Second Grade Book List

Picture Books, Easy Readers, Non-Fiction and Moving-Up titles for children entering or in 2nd grade.



Eyes that Weave the World's Wonders

by Joanna Ho

In this heartfelt companion to Eyes That Kiss in the Corners, a young trans-racial adoptee learns to appreciate both her birth culture and her adopted family's culture,

discovering these differences are part of her and what makes her beautiful.



The President of the Jungle

by Andrâe Rodrigues

Unhappy with Lion, the king of the jungle, the animals hold an election to choose a new leader.



The Name Jar

by Yangsook Choi After Unhei moves from Korea to the United States, she is anxious for her new

classmates to like her, so to find a name they can more easily pronounce, they decide to help her by filling a glass jar with

names for her to pick from.



Parker Looks Up: An Extraordinary Moment

by Parker Curry

In a story inspired by the young author's viral photo of her awestruck response to First Lady Michelle Obama's portrait, a young girl visits Washington, D.C.'s

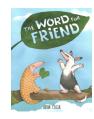
National Portrait Gallery and finds her life transformed by the historical examples of its subjects.



Spring After Spring : How Rachel Carson Inspired the Environmental Movement

by Stâephanie Roth Sisson

As a child, Rachel Carson lived by the rhythms of the natural world. Spring after spring, year after year, she observed how all living things are connected. And as an adult, Rachel watched and listened as the natural world she loved so much began to fallsilent. Spring After Spring traces Rachel's journey as scientist and writer, courageously speaking truth to an often hostile world through her book, and ultimately paving the way for the modern environmental movement.



The Word for Friend

by Aidan Cassie

Kamala, a talkative young pangolin, is excited about her new school in a new country, but without knowing her classmates' language she feels isolated. Includes facts about Esperanto and pangolins.



Digging for Words: Josâe Alberto Gutiâerrez and the Library He Built

by Angela Burke Kunkel An uplifting picture book tribute based on the life of José Alberto Gutiérrez describes how he began picking up

discarded books along his route as a trash collector before creating a library for the people of his community in Bogotá, Colombia.



Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood

by F. Isabel Campoy Mira lives in a gray and hopeless urban community until a muralist arrives and,

along with his paints and brushes, brings color, joy, and togetherness to Mira and her neighbors.



100 Mighty Dragons All Named Broccoli

by David LaRochelle

This comical counting adventure follows 100 mighty dragons all named Broccoli as they each embark on their own journey

until there's one dragon left, who retreats to a cave for the winter and reemerges in the spring with a special surprise!



Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills

by Renâee Watson A tribute to Harlem Renaissance performer Florence Mills covers her youth as a child of former slaves, her performances that inspired songs and

entire plays, and the racism that prompted her advocacy of all-black theater and musicals.

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Lola out Loud: Inspired by the Childhood of Activist Dolores Huerta

by Jennifer Torres

Inspired by the real-life civil rights activist and labor leader Dolores Huerta, this empowering picture book follows Lola,

who, after witnessing injustices in her own neighborhood, uses her strong voice for change.



Bink & Gollie

by Kate DiCamillo

The Newbery Medal-winning author of The Tale of Despereaux and the award-winning author of the #1 New York Times best-seller, Someday, present the adventures of two precocious girls who don bright socks and rollers skates for an imaginative trip to the Andes.



The Ember Stone

by Katrina Charman

When a powerful vulture uses dark magic and an army of spies to attack the magical land of Perodia, a tiny owl, his squirrel best friend and a lone surviving firehawk become their home's unlikely defenders.



Little Lion Rescue

by Rachel Delahaye

While on a field trip to the zoo with her classmates, Callie is magically transported to the Serengeti where she finds a lost little lion cub. Callie is determined to reunite it with its family. Although the plains of the Serengeti are beautiful, they can also be dangerous--for both the cub

and Callie. Is she ready to face the wild and help the cub find its pride? Join Callie on her magical adventures to rescue wild animals in danger all around the world in the first book in the Little Animal Rescue series.



Ocean! Waves for All

by Stacy McAnulty

"Dude, I am Ocean. You know my many names: Atlantic, Pacific, Arctic, Indian, Southern. It's all excellent me. My salt water flows across the planet as one. I

have no flag. No nationality. My waves are for all. Life on Earth began in my epic waters I keep the global climate just right. And I have rad secrets. But I'm facing a major wipeout! Only by working together can we get back in the zone. It's you and me, dudes".



Fly Guy Presents: Sharks

by Tedd Arnold

Buzz and Fly Guy visit the aquarium, where they learn facts about sharks, including how they breathe in water, what they eat, and how they take care of their young



Guess What!?

by Mo Willems

When Zoomy and his pals get to the beach, chaos ensues, in this funny, furry adventure that includes bonus jokes, quirky quizzes, nutty facts and so, so many Squirrels.



Dragons and Marshmallows

by Asia Citro

Learning an amazing secret while discovering a glowing photo, young Zoey assists injured magical animals that begin showing up in her family's backyard barn, an effort that includes caring for a particularly challenging baby dragon.



Super Pancake

by Megan Wagner Lloyd When she accidentally gets superpowers, Peggy Pancake, with the help of her new friend, Luc Croissant, must master her newfound skills to defend her home of Breakfast Town from the evil Dr. Breakfast Sandwich.



Butterflies Are Pretty... Gross!

by Rosemary Mosco

This hilarious and refreshing book with silly and sweet illustrations explores the science of butterflies and shows that these insects are not the stereotypically cutesy

critters we often think they are--they are fascinating, disgusting, complicated, and amazing creatures.



Stink Fights, Earwax, and Other Marvelous Mammal Adaptations

by Laura Perdew

How do whales make their hearing better? What do lemurs do to make a point during an argument? Find out in this funny and

fast-paced nonfiction picture book about mammal adaptations you've never heard of! In Stink Fights, Earwax, and Other Marvelous Mammal Adaptations, children ages 5 to 8 learn about how bizarre life science can really be through compelling, humorous narrative and scienceminded observations.