

Great Books for Third Graders!
La Grange Public Library Youth Services

Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne

Travel around the world with Jack and Annie, sometimes back in time and far away!

Clementine books by Sara Pennypacker

Get ready to laugh as Clementine gets into amusing predicaments, but always with the best of intentions.

Super Emma books by Sally Warner

Emma has good friends and a good sense of social justice.

Cobble Street Cousins books by Cynthia Rylant

Three cousins live with Aunt Lucy while their parents tour with a ballet company for a year.

Surviving Brick Johnson by Laurie Myers

Two brothers have bully problems to solve, after making some comments about a new kid who looks like a brick.

Jake Drake books by Andrew Clements

Jake deals with bullies, being a teacher's pet, and other lessons in character-building.

Boxcar Children mysteries by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Four brave and resilient orphans and their many adventures will keep you entertained.

Encyclopedia Brown mysteries by Donald Sobol

With his friends and police-chief dad, Encyclopedia Brown needs you to help solve his mysteries.

Bunnicula series by James Howe

A family goes to see "Dracula", and finds a baby rabbit in the theater. Once home, the family dog and cat decide that the rabbit is a vampire, with hilarious results.

A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

Dink, Josh and Ruth have twenty-six mysteries to solve! These do not need to be read in order, unless you like to keep track of where you are in the series.

Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald

Third grader Judy and her little brother Stink are very realistic, likeable characters.

Ramona books by Beverly Cleary

Ramona is brave or a pest, depending on who's doing the describing.

Third Grade Detectives series by George E. Stanley

Join Mr. Merlin's third grade and use your clues to help solve intriguing mysteries.

Time Warp Trio books by Jon Scieszka

Joe, Fred and Sam travel back in time and meet knights, pirates, and soldiers with hilarious results.

Mallory and Max books by Laurie B. Friedman

Mallory is a little self-centered, but learns to deal with relationships, school, and new friends with grace and good humor.

Captain Underpants series by Dav Pilkey

Talking toilets, cafeteria ladies, nefarious plots, and a diapered hero will make anyone laugh! A cross between a fiction book and a graphic novel.

Melvin Beederman books by Greg Trine

Melvin and sidekick Candace defeat the evil and smelly McNasty brothers.

Clarice Bean books by Lauren Child

Clarice is a loveable worrier, created by the author of Charlie and Lola.

Gooney Bird Greene books by Lois Lowry

Gooney Bird has a wonderful imagination, and a true talent for storytelling.

Nancy Drew, Clue Crew books by Carolyn Keene

Join Nancy and friends Bess and George as they hone their detective skills while still in elementary school.

Martin Bridge series by Jessica Kerrin

Collections of three short stories about likeable and active third-grader Martin.

Andrew Lost books by J.C. Greenburg

The "Atom Sucker" shrinks Andrew and Judy until they're the size of a small insect!

Frannie K. Stein books by Jim Benton

Lots of wonderful black-and-white sketches embellish the story of this young mad scientist.

Fairy Realm series by Emily Rodda

Jessie, the granddaughter of a fairy queen is the connection between the real world and the world of the fairies.