

## BOOKLIST FOR THE SECOND GRADE

**Bercaw, Edna Coe.** *[Halmoni's Day](#)*. (Pic Bk B)

Jennifer, a Korean American, is worried that her grandmother, visiting from Korea, will embarrass her on her school's Grandparents' Day, but the event brings her understanding and acceptance.

**Bodkin, Odds.** *[The Crane Wife](#)*. (398.2 B632c)

A retelling of the traditional Japanese tale about a poor sail maker who gains a beautiful but mysterious wife skilled at weaving magical sails.

**Brown, Marc.** *[Arthur](#)*. (Early Chapter Books) (IBT B8146)

For fans of Arthur who are ready to read on their own, this series features longer Arthur adventures.

**Browne, Anthony.** *[Willy the Dreamer](#)*. (Pic Bk B)

Willy dreams of being a movie star, a singer, a sumo wrestler, an artist, a giant, and other exciting figures.

**Buehner, Caralyn.** *[Fanny's Dream](#)*. (IBT B8613fa)

Fanny Agnes is a sturdy farm girl who dreams of marrying a prince, but when her fairy godmother doesn't show up, she decides on a local farmer instead.

**Bunting, Eve.** *[So Far From the Sea](#)*. (IBT B8861so)

When seven-year-old Laura and her family visit Grandfather's grave at the Manzanar War Relocation Center, the Japanese American child leaves behind a special symbol.

**Cherry, Lynne.** *[The Great Kapok Tree](#)*. (IBT C4238gr)

The many different animals that live in a great kapok tree in the Brazilian rainforest try to convince a man with an ax of the importance of not cutting down their home.

**Child, Lauren.** *[I Will Never Not Ever Eat A Tomato](#)*. (Pic Bk C)

Charlie uses his imagination to convince his little sister Lola -- who is a very fussy eater -- to eat.

**Cohen, Barbara.** *[Molly's Pilgrim](#)*. (IBT C6602my)

Told to make a Pilgrim doll for the Thanksgiving display at school, Molly is embarrassed when her mother tries to help her out by creating a doll dressed as she herself was dressed before leaving Russia to seek religious freedom.

**Collier, Bryan.** *[Uptown](#)*. (Pic Bk C)

Uptown is a rich mix of flavors, colors, sounds, and cultures that come together to create a vibrant community like no other in the world.

**Cooney, Barbara.** *[Eleanor](#)*. (Biography R6763co)

Presents the childhood of Eleanor Roosevelt, who married a president of the United States and became known as a great humanitarian.

**Cowan, Catherine.** *[My Life with the Wave](#)*. (IBT C83834m)

A child befriends a wave at the seashore and brings her home.

**Curtis, Gavin.** *[The Bat Boy and His Violin](#)*. (IBT C9434b)

Reginald is more interested in practicing his violin than in his father's job managing the worst team in the Negro Leagues, but when Papa makes him the bat boy and his music begins to lead the team to victory, Papa realizes the value of his son's passion.

**Delton, Judy.** *[Pee Wee Scouts](#)*. (series) (IBT D3885)

This series features first-grade boys and girls who are members of Pee Wee Scout Troop 23.

**Estes, Eleanor.** *[The Hundred Dresses](#)*. (FIC Es85hu)

Every day Wanda comes to school in the same washed-out, blue dress, yet she tells the other children she has closets full of clothes. Her Cinderella dreams become real in this story.

**Giff, Patricia Reilly.** *[The Kids of Polk Street School](#)*. (series) (IBT G3657)

Adventures of the kids at the Polk Street School.

**Hamanaka, Sheila.** *[All the Colors of the Earth](#)*. (Pic Bk H)

Celebrate the colors of children and the colors of love -- not black or white or yellow or red, but roaring brown, whispering gold, tinkling pink, and more.

- Harold, Jerdine Nolen.** [\*Harvey Potter's Balloon Farm.\*](#) (Pic Bk H)  
A child ventures out in the middle of the night to see how Harvey Potter grows his wonderful balloons.
- Howard, Elizabeth.** [\*Virgie Goes to School with Us Boys.\*](#) (IBT H8324vi)  
In the post-Civil War South, a young African American girl is determined to prove that she can go to school just like her older brothers.
- Kasza, Keiko.** [\*The Wolf's Chicken Stew.\*](#) (Pic Bk K)  
A hungry wolf's attempts to fatten a chicken for his stewpot have unexpected results.
- Kline, Suzy.** [\*Horrible Harry.\*](#) (series) (IBT K6857)  
This funny, easy-reader story is about friends; school adventures; and a creative, nonconformist boy named Harry.
- Lester, Julius.** [\*Sam and the Tigers.\*](#) (Pic Bk L)  
Follows the adventures of a little boy named Sam when he matches wits with several tigers that want to eat him.
- Look, Lenore.** [\*Love As Strong As Ginger.\*](#) (Pic Bk L)  
A Chinese American girl comes to realize how hard her grandmother works to fulfill her dreams when they spend a day together at the grandmother's job cracking crabs.
- Martin, Rafe.** [\*The Rough-Face Girl.\*](#) (398.2 M365r)  
From the Algonquin Indians comes an unusual and touching version of the Cinderella story.
- McCully, Emily.** [\*The Ballot Box Battle.\*](#) (IBT M1394ba)  
This account of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's work for women's suffrage is "set in the summer of 1880.
- McPhail, David.** [\*Mole Music.\*](#) (Pic Bk M)  
Feeling that something is missing in his simple life, Mole acquires a violin and learns to make beautiful, joyful music.
- Mochizuki, Ken.** [\*Baseball Saved Us.\*](#) (IBT M715b)  
Despondent over the harsh conditions of a World War II internment camp, a young Japanese-American boy and his father build a baseball diamond and form a league so that the internees will have something to look forward to--even if only for nine innings.
- Mochizuki, Ken.** [\*Passage to Freedom; the Sugihara Story.\*](#) (940.5318 M715pa)  
In 1940 Chiune Sugihara, the Japanese consul in Lithuania, saved the lives of hundreds of Polish Jewish refugees. He personally wrote out visas that enabled the Jews to escape the Nazis. To do that, he risked the lives of his own family and disobeyed the instructions of the Japanese government. The story is told in the first person by the consul's son, Hiroki, who remembers himself at the age of five when desperate refugees were crowding at his father's door.
- Myers, Christopher.** [\*Wings.\*](#) (Pic Bk M)  
Ikarus Jackson, the new boy in school, is outcast because he has wings, but his resilient spirit inspires one girl to speak up for him.
- Myers, Walter Dean.** [\*Harlem; A Poem.\*](#) (811.54 M992h)  
The words and pictures together connect readers of all ages to the spirit of Harlem in its music, art, literature, and everyday life.
- Osborne, Mary Pope.** [\*Kate and the Beanstalk.\*](#) (IBT Os149ka: Ages 4-8.)  
In this version of the classic tale, a girl climbs to the top of a giant beanstalk, where she uses her quick wits to outsmart a giant and make her and her mother's fortune.
- Polacco, Patricia.** [\*The Bee Tree.\*](#) (Pic Bk P)  
To teach his daughter the value of books, a father leads a growing crowd in search of the tree where the bees keep all their honey.
- Polacco, Patricia.** [\*Chicken Sunday.\*](#) (Pic Bk P)  
After being initiated into a neighbor's family by a solemn backyard ceremony, a young Russian American girl and her African American brothers determine to buy their Gramma Eula a beautiful Easter hat.

