

SCIENCE FICTION JF FORESTER


**THE GIRL WHO COULD FLY**

*Nine-year-old Adam doesn't want anything to do with the new girl next door, but as he gets to know more about her and her unusual abilities, they become best friends.*

# Chapter Books For Grades 2 - 4

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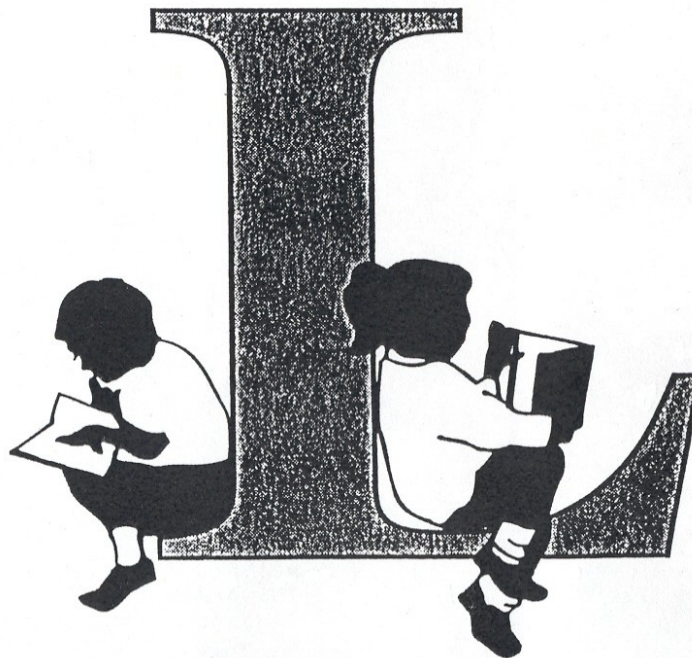
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## **Fiction: Grades 3-5**

JF ADLER

### **IT'S A BABY, ANDY RUSSELL**

*While Andy's parents are at the hospital with a new baby, leaving Andy and his sister at home with their germaphobic aunt, Andy thinks that Aunt Janet wants him to get rid of his pets.*

JF AHLBERG

### **THE CAT WHO GOT CARRIED AWAY**

*It is an exciting couple of days for the Gaskitt family and their community—with missing pets, an unusual substitute teacher, and a special addition to their household.*

JF AMATO

### **STINKY AND SUCCESSFUL : THE RIOT BROTHERS NEVER STOP**

*Three stories star Wilbur and Orville, the Riot brothers, as they rescue a dragonfly from a bully, get into an April Fools' Day joke contest with their mother, and invent make-in-your-mouth macaroni and cheese.*

JF BATESON

### **BEING BEE**

*Bee faces friction at home and at school when her widowed father begins seriously dating Jazzzi, who seems to take over the house and their lives. However, as shared secrets and common interests finally begin to draw them together, Jazzzi accidentally makes a terrible mistake.*

JF BAUER

### **NO CASTLES HERE**

*Eleven-year-old Augie Boretski dreams of escaping his run-down Camden, New Jersey neighborhood, but things start to turn around with help from a Big Brother, a music teacher, and a mysterious bookstore owner, so when his school is in trouble, he pulls the community together to save it.*

JF BOSCH

### **THE NAME OF THIS BOOK IS SECRET**

*Two 11-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality.*

JF BUNTING

### **REGGIE**

*Eight-year old Alex is determined to keep the toy mouse he finds tied to a balloon, even after posters appear asking for its return, but when his dog Patch disappears, Alex discovers what it is like to lose something you love more than anything.*

FANTASY JF DUNREA

### **HANNE'S QUEST**

*On an island off the coast of Scotland, a young hen must prove herself pure, wise and brave in a quest to help her beloved owner, Mem Pocket, from losing her family's farm.*

FANTASY JF FRENCH

### **MY DAD THE DRAGON**

*Horace has received an almost impossible homework assignment at King Arthur's School for Trainee Knights—he has to kill a dragon, which is even more difficult because his father is one.*

FANTASY JF NITZ

### **SAVING THE GRIFFIN**

*When 11-year-old Kate and her younger brother Michael encounter a baby griffin in an Italian garden, they vow to help the creature find its way back home and to keep Griffo's existence a secret.*

FANTASY JF SCHADE

### **FARADAWN**

*Continues the adventures of Thelonious the chipmunk and his friends, who meet a human, build a boat, and go searching for the land called Faradawn.*

## **Science Fiction**

SCIENCE FICTION JF BRENNAN

### **ZARTOG'S REMOTE**

*An 8-year-old Earth girl helps a visiting 8-year-old extraterrestrial after he loses the remote control device for his flying saucer.*

