



**Tornado** by Betsy Byars. HarperCollins, 1996.

Huddled in a storm cellar, a farm hand tells about the dog who was blown into his life by a tornado.

**The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2016. Roz the Robot, the story's main character, will have readers of all ages thinking about nature, technology, and relationships in this sparsely illustrated survival story.

**Wish** by Barbara O'Connor. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016. A tender tale about a girl who, along with the dog of her dreams, discovers the simple yet powerful truths about family, friendship, and being loved.

**Wishtree** by Katherine Applegate. Feiwel & Friends, 2017. This thoughtful and important story is told from the viewpoint of an oak tree who has seen it all.

**Wonder** by R.J. Palacio. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2012. Fifth grader, Auggie Pullman, has a facial difference. He is going to public school after being home-schooled his entire life and he just wants to be treated like everyone else. However, not everyone he meets is very kind.

**The World According to Humphrey** by Betty G. Birney. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2004. Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.

The booklist for **Chapter Books** was compiled by children's librarians and professionals, the Youth Services Section of the South Carolina Library Association, the South Carolina State Library, and many others who shared their time and experience to work on this list.

These books are available in the public libraries of South Carolina. Visit your public library often to borrow books to share with children.

This list is just a start! There are many other books by these authors, and other books and authors to enjoy. Be sure to ask your librarian!



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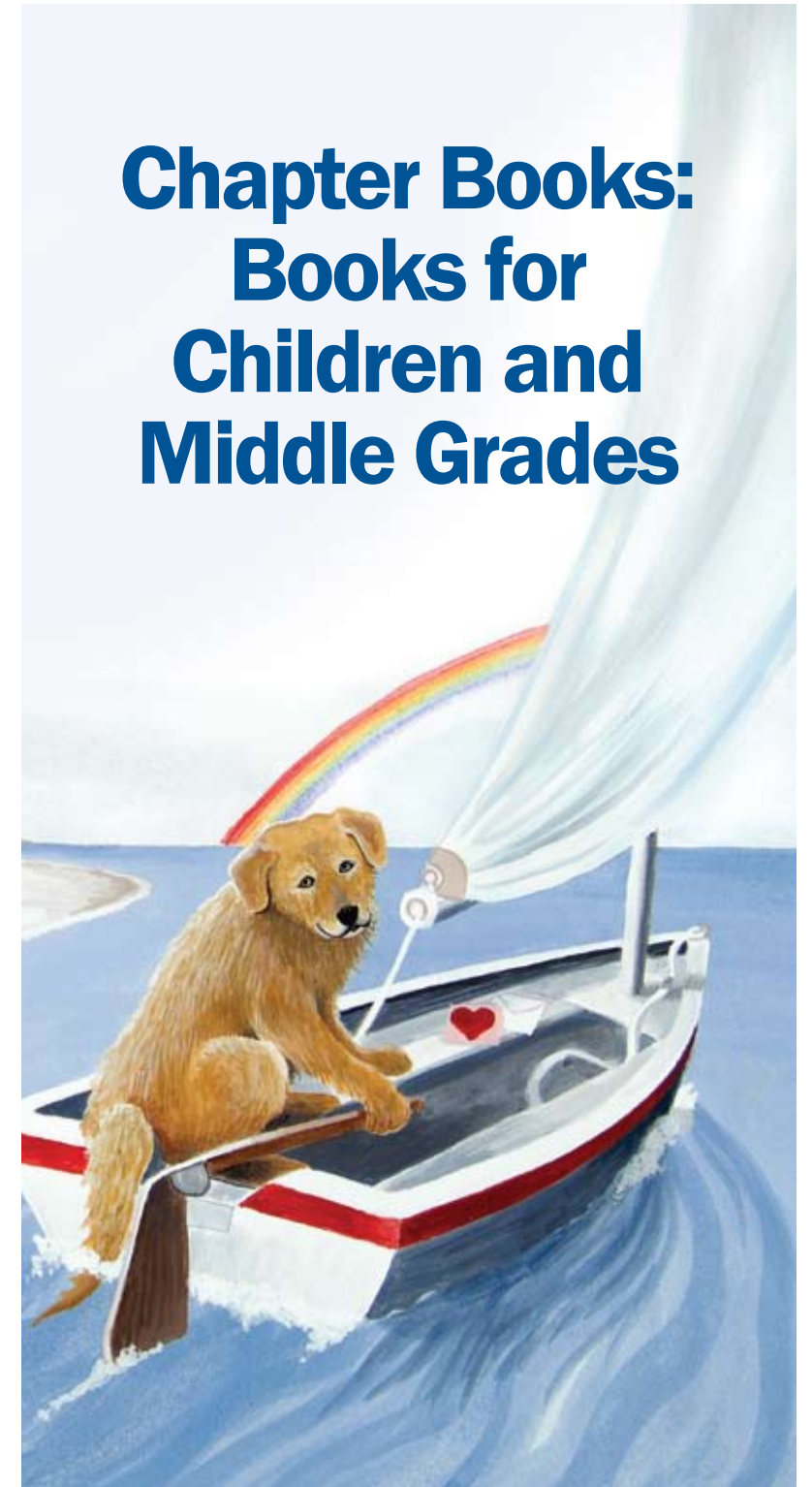
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# Chapter Books: Books for Children and Middle Grades



**Amber Brown is Not a Crayon** by Paula Danziger. Putnam, 1994. Third grade is both fun and sad for Amber because her best friend Justin is moving to a distant state.

