

# Fun Books for First & Second Graders

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## NEW TITLES

Ashburn, Boni. **The Fort that Jack Built.** 2013.

*In this adaptation of the nursery rhyme "The House that Jack Built," Jack builds an amazing fort in the middle of the living room. Unfortunately, the rest of his family intrudes when they request their supplies back.*

Broach, Elise. **The Miniature World of Marvin & James.** 2014.

*When his best friend, a human boy named James, goes away on vacation, Marvin the beetle worries that their friendship may end.*

Joyner, Andrew. **Boris on the Move.** 2013.

Lexile: 230

*Boris lives in Hogg Bay, in an old bus that used to travel all over the world, but now just sits there – until one day when his parents take him on an adventure.*

Kessler, Liz. **Poppy the Pirate Dog.** 2013.

*Poppy the Dalmatian can't wait to go on a seaside vacation with her family and pretend to be a pirate searching for a ship. Will she manage to find her pirate ship before the family heads back home?*

Marko, Cyndi. **Let's Get Cracking!** 2014.

Lexile: 490

*Gordon Blue and his brother Benny, unlikely superheroes, must save Fowladelphia from Granny Goosebumps, who has filled the city with cookies that cause innocent chickens' feathers to fall off.*

McDonald, Megan. **Jessica Finch in Pig Trouble.** 2014.

Lexile: 410

*Jessica hopes she gets a real-live potbellied pig for her birthday this year, so she can hardly wait for her party with Judy Moody and all their friends. But Judy Moody is acting like a pig-head, so Jessica UN-invites her. Could her birthday be any more of a disaster?*

Montijo, Rhode. **The Gumazing Gum Girl Chews Your Destiny.** 2013.

Lexile: 580

*When Mom issues a no-gum rule, Gabby Gomez sneaks a piece of special bubble gum that turns her into a superhero.*

## CLASSICS AND MODERN CLASSICS

Adler, David. **Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds.** 1980.

Lexile: 420

*A fifth-grader with a photographic memory and her friend Eric help solve the mystery of the stolen diamonds.*

Barrows, Annie. **Ivy and Bean.\*** 2006.

Lexile: 510

*When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.*

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson to the Rescue!\*** 2005.

Lexile: 450L

*After Mercy the pig snuggles up with the sleeping Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.*

Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad Are Friends.\*** 1970.

Lexile: 400

*Five tales recount the adventures of best friends, Frog and Toad.*

Osborne, Mary Pope. **Dinosaurs before Dark.**\* 1995.

Lexile: 240

*Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic tree house, which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs.*

Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge: The First Book of their Adventures.** 1987.

Lexile: 420

*Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.*

Sharmat, Marjorie. **Nate the Great.** 1984.

Lexile: 130

*Nate, with the cool detachment of a Sam Spade, immediately plunges into his new and baffling case. Nate, the boy detective who "likes to work alone," solves the mystery and tracks down the culprit.*

## NONFICTION

**Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909** by Michelle Markel. 2013.

Lexile: 760

*Immigrant Clara Lemlich went to night school and helped support her family by sewing in a shirtwaist factory. In the early 1900s, fed up with the mistreatment of her fellow laborers, she led the largest walkout of women workers in U.S. history.*

J 331.892 MAR

**Chickens Don't Fly and Other Fun Facts** by Laura Lyn DiSiena and Hannah Eliot. 2014.

*A book of fun facts about animals of all sizes, shapes and species!*

J 590 DIS

**Clara and Davie** by Patricia Polacco. 2014.

Lexile: 690

*An encouraging and heartwarming recollection of the early life of Red Cross founder, Clara Barton, and her loving, supportive relationship with her brother Davie.*

JB Barton

**Eye: How it Works** by David Macaulay. 2013.

Lexile: AD650L

*Young readers are introduced to the nature and structure of the eye, and the process through which the eye and the brain work together to create vision.*

J 612.84 MAC

**The Long, Long Journey: The Godwit's Amazing Migration** by Sandra Markle. 2013.

Lexile: 710

*A godwit hatches, evades predators and learns to hunt and fly. Then, she sets off on her first migration - 7,200 nonstop miles, from Alaska to New Zealand!*

J 598.33 MAR

**The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art** by Barb Rosenstock. 2014.

*Wassily Kandinsky's creative life was profoundly shaped by a neurological condition called synesthesia, which caused him to experience colors as sounds and sounds as colors.*

J 759.7 ROS

**On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein** by Jennifer Berne. 2013.

Lexile: 680

*Learn more about the life of the famous physicist, from his early ideas to his groundbreaking theories.*

JB Einstein

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