

[The Absent Author](#)

By Ron Roy

Dink Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author Wallis Wallace.

[Ada Lace, On the Case](#)

By Emily Calandrelli

Eight-year-old Ada, who has a knack for science, math, and solving mysteries, teams up with her best friend, Nina, to find a missing dog.

[Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things](#)

By Lenore Look

A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.

[The Bad Guys](#)

By Aaron Blabey

The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound--but their plan soon goes awry.

[The Chicken Squad](#)

By Doreen Cronin

When the squirrel Tail comes barreling into the chicken coop

ranting about a round, shiny, green, big, scary thing in the yard, Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar investigate this strange object.

[Dory Fantasmagory](#)

By Abby Hanlon

Dory, the youngest in her family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.

[Dragons and Marshmallows](#)

By Asia Citro

After discovering that injured animals come to the barn in her backyard for help, it is up to Zoey and her cat Sassafras to help new arrival Marshmallow, a sick baby dragon.

[Eva's Treetop Festival](#)

By Rebecca Elliott

Having a Bloomtastic Festival at school to celebrate spring is a great idea--but Eva Wingdale, a young owl, discovers that it is also a lot of work, and there is nothing wrong with asking her friends for help.

[Fantastic Mr. Fox](#)

By Roald Dahl

Three farmers, each one meaner than the other, try all-out warfare to get rid of the fox and his family.

[Flat Stanley](#)

By Jeff Brown

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

[Heidi Heckelbeck Has a Secret](#)

By Wanda Coven

After being homeschooled her whole life, Heidi Heckelbeck enters a real school in second grade, where she encounters a mean girl named Melanie who makes her feel like an alien.

[Infamous Ratsos](#)

By Kara LaReau

Rat brothers Louie and Ralphie Ratso try to prove they can be as rough and tough as their father in the Big City, but every time they try to show how tough they are, they end up accidentally doing good deeds instead.

[Ivy and Bean](#)

By Annie Barrows

When seven-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.

[Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye](#)

By Geronimo Stilton

The discovery of an old map by his sister Thea leads Geronimo and his

family to search for buried treasure on a faraway island.

[Mercy Watson to the Rescue](#)

By Kate DiCamillo

After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

[A New Friend](#)

By Poppy Green

Eight-year-old Sophie Mouse is excited to return to school after the long winter break, but there is a new student--a snake--and Sophie and the other animals are afraid to sit near him, much less ask him to play with them, because they have heard snakes are awful.

[The Princess in Black](#)

By Shannon Hale

Hiding her secret identity as a monster-fighting superhero, Princess Magnolia interrupts her fancy tea with the unsuspecting Duchess Wigtower to stop a big blue monster from endangering her kingdom's goats.

[Rise of the Balloon Goons](#)

By Troy Cummings

Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue, a

notebook he finds is full of information about monsters--and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him.

[The School is Alive](#)

By Jack Chabert

Sam Graves discovers that his elementary school is alive and plotting against the students, and, as hall monitor, it is his job to protect them--but he will need some help from his friends.

[Skunked! Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet](#)

By Jacqueline Kelly

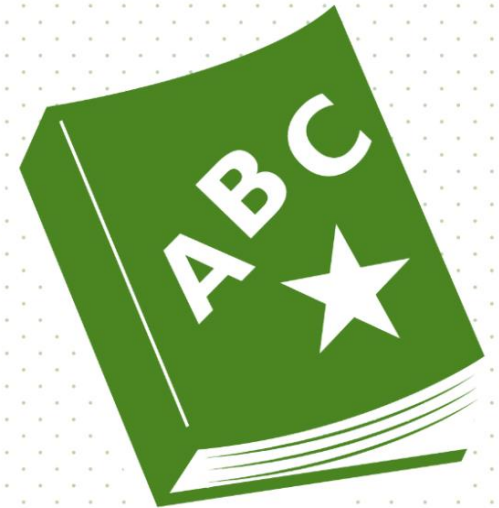
When Travis discovers an abandoned baby skunk, he can't help but bring it home and take care of it. Stinky, as Travis names him, settles in pretty well. But when Travis discovers Stinky's litter-mate, Winky, who is in need of some help, things get complicated around the Tate house.

[Stella Batts Needs a New Name](#)

By Courtney Sheinmel

When a classmate makes fun of her name, eight-year-old Stella picks a new one for herself, but discovers that the name she abandoned suits her just fine.

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