

Most Popular Chapter Books of 2017

The following is a list of chapter books that circulated the most in 2017. Check them out and see for yourself why they are so popular. These titles are shelved in the Juvenile Fiction section by the first three letters of the author's last name. Need help? Ask a librarian!

Angleberger, Tom. [Inspector Flytrap](#). Series (J ANG)

Hoping to become the greatest detective that ever grew, Inspector Flytrap, a Venus Flytrap, and his assistant, Nina the Goat, investigate "big deal" mysteries.



Applegate, Katherine. [The One and Only Ivan](#). (J APP)

Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall. When Ruby is abused, he decides that he must find her a better life.



Barnhill, Kelly Regan. [The Girl Who Drank the Moon](#). (J BAR)

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.



Blabey, Aaron. [The Bad Guys](#). Series (J BLA)

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 to rescue animals--but their plans go awry.



Brallier, Max. [The Last Kids on Earth](#). Series (J BRA)

The zombies are disappearing. This might seem like a good thing, since zombies eat your brains, but normal human kid Jack Sullivan is suspicious. Can Jack figure out why the zombies are vanishing... before he and his friends are next?



Bruel, Nick. [Bad Kitty](#). Series (J BRU)

Bad Kitty doesn't mean to be bad ... she just always seems to get herself into trouble. Whether she is trying to be a good little kitty and eat her vegetables or be a quiet little kitty and behave at a birthday party, it seems that trouble finds a way to her.



Creech, Sharon. [Moo](#). (J CRE)

When Reena and her family first move to Maine, Reena doesn't know what to expect. Her parents "volunteer" Reena to work for an eccentric neighbor named Mrs. Falala, who has a pig, a cat, a snake --and that stubborn cow, Zora.



David, Erica. [Anna & Elsa](#). Series (J DIS)

After years apart, Anna and Elsa are finally getting to know each other as sisters. But Anna still wishes she could remember the magical times they had together when they were younger--skating and making snowmen, even in the middle of summer! Maybe it's time to make new memories!



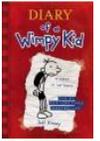
Elliott, Rebecca. [Owl Diaries](#). Series (J ELL)

Eva Wingdale, a young owl, discovers that helping others is a lot of work, and there is nothing wrong with asking her friends for help.



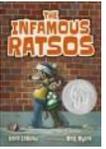
Kinney, Jeff. [Diary of a Wimpy Kid](#). Series (J KIN)

It's a new school year, and Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into middle school, where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving. ...



LaReau, Kara. [The Infamous Ratsos](#). Series (J LAR)

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.



Loggia, Wendy. [Aurora. The Perfect Party](#). (J LOG)

Aurora decides to throw her three good fairies a surprise party, but she finds it difficult keeping the party a secret.



Mull, Brandon. [Tales of the Fallen Beasts](#). (J MUL)

All across the world, legends are appearing. Great Beasts are being summoned as spirit animals. Bonded to special kids, they unite the human and animal worlds. But a mysterious stranger is hunting these legends, just as they are reborn, and he's rushing anyone who stands in his way. (This is a special edition of the [Spirit Animals](#) series.)



O'Connor, Jane. [Nancy Clancy](#). Series (J OCO)

Nancy Clancy is now in third grade and she and her friend Bree fancy themselves detectives, like their fictional hero, Nancy Drew.



Palacio, R.J. [Wonder](#). (J PAL)

Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.



Patterson, James. [I Funny: a Middle School Story](#). Series (J PAT)

Jamie Grimm is a middle schooler on a mission: he wants to become the world's greatest standup comedian, even if he doesn't have a lot to laugh about these days. He's new in town and stuck living with his aunt, uncle, and their evil son Stevie, a bully who doesn't let Jamie's wheelchair stop him from giving Jamie a good pounding every once in awhile.



Paulsen, Gary. [Hatchet](#). (J PAU)

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.



Philbrick, W.R. [Freak the Mighty](#). (J PHI)

At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.



