All books are located in the Fiction section (XF), unless otherwise noted.

**Beyond Picture Books**

*A good choice when picture books are too short.*

Adler, David. **Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones** [BRIDGES XMF]
Eight-year-old sleuth Cam Jansen uses her photographic memory to solve the puzzle of the dinosaur count. (series)

Becker, Bonny. **The Magical Ms. Plum**
There is something very special about Ms. Plum and her classroom’s mysterious supply closet.

Blume, Judy. **Soupys Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One**
Seven short stories feature first grader Jacob, “The Pain,” and his older sister, Abigail, “The Great One.” (series)

Cameron, Ann. **The Stories Julian Tells** [BRIDGES XF]
Seven-year-old Julian tells stories about planting a garden, trying to grow taller, losing a tooth, and finding a new friend. (series)

Cooper, Susan. **The Magician’s Boy**
A boy meets familiar characters when he is transported to the Land of Story in search of a missing puppet.

Dicamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson to the Rescue** [BRIDGES XF]
After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken on the edge of a hole in the floor. (series)

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. **My Father’s Dragon**
A young boy rescues an abused baby dragon held captive by lazy animals living on Wild Island. (series)

Hannigan, Katherine. **Emmaline and the Bunny**
Everyone in the town of Neatasapin is tidy, except Emmaline who likes to dig dirt and jump in puddles.

Hurwitz, Johanna. **Busybody Nora**
Inquisitive Nora lives in a large apartment building in New York with her parents and little brother Teddy. (series)

Jenkins, Emily. **Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Tough Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic**
Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys.

Kerrin, Jessica Scott. **Martin Bridge: Ready For Takeoff**
Meet Martin Bridge - a boy whose well-meant plans sometimes go awry. (series)

Le Guin, Ursula. **Catwings**
Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live. (series)

Lowry, Lois. **Gooney Bird Greene**
Gooney Bird entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself. (series)

Pennypacker, Sara. **Clementine**
Clementine is an ingenuous third-grader with a talent for trouble and a good heart. (series)

Stoltz, Mary. **Go Fish**
After spending the day fishing with Grandfather, eight-year-old Thomas hears about his African heritage.

**Longer Books**

*Best for 1st grade and up.*

Asch, Frank. **Star Jumper: Journal of a Cardboard Genius**
Alex designs a spaceship that will take him far away from his little brother. (series)

Atwater, Richard & Florence. **Mr. Popper’s Penguins**
A pair of polar penguins dramatically alters the simple life-style of the housepainter Mr. Popper.

Avi. **The End of the Beginning**
Avon the snail’s voracious reading convinces him that having an adventure is the key to a happy life. (series) Also **Poppy**. (series)

Bearn, Emily. **Tutum and Nutmeg: Adventures Beyond Nutmouse Hall**
Three tales feature wealthy mice who help two human siblings and their absent-minded inventor father. (series)

Birdsall, Jeanne. **The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy**
Ah, summertime and the living is easy - even if it’s off to a rough start. (series)

Bond, Michael. **A Bear Called Paddington**
A very small bear found by Mr. and Mrs. Brown at Paddington station becomes one of the family. (series)

Cleary, Beverly. **The Mouse and the Motorcycle**
Ralph makes friends with a young boy and gets a mouse-sized motorcycle. (series) Also **Ramona the Pest**. (series)

Danziger, Paula. **Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon**
She may not be a crayon, but Amber Brown is certainly blue over the fact that her best friend, Justin, is moving away. (series)

Dahl, Roald. **James and the Giant Peach**
James escapes from a wretched life in a giant peach, along with some rather large, but friendly, insects. (also **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** and **The Fantastic Mr. Fox**
Little Willie hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters.

When hired by a fellow student to find her missing brother, Chet Gecko uncovers a Gila monster's plot on the school football team. (series)

A rat's twin passions for books and baking bail him out of serious trouble.

Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire. (series)

Babe is befriended by Farmer Hogget's sheepdog, who teaches Babe how to herd sheep. (also The Water Horse)

The fearsome iron giant becomes a hero when he challenges a huge space monster.

After Tacy moves into the house across the street from Betsy, the five-year-olds become inseparable friends. (series)

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle has a bundle of wonderfully magical cures for any bad habit. (series)

Six episodes in the life of Homer Price including one in which he and his pet skunk capture four bandits.

When Alfie, a timid deerhound puppy, gets lost in the woods, he will do almost anything to find his way home to his beloved boy.

Nim loves her island home and the animals she shares it with, but trouble is on the way.

Araminta Spookie gets help from ghosts and a haunted suit of armor to stop her Aunt Tabby from selling Spook House. (series)

What a shock when Henry Green breaks out in a rash of brown spots that smell like chocolate!

This true story tells how a family of ducks captured the hearts of the people in Tokyo.

Old favorites that need no description.

Burnett, Frances Hodgson. The Little Princess
Burnett, Frances Hodgson. The Secret Garden
Grahame, Kenneth. The Wind in the Willows
Milne, A. A. Winnie-the-Pooh (series)
Norton, Mary. The Borrowers (series)
Travers, P. L. Mary Poppins (series)
White, E. B. Charlotte's Web
White, E. B. Stuart Little
Wilder, Laura Ingalls. Little House in the Big Woods (series)