SCIENCE FICTION JF COX

### **WEIRD STORIES FROM THE LONESOME CAFÉ**

*Sam moves to Nevada with his uncle to run a café in the middle of nowhere, and although Uncle Clem insists that nothing ever happens there, his clientele consists of a number of strange characters.*

SCIENCE FICTION JF DUFFEY

### **ALIEN FOR RENT**

*When a small fuzzy alien appears at their first school, two third-graders direct his powers against the Bully Bruce and things get out of control.*

HISTORICAL JF SIMS

**THE STORY OF CASTLES**

*This book tells the incredible story of castles—from the first wooden tower to the crumbling ruins you see today.*

HISTORICAL JF SPRINGER

**ROWAN HOOD RETURNS : THE FINAL CHAPTER**

*When she finds out who murdered her mother, Celandine, Rowan Hood returns to her former home to seek revenge.*

HISTORICAL JF WILLIAMS

**TITANIC CROSSING**

*In 1912, 13-year-old Albert considers his younger sister a pest, but things change when they travel with their mother and uncle aboard the Titanic and are caught up in its tragic sinking.*

**Fantasy**

FANTASY JF BABBITT

**JACK PLANK TELLS TALES**

*The author of the Newbery Honor Book 'Tuck Everlasting' delivers a new adventure about a young man who started out to be a pirate, but just didn't seem to have the knack for it and seeks a new career.*

FANTASY JF CATLING

**THE CHOCOLATE TOUCH**

*A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.*

FANTASY JF CECIL

**WICKED WOLF TALES**

*Three wicked wolf stories for young children. Brightly colored pictures provide friendly interpretations of the stories that might ordinarily be scary for children.*

FANTASY JF DRAKE

**DRAGONSDALE**

*Cara yearns to ride her beloved Skydancer, a rare Goldenbrow dragon, but her father refuses to permit her to fly and she must be content with mucking out stalls and helping raise young dragons at the famed stud and training farm known as Dragonsdale.*

JF CATALANOTTO

**NO MORE PUMPKINS**

*Second-grader Emily is tired of pumpkins being at the center of every lesson in school, but she is not prepared when a jealous friend damages the jack-o-lantern portrait Emily made for Open House.*

JF COLFER

**EOIN COLFER'S LEGEND OF THE WORST BOY IN THE WORLD**

*Growing up with four complainers for brothers, Will has a hard time getting an audience for his own troubles. He needs his own adult to complain to and Grandad is the perfect guy for the job. But swapping sob stories doesn't prove to be as satisfying as Will thought. Grandad has plenty of pathetic stories of his own, and each is worse than the one before. When Will hears the legend of the worst boy in the world, he knows he has finally hit the jackpot.*

JF DAKOS

**OUR PRINCIPAL PROMISED TO KISS A PIG**

*When the school principal promises to kiss a pig if the students read 10,000 books, a girl volunteers Hamlet, her unwilling Shakespeare-quoting pig.*

JF DOWELL

**PHINEAS L. MACGUIRE...GETS SLIMED! / THE SECOND EXPERIMENT**

*When his new best friend Ben decides to run for class president, fourth-grade science whiz Phineas MacGuire reluctantly agrees to be his campaign manager in exchange for help with his latest experiment--cultivating exhibits for a mold museum.*

JF EATON

**FACTTRACKER**

*When a town whose economy is based on selling facts is taken over by the Facttracker's twin, Ersatz, quickly-spreading lies begin changing the world, and a "just small enough boy" must reach the seed of truth before the changes become permanent.*

JF FENNER

**SNOWED IN WITH GRANDMOTHER SILK**

*Ruddy is disappointed when his parents go on a cruise and he must stay with his fussy grandmother for a whole week. These feelings change when an unexpected snowstorm reveals a surprising side of Grandmother Silk.*

JF FLEMING

**THE FABLED FOURTH GRADERS OF AESOP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*An unlikely teacher takes over the disorderly fourth-grade class of Aesop Elementary School with surprising results.*

JF GIFFORD

**MOXY MAXWELL DOES NOT LOVE STUART LITTLE**

*With summer coming to an end, about-to-be-fourth-grader Moxy Maxwell does a hundred different things to avoid reading her assigned summer reading book.*

JF HADDIX

**DEXTER THE TOUGH**

*A sympathetic teacher and her writing assignment help fourth-grader Dexter deal with being the new kid in school after he punches a kid on the first day.*

JF HARPER

**JUST GRACE**

*Misnamed by her teacher, 7-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.*