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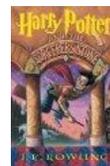
Rowling, J.K. [Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them](#). (J ROW)

When Magizoologist Newt Scamander arrives in New York, he intends his stay to be just a brief stopover. However, when his magical case is misplaced and some of Newt's fantastic beasts escape, it spells trouble for everyone...



Rowling, J.K. [Harry Potter](#). (J ROW)

When mysterious letters start arriving on his doorstep, Harry Potter has never heard of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. They are swiftly confiscated by his aunt and uncle. On Harry's birthday, a strange man bursts in with some important news: Harry Potter is a wizard and has been awarded a place to study at Hogwarts. The first of the *Harry Potter* adventures is set to begin.



Russell, Rachel. [Dork Diaries](#). Series (J RUS)

Fourteen-year-old Nikki Maxwell writes in her diary of her struggle to be popular at her exclusive new private school, then of finding her place after she gives up on being part of the elite group.



Selznick, Brian. [Wonderstruck](#). (J SEL)

Having lost his mother and his hearing in a short time, Ben leaves his home to seek the father he never knew in 1977. Rose, also a deaf child, dreams of a mysterious actress whose life she chronicles in a scrapbook 1927. Set 50 years apart, these stories-Ben's told in words, Rose's in pictures-weave back and forth. (Also try [The Invention of Hugo Cabret](#) and [The Marvels](#).)



Simon, Coco. [Cupcake Diaries](#). Series (J SIM)

Who's afraid of middle school? Not Katie Brown. But, boy, was she ever wrong! Katie is left alone and starts to wonder if there's an Unpopular Girls Club she can join. Luckily, Katie finds her way with a great new group of friends and together they form their own club. Four friends plus cupcakes turns out to be the icing on the cake.



Stilton, Geronimo. [The Phoenix of Destiny](#). (J STI)

Geronimo Stilton is summoned back to the Kingdom of Fantasy, but he finds Blossom, Queen of the Fairies, surrounded by dark fairies and behaving very coldly--and it is up to Geronimo to figure out just what is going on and find the allies he needs to free Blossom from the evil spell that is affecting her. (This is a special edition of the [Geronimo Stilton](#) series.)



Sutherland, Tui. [Wings of Fire](#). Series (J SUT)

Clay has lived his whole life under the mountain. The MudWing dragonet knows war is raging between the dragon tribes in the world outside--a war that he and four other dragonets are destined to end. When danger threatens one of their own, Clay and his friends may choose freedom over fate, leave the mountain, and set the dragon world on a course that no one could have predicted.



Thorne, Jack. [Harry Potter and the Cursed Child](#). (J ROW)

Harry Potter is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband, and father of three school-age children. While Harry grapples with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs, his youngest son Albus must struggle with the weight of a family legacy he never wanted.



Thorpe, Kiki. [Never Girls](#). Series (J THO)

When four friends are whisked out of their ordinary lives to Never Land, home to fairies and mermaids, Queen Clarion and Tinker Bell have to figure out a way for them to get home.



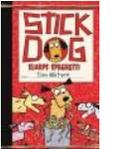
[Usborne illustrated Ghost Stories](#). (J USB)

A collection of illustrated tales of ghosts, ghouls and other unexplainable apparitions. Included are: Phantom of Black Isle / by Russell Punter -- Loyal dog / by Sam Baer -- The 4:15 express / by Amelia B. Edwards ; retold by Russell Punter -- Lost legion / by Abigail Wheatley -- Bring out your dead / by Russell Punter -- Fisherman / by Rosie Hore -- Snow cat / by Abigail Wheatley ...



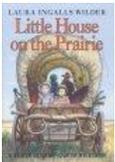
Watson, Tom. [Stick Dog](#). Series (J WAT)

Stick Dog and his four friends - Stripes, Mutt, Poo-Poo and Karen - are off on one outrageous canine caper after another--to steal some food!



Wilder, Laura Ingalls. [Little House](#). Series (J WIL)

The life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier, as they help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions when they get together with relatives or neighbors.



Willems, Mo. [The Story of Diva and Flea](#). (J WIL)

In the bustling city of Paris, a small yet brave dog, Diva, and an adventurous cat named Flea become two unlikely friends.