**Anything but Typical** by Nora Raleigh Baskin. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2009. Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

**Baby Monkey, Private Eye** by Brain Selznick and David Serlin. Scholastic Press, 2018. Baby Monkey can solve mysteries, but he has trouble putting on his pants! This book will keep readers coming back as they search for clues in the amazing illustrations!

**A Boy Called Bat** by Elana K. Arnold, illustrated by Charles Santoso. Walden Pond Press, 2018. Bat's life is full of surprises – some good and some bad. On one good surprise day, his mom brings home a baby skunk that needs special attention.

**Brown Girl Dreaming** by Jacqueline Woodson. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014. In this book of poems about Woodson's life, we follow the author from South Carolina to New York.

**Bunnicula : a rabbit tale of mystery** by Deborah Howe and James Howe, illustrations by Alan Daniel. Atheneum, 1979. Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

**Cam Jansen and the Triceratops Pops Mystery** by David Adler. Viking, 1995. Cam uses her photographic memory to foil a crime at the music store.

**Coraline** by Neil Gaiman with illustrations by Dave McKean. HarperCollins, 2002. Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

**Crenshaw** by Katherine Applegate. Feiwel & Friends, 2015. Crenshaw is a large, outspoken cat who helps the main character, Jackson, with some hard times he and his family are going through.

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid** by Jeff Kinney. Amulet Books, 2007. Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

**The Fourteenth Goldfish** by Jennifer H. Holm. Yearling, 2016. Ellie has never liked change, but all around her is change. This book explores life, death, family and more with humor.

**Edge of Extinction #1: The Ark Plan** by Laura Martin, illustrated by Eric Deschamps. HarperCollins, 2017. Imagine what the world would be like if Jurassic Park was successful, but then all of the dinosaurs broke out of their cages!

**Freckle Juice** by Judy Blue. Four Winds, 1971. Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe.

**Gregor the Overlander** by Suzanne Collins. Scholastic, 2003. When Gregor and his sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

**Honey** by Sarah Weeks. Scholastic Press, 2015. Melody and her best friend, Nick, try to figure out a mystery - who is Melody's father calling "Honey?" Also, a very good story for people who like dogs!

**Isadora Moon Goes to School** by Harriet Muncaster. Random House Books for Young Readers, 2017. A delightful and fantastical blended family explores what happens when there's a fairy school and a vampire school, but Isadora is a little bit of both!

**I Survived the American Revolution, 1776** by Lauren Tarshis. Scholastic Paperbacks, 2017. A high interest blend of fact and fiction that hooks the reader and sparks an interest in history.

**Junie B. Jones and the Yucky Blucky Fruitcake** by Barbara Park. Random House, 1995. Junie, a spunky kindergartner looks forward to winning lots of prizes at the school carnival, but a fruitcake is not exactly what she had in mind.

**The Lemonade War** by Jacqueline Davies. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Evan and his younger sister, Jessie, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches. They battle it out through lemonade stands.

**Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History** by Vashti Harrison. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2017. Learn about bold women in black history in these short, illustrated biographies.

**Marvin Redpost: Alone in His Teacher's House** by Louis Sachar. Random House, 1994. When his teacher pays Marvin to take care of her dog, his friends think he's lucky – until the unexpected happens.

**The Maze of Bones: The 39 Clues Book One** by Rick Riordan. Scholastic, 2008. Amy and Dan Cahill compete with less honorable Cahill descendants in a race around the world to find cryptic clues to a mysterious fortune.

**Miss Daisy is Crazy!** by Dan Gutman with illustrations by Jim Paillet. HarperTrophy, 2004. Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J.

**The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate. HarperCollins, 2015. Meet Ivan, a shopping mall gorilla, and his friends. This story is told from the gorilla's point of view and was inspired by true events.

**Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle** by Betty McDonald. Lippincott, 1975. From her upside-down house, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle cures such common children's diseases as Answerbackism and Fighter-Quarrelitis.

**Mummies in the Morning** by Mary Pope Osborne. Random House, 1993. Jack and his younger sister take a trip in their treehouse back to ancient Egypt.

**No Talking** by Andrew Clements, illustrations by Mark Elliott. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007. The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

**One Crazy Summer** by Rita Williams-Garcia. Amistad, 2011. Read about three sisters who go to California to stay with their mother for the summer in 1968. Funny and heartbreaking.

**Pax** by Sara Pennypacker, illustrated by Jon Klassen. Balzer + Bray, 2016. Pax is the story of a pet fox and his owner. Told from both points of view, this story will break your heart but leave you hopeful.

**Rain Reign** by Ann M. Martin. Feiwel & Friends, 2014. Rose lives with her father and has many obsessions. One of which is homonyms, which is why she named her dog Rain. Ironically, Rose loses her dog in a terrible storm.

**Rookie of the Year** by Phil Bildner, illustrated by Tim Probert. Square Fish, 2017. Fast paced and humorous series about fifth graders, Rip and Red.

**Song Lee in Room 2B** by Suzy Kline. Viking, 1993. The antics of Horrible Harry and the special insights of shy Song Lee make Spring a memorable time for their class.

**Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid** by Megan McDonald, illustrations by Peter H. Reynolds. Candlewick Press, 2005. The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

**The Strange Case of Origami Yoda** by Tom Angleberger. Amulet Books, 2010. Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.