Great Books for 1st GRADE

Picture Books

Angleberger, Tom
THE PRINCESS AND THE PIT STOP
When a Princess learns from her Fairy Godmother that she is in last place in a car race against such fairy tale notables as Humpty Dumpty, the Three Bears and Rumpelstiltskin, she boldly rebuffs defeat and steps on the gas.
J PICTURE ANGLEBERGER

Barnett, Mac
COUNT THE MONKEYS
The reader is invited to count the animals that have frightened the monkeys off the pages.
J PICTURE BARNETT

Barnett, Mac
I LOVE YOU LIKE A PIG
Humorous text and illustrations celebrate the tender and silly moments found in life.
J PICTURE BARNETT

Clanton, Ben
IT CAME IN THE MAIL
After Liam writes to his mailbox, asking for more mail, he gets his wish, but soon he realizes that sending mail is even more fun than receiving it.
J PICTURE CLANTON

Cox, Judy
SHEEP WON’T SLEEP
A girl who cannot sleep decides to count sheep and other woolly animals by ones, and then skip counting by twos, fives, and tens.
J PICTURE COX

de la Pena, Matt
CARMELA FULL OF WISHES
Carmela, finally old enough to run errands with her brother, tries to think of the perfect wish, while his wish seems to be that she stayed home.
J PICTURE DELAPENA

Philip, Simon
YOU MUST BRING A HAT!
A young boy is invited to the biggest, bestest party of all time, but he is told he must bring a hat.
J PICTURE PHILIP

Reynolds, Aaron
CREEPY PAIR OF UNDERWEAR
A young rabbit is frightened by his underwear.
J PICTURE REYNOLDS

Rubin, Adam
DRAGONS LOVE TACOS
Explores the love dragons have for tacos, and the dangers of feeding them anything with spicy salsa.
J PICTURE RUBIN

Sarah, Linda
BIG FRIENDS
Best friends Etho and Birt love going up Sudden Hill and sitting in simple cardboard boxes imagining they are kings, soldiers, astronauts or pirates until Shu asks to join them, and their “two-by-two rhythm” is disturbed.
J PICTURE SARAH

Scotton, Rob
RUSSELL THE SHEEP
Russell the sheep tries all different ways to get to sleep.
J PICTURE SCOTTON
Shannon, David
NO, DAVID!
A young boy is depicted doing a variety of naughty things for which he is repeatedly admonished, but finally he gets a hug.
J PICTURE SHANNON

Easy Readers

Arnold, Tedd
PRINCE FLY GUY
Buzz is writing a fairy tale for homework, and Fly Guy naturally assumes the role of a handsome prince, who fends off a giant and rescues a beautiful princess.
J EASY ARNOLD

Bowdish, Lynea
THUNDER DOESN’T SCARE ME!
When thunder makes a young boy and his dog afraid, they decide to make as much noise as the storm.
J EASY ARNOLD

Burnell, Heather Ayris
SPARKLY NEW FRIENDS
Unicorn and Yeti run into each other (literally) while looking for sparkly things, and despite some differences the two become friends over a shared love of hot chocolate with rainbow sprinkles.
J EASY BURNELL

Corey, Shana
MONSTER PARADE
Children dressed in monster costumes attend a community party, march in a Halloween parade, and go trick-or-treating.
J EASY COREY

Daywalt, Drew
WHAT IS INSIDE THIS BOX?
Monkey and Cake cannot agree what’s inside Monkey’s mysterious box. Is it a kitty? Is it a dinosaur? How will they find out -- and what do you think is inside?
J EASY DAYWALT

Dean, James
PETE THE CAT AND THE BAD BANANA
Pete the Cat bites into a bad banana and vows never to eat bananas again, even though he generally likes the fruit.
J EASY DEAN

Driscoll, Laura
LOUISE LOVES BAKE SALES
With the first-grade bake sale coming up, art-loving Louise and her little brother make cupcakes.
J EASY LIGHT

Eastman, P.D.
FLAP YOUR WINGS
When Mr. and Mrs. Bird discover a strange egg in their nest they decide to try and hatch it.
J EASY EASTMAN

Lieurance, Suzanne
SHOELACES
A child describes the joys of all different kinds of shoelaces.
J EASY ROOKIE

Medearsis, Angela
WE PLAY ON A RAINY DAY
Children pout when the rain begins, but, soon, properly dressed, they enjoy playing outdoors in the rain.
J EASY MEDEARIS

Meisel, Paul
SEE ME DIG
A group of dogs that loves to dig has a fun-filled day of making mischief.
J EASY MEISEL

Rau, Dana Meachen
LOOK FOR LADYBUGS
Simple, rhyming text about a ladybug search teaches about prepositional phrases.
J EASY ROOKIE

Sander, Sonia
ALL ABOARD!
Describes the travels of a cargo train as it passes through Lego City.
J EASY LEGO

Willems, Mo
I LOST MY TOOTH!
Friends search for Zoom Squirrel’s missing baby tooth. Includes “acorn-y jokes” and “cool facts.”
J EASY WILLEMS