JF HOFFMAN

**BRAVO, GRACE!**

*There's no one quite like Grace. She worries about meeting her new stepmother and then learns that love unites even a divided family. At school, she takes on the class bully, participates in the class play, and learns that she's going to have a new sister.*

JF HORSE

**LAST POLAR BEARS**

*Grandfather writes a series of letters during an expedition to the North Pole to find the last Polar Bears. He sets off his fully equipped golf cart with little dog, Roo. Will they survive storms, seasickness and wolves? Will the distracted Roo ever be trained to be a sled dog?*

JF HURWITZ

**MOSTLY MONTY**

*Because he suffers from asthma, 6-year-old Monty is nervous about starting first grade but he soon learns to cope with his illness and use his special talents to make friends.*

JF KERRIN

**MARTIN BRIDGE : SOUND THE ALARM!**

*Martin's back in two more stories. He gets a new babysitter and learns that dancing isn't all bad. In the second story, Martin and his friend Stuart find themselves locked in a toy store.*

HISTORICAL JF ELLIS

**THE SEVERAL LIVES OF ORPHAN JACK**

*Life is tough for young Jack at orphan school, but he is good at staying out of trouble.*

HISTORICAL JF GOLDIN

**RED MEANS GOOD FORTUNE**

*Twelve-year-old Jin Mun, working for his father's laundry in San Francisco Chinatown, is shocked to discover that one of his neighbors is a slave girl, forbidden to leave her home.*

HISTORICAL JF HERMAN

**MY CHOCOLATE YEAR**

*In 1945 Chicago, as her Jewish family anxiously awaits news of relatives left behind in Europe, 10-year-old Dorrie learns new recipes in the hope of winning a baking competition at school. Recipes for various foods, from chocolate pudding to chocolate mandel bread are included.*

HISTORICAL JF HOPKINSON

**BIRDIE'S LIGHTHOUSE**

*The diary of a 10-year-old girl who moves with her family in 1855 from a town on the Maine coast to rugged Turtle Island where her father is to be the Lighthouse keeper.*

HISTORICAL JF KINSEY-WARNOCK

**LUMBER CAMP LIBRARY**

*Ruby wants to be a teacher, but after her father's death in a logging accident she must quit school to care for her ten brothers and sisters, until a chance meeting with a lonely old blind woman transforms her life.*

HISTORICAL JF MCKENZIE

**THE KING, THE PRINCESS, AND THE TINKER**

*A good-hearted tinker and a curious young princess show a narrow-minded king that there are more important things in the world than his treasure.*

HISTORICAL JF MCKISSACK

**ABBY TAKES A STAND**

*Gee recalls for her grandchildren what happened in 1960 in Nashville, Tennessee when she, age 10, passed out flyers while her cousin and other adults held sit-ins at restaurants and lunch counters to protest segregation.*

HISTORICAL JF SATHRE

**LEROY POTTS MEETS THE MCCROOKS**

*When Leroy Potts loses his memory after being struck by lightning, the nasty McCrook brothers use him to steal for them.*

JFS SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES

**THE NIXIE'S SONG**

*Nick's life is turned upside down when his father remarries and moves his new family to the soon-to-be-completed Mangrove Hollow. But an expedition to a nearby lake turns up a little nixie with a big problem, of the huge, fire-breathing variety. Now it's up to Nick, his brother Julian, and his stepsister Laurie to stop a host of rampaging giants before all of Florida goes up in smoke.*

*'The Spiderwick Chronicles' head south for some fiendish faerie fun in the sun in this new series.*

JFS MAGIC TREE HOUSE

**CHRISTMAS IN CAMELOT**

*On Christmas Eve, Jack and Annie's tree house transports them to King Arthur's castle at Camelot, where they undertake a quest to the castle of the Otherworld.*

## **Historical Fiction**

HISTORICAL JF BUNTING

**TRAIN TO SOMEWHERE**

*In the late 1800s, Marianne travels westward on the orphan train in hopes of being placed with a caring family.*

HISTORICAL JF COHEN

**MIMMY AND SOPHIE : ALL AROUND THE TOWN**

*Describes the experiences of two sisters growing up in Brooklyn in the time of Shirley Temple movies and trolleys.*

HISTORICAL JF COLLINS

**MEDUSA JONES**

*In ancient Greece, Medusa Jones, a gorgon, and her friends, a minotaur and a centaur, are mocked and sneered by the other Acropolis Academy children whose parents are kings and gods, but when they go on a school camping trip together, the "freaks" become true heroes.*