**Polacco, Patricia.** [\*Thank You, Mr. Falker.\*](#) (IBT P7568t)

It took a very special teacher to recognize little Trisha's dyslexia: Mr. Falker, who encouraged her to overcome her reading disability.

**Piley, Dav.** [\*Dog Breath; the Horrible Terrible Trouble with Hally Tosis.\*](#) (Pic Bk P)

Hally the dog's breath is so awful, even skunks hold their noses.

**Rockwell, Anne.** [\*The Story Snail.\*](#) (ICR R)

John can do nothing well until a snail gives him one hundred fabulous stories to tell, but when even they wear thin, he goes in search of the snail again.

**Rylant, Cynthia.** [\*Henry and Mudge.\*](#) (series) (ICR R)

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

**Rylant, Cynthia.** [\*Mr. Putter and Tabby.\*](#) (series) (ICR R)

Mr. Putter and his cat, Tabby, are friends and neighbors of Mrs. Teaberry and her bulldog, Zeke.

**San Souci, Robert.** [\*The Talking Eggs.\*](#) (398.210973Sa54t)

A Southern folktale in which kind Blanche, following the instructions of an old witch, gains riches, while her greedy sister makes fun of the old woman and is duly rewarded.

**Say, Allen.** [\*Grandfather's Journey.\*](#) (Pic Bk S)

A Japanese American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.

**Say, Allen.** [\*The Bicycle Man.\*](#) (Pic Bk S)

Two American soldiers come upon his country school's athletic festival and put on a show of trick bicycle riding that leaves the audience cheering.

**Scieszka, Jon.** [\*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs: By a Wolf.\*](#) (Pic Bk S)

The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.

**Scieszka, Jon.** [\*Squids Will Be Squids; Fresh Morals, Beastly Fables.\*](#) (IBTSci283sq)

Contemporary fables with tongue-in-cheek morals address such topics as homework, curfews, and television commercials.

**Steig, Jeanne.** [\*A Handful of Beans; Six Fairy Tales.\*](#) (398.2)

Here's Rumpelstiltskin, in a rage; The Frog Prince hops right off the page; Hansel and Gretel thwart the witch; Jack slays the giant (and gets rich); Red Riding Hood and Gram survive; The Beast and Beauty wed, and thrive.

**Steig, William.** [\*Sylvester and the Magic Pebble.\*](#) (Pic Bk S)

In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then can not hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

**Step toe, John.** [\*Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: an African Tale.\*](#) (398.2 St65m)

Mufaro's two beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a wife.

**Stevens, Janet.** [\*Tops and Bottoms.\*](#) (398.2 St47t)

Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road.

**Stewart, Sarah.** [\*The Gardener.\*](#) (Pic Bk S)

After her father loses his job, Lydia Grace goes to live with her Uncle Jim in the city, but takes her love for gardening with her.

**Stewart, Sarah.** [\*The Library.\*](#) (Pic Bk S)

Elizabeth Brown loves to read more than anything else, but when her collection of books grows and grows, she must make a change in her life.

**Thompson, Kay.** [\*Eloise.\*](#) (Pic Bk T)

Here is everyone's favorite enfant terrible--Eloise--making life anything but dull, dull, dull.

**Uchida, Yoshiko.** [\*The Bracelet\*](#). (IBT Uc4b)

Emi, a Japanese American in the second grade, is sent with her family to an internment camp during World War II, but the loss of the bracelet her best friend has given her proves that she does not need a physical reminder of that friendship.

**Ungerer, Tomi.** [\*CriCTOR\*](#). (Pic Bk U)

An agreeable pet boa constrictor earns the affection and gratitude of a French village.

**Van Allsburg, Chris.** [\*The Wreck of the Zephyr\*](#). (Pic Bk V)

A boy's ambition to be the greatest sailor in the world brings him to ruin when he misuses his new ability to sail his boat in the air.

**Woodson, Jacqueline.** [\*The Other Side\*](#). (Pic Bk W)

Two girls, one white and one black, gradually get to know each other as they sit on the fence that divides their town.