet.



## Stella Diaz Has Something to Say

by Angela Dominguez

Stella Diaz sometimes accidentally speaks Spanish instead of English and pronounces words wrong, which makes her turn roja. Plus, she has to speak in front of her whole class for a big presentation at school! But she better get over her fears soon, because Stella Díaz has something to say!