

Bridge Books

These titles are all chapter books that would work as a good transition between easy readers and full chapter books. Many of the titles in this list are part of a series, which means there are a number of titles associated with each series. You can find them by typing the series title into the search bar on the MORE website. The following titles are shelved in the Juvenile Fiction section by the first three letters of the author's last name unless otherwise noted. Need help? Ask a librarian! Book Levels are given for each book. This represents the difficulty of the text. For example, a book level of 2.9 means the text could likely be read independently by a student whose reading skills are at the level of a typical second grader during the ninth month of school.

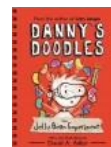
Adler, David A. [Cam Jansen](#) series (J ADL) BL: 3.3-3.9

Cam Jansen is a crack detective with a photographic memory. Together with her friend Eric, she solves every mystery that comes her way. Many books in this series.



Adler, David. [Danny's Doodles](#). (J ADL) BL: 3.3

Danny is not sure what to make of Calvin Waffle, a quirky and smart new fourth grader, but when Danny convinces Calvin to use his brain power to help the baseball team, they both have a chance to become heroes.



Angleberger, Tom. [Inspector Flytrap](#). (J ANG) BL: 3.3

Hoping to become the greatest detective that ever grew, Inspector Flytrap, a Venus Flytrap, and his assistant, Nina the Goat, investigate "big deal" mysteries at an art museum, a cookie shop, and a garden.



Applegate, Katherine. [Roscoe Riley Rules](#). series (J APP) BL: 2.9-3.1

Roscoe Riley has a lot to say, and since he's sitting in Time-Out, he has plenty of time to say it! His teacher needed more glue sticks, and Roscoe decided that since all kinds of things get broken in school, maybe he should take Mom's Super-Mega-Gonzo glue, too. Sure enough, as everyone is getting ready for the big class performance, that Super-Mega-Gonzo glue came in handy. So just how good IS that glue? This is the book that launches the adventure series of Roscoe Riley, a first-grader whose life is full of humor and mischief.



Barkley, Callie. [Critter Club](#) series (J BAR) BL: 3.2-3.5

In Santa Vista, four eight-year-old best friends help found and maintain The Critter Club, a rescue shelter set on saving "lost and lonely" animals in their town. As these friends, along with veterinarian, Dr. Melanie Purvis, work to help a wide variety of adorable critters, they encounter and navigate elementary school experiences that any reader can relate to.



Barrows, Annie. [Ivy and Bean](#) series (J BAR) BL: 3.2-3.9

One of the big problems of being a kid is that your parents often try to make you play with people you don't really like. Ivy and Bean are very different. Each girl thinks the other one is weird. Each girl thinks she could never be friends with the other. But sometimes opposites can become the best of friends *because* they're opposites.



Brown, Jeff. [Flat Stanley](#) series (J BRO) BL: 3.3-4.1

Stanley Lambchop is an ordinary boy. At least he was, until the night his bulletin board fell off the wall and flattened him. At only half an inch thick, Stanley can slide under doors, mail himself across the country in an envelope, and fly like a kite!



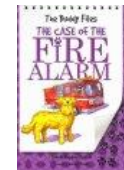
Brown, Marc. [Arthur](#) series (J BRO) BL: 3.0

Arthur the aardvark is a friendly fact to many children who grew up watching his PBS television show. These chapter books are a great transition for those who are just starting to read because they're familiar with the characters, making context easier to figure out.



Butler, Dori Hillestad. [The Buddy Files](#) series (J BUT) BL: 2.9-3.1

King is surrendered to the pound and believes his family has gone missing. He waits for his human, Kayla to get him, but instead he is adopted by Connor and renamed Buddy. Buddy becomes a school therapy dog and starts solving mysteries. All stories are told from the dog's point of view.



Dadey, Debbie. [Bailey School Kids](#). series (J DAD) BL: 2.6-4.0

The Bailey School kids encounter a relatively innocuous character (such as a school teacher, custodian, etc.) who may or may not be a mythical being (e.g. a vampire, ghost, dragon, etc.) in each story. The reader is left guessing whether the innocuous character is the said mythical being or not.



DiCamillo, Kate. [Bink and Gollie](#). series (J DIC) BL: 2.2-2.5

Meet Bink and Gollie, two precocious little girls- one tiny, one tall, and both utterly irrepressible. Setting out from their super-deluxe tree house and powered by plenty of peanut butter (for Bink) and pancakes (for Gollie), they share many adventures together. This series is especially good for those just starting to branch out of easy readers because it also contains a number of great illustrations.



DiCamillo, Kate. [Mercy Watson](#). series (J DIC) BL: 2.6-3.2

Mr. and Mrs. Watson have no children. So one day, while on a drive through the country, they come to a farm that has a sign advertising, "Pig for Sale-Cheap." The farmer tells Mr. and Mrs. Watson that the pig is named Mercy and she is no ordinary pig. Instead of eating slop like other pigs, Mercy likes to eat toast with lots of butