

# Terrific Books for Third & Fourth Graders

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## NEW TITLES

Bruel, Nick. **Bad Kitty School Daze**. 2013.

Lexile: 630

*When Kitty's owners have finally had enough of her bad behavior, it's time to ship her off to obedience school.*

DiCamillo, Kate. **Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures**.\* 2013.

Lexile: 520

*Comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel she revives after a vacuum cleaner accident demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight.*

Gaiman, Neil. **Fortunately, the Milk**.\* 2013.

Lexile: 680

*While picking up milk for his children's cereal, a father is abducted by aliens and finds himself on a wild adventure through time and space.*

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Winter Sky**.\* 2014.

*Almost 12-year-old Siria, who chases fire trucks in the middle of the night to ensure her firefighter dad's safety, learns bravery one winter as she tries to mend a broken friendship.*

Henkes, Kevin. **The Year of Billy Miller**. 2013.

Lexile: 620

*Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister and his parents, and has learned many important lessons.*

Lubar, David. **Stranger Things**. 2013.

Lexile: 520

*When ordinary third-grader Ed finds a coin with the words "strange" and "stranger" on both sides, weird things start happening around him. When his friends start blaming him for all the weirdness, Ed wonders if the coin is not too strange for comfort.*

MacLachlan, Patricia. **White Fur Flying**. 2013.

Lexile: 450

*A sad and silent nine-year-old boy finds his voice when he moves next door to a family that rescues dogs.*

## CLASSICS AND MODERN CLASSICS

Banks, Lynne Reid. **The Indian in the Cupboard**.\* 1980.

Lexile: 780

*A nine-year-old boy who receives a plastic Indian, cupboard and little key for his birthday finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life.*

Blume, Judy. **Superfudge**.\* 1980.

Lexile: 560

*Peter describes the highs and lows of life with his younger brother, Fudge.*

DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn-Dixie**.\* 2000.

Lexile: 610

*Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.*

Lowry, Lois. **Number the Stars**.<sup>\*</sup> 1989.

Lexile: 670

*In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, 10-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.*

MacLachlan, Patricia. **Sarah, Plain and Tall**.<sup>\*</sup> 1985.

Lexile: 560

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

Rawls, Wilson. **Where the Red Fern Grows: The Story of Two Dogs and a Boy**.<sup>\*</sup> 1961.

Lexile: 700

*A young boy living in the Ozarks gets what he's always wanted when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.*

Selden, George. **The Cricket in Times Square**.<sup>\*</sup> 1960.

Lexile: 780

*Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat befriend a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York.*

White, E.B. **Charlotte's Web**.<sup>\*</sup> 1952.

Lexile: 680

*Wilbur the pig is desolate when he discovers that he is to be the farmer's Christmas dinner, until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.*

## NONFICTION

**The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos** by Deborah Heiligman. 2013.

Lexile: 550

*Paul Erdos, who loved numbers and thought about them all the time, became friends with other mathematicians all over the world.*

J 510.92 HEI

**Founding Mothers: Remembering the Ladies** by Cokie Roberts. 2014.

*This adaptation of Roberts' adult book highlights an engaging cast of revolutionary founding mothers, including Martha Washington, Abigail Adams and Dolley Madison.*

J 920.72 ROB

**Princess Tales: Once Upon A Time in Rhyme with Seek-and-Find Pictures** by Grace Maccarone. 2013.

*Seek-and-find pictures accompany 10 fairy tales retold in rhyme.*

J 398.2 MAC

**A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin** by Jennifer Bryant. 2013.

Lexile: 610

*This illustrated introduction to the life and work of artist Horace Pippin describes his childhood love for drawing and the World War I injury that challenged his career.*

JB Pippin

**To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt** by Doreen Rappaport. 2013.

*An evocative picture book introduction to the 26<sup>th</sup> president traces his ambitions as a sickly youth, his considerable achievements and his enduring legacy.*

JB Roosevelt

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