HISTORICAL JF COOPER

**VICTORY**

*Alternating chapters follow the mysterious connection between a homesick English girl living in present-day America and an 11-year-old boy serving in the British Royal Navy in 1803, aboard the H.M.S. Victory, commanded by Admiral Horatio Nelson.*

JF KING-SMITH

**HAIRY HEZEKIAH**

*A lonely Bactrian camel sets out in search of a friend, but instead is threatened and ridiculed by the other animals at the zoo. Later he finds a real home and true friend at a safari park.*

JF LITTLE

**BIRTHDAY GIRL**

*Nell's cat is lost and her whole family is being mean to her. Even though yesterday was her birthday, today is turning out to be the worst day of her life. Will her birthday wishes ever come true?*

JF LOOK

**RUBY LU, BRAVE AND TRUE**

*"Almost-8-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks, learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.*

JF MCCALL

**THE PERFECT HAMBURGER AND OTHER DELICIOUS STORIES**

*In three separate stories, children help adults solve problems related to food: first by saving a restaurant from being shut down, second by untangling a mess in a spaghetti factory, and third by selling donuts to raise funds for a stolen car.*

JF MOORE

**LITTLE RACCOON**

*Little Raccoon has adventures fishing by himself at night, venturing into the outside world beyond his woods, and babysitting two tricky chipmunks.*

JF NAYLOR

**ANYONE CAN EAT SQUID!**

*Sarah longs to find a way to be someone special, and when her friend's Chinese restaurant needs customers, she finds a special way to save it.*

JF PARK

**PROJECT MULBERRY : A NOVEL**

*While working on a project for an after-school club, Julia, a Korean American girl, and her friend Patrick learn not just about silkworms, but also about tolerance, prejudice, friendship, patience, and more. Short dialogues between the author and main character about the writing of the book are included.*

JF PENNYPACKER

**CLEMENTINE**

*While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, 8-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.*

JF RANSOM

**SEEING SKY-BLUE PINK**

*Although fearful at first, 8-year-old Maddie soon begins to enjoy living in the country and getting to know her new stepfather.*

JF RICHARDSON

**REAL SLAM DUNK**

*Ten-year-old Marcus plans to become a professional basketball player, but when he, his twin sister and their classmates meet a real star on a school field trip, they learn the importance of goals beyond a single career aspiration.*

JF SCROGGS

**BIGFOOT BACKPACKING BONANZA**

*Wiley and his grandparents go on a camping trip where they meet up with Bigfoot.*

JF SPECK

**MAYBELLE IN THE SOUP**

*When Mr. and Mrs. Peabody invite a guest to dinner, Maybelle the cockroach, who lives under their refrigerator, ignores the warnings of Henry the flea to be sensible and ends up "splashing" into a big adventure.*

JF THOMPSON

**THE GREAT MONTEFIASCO**

*The Great Montefiasco's magic tricks are so bad that his audiences find them hilarious, and when he hires the fabulous but clumsy Betty as his assistant, the duo's fame is assured.*

JF WARNER

**ONLY EMMA**

*Third-grader Emma's peaceful life as an only child is disrupted when she has to temporarily share her tidy bedroom with 4-year-old Anthony.*

JF WILKOWSKI

**THE BAD LUCK CHAIR**

*After having to sit in the legendary Bad Luck Chair at school, 9-year-old Addy is determined to break its curse, but first she and her friends have to figure out the puzzling directions written by one of the chair's earlier victims.*

**Favorite Series: Grades 1-5**

JFS BOXCAR CHILDREN

**THE MYSTERY IN NEW YORK**

*While visiting a friend in New York City, the Aldens investigate the theft of a valuable diamond.*

JFS CAM JANSEN

**CAM JANSEN AND THE MYSTERY AT THE HAUNTED HOUSE**

*Cam and her friend Eric chase the thief of Aunt Katie's wallet through an amusement park and find themselves involved in another case.*

JFS DISNEY FAIRIES

**FAIRY HAVEN AND THE QUEST FOR THE WAND**

*Three fairies from Never Land must deliver a wand they promised to the mermaid who has threatened to flood their home in Fairy Haven.*

JF IVY + BEAN

**IVY AND BEAN**

*When 7-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.*

JFS JUNIE B JONES

**JUNIE B. JONES AND THE STUPID SMELLY BUS**

*A young girl describes, her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home.*

JFS LITTLE HOUSE

**LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE**

*A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie. There they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, build a well, and fight a prairie fire.*

JFS SISTERS GRIMM

**THE PROBLEM CHILD**

*With the help of a long lost relative and a little magic, Sabrina Grimm and her sister Daphne try to find out who has kidnapped their parents to rescue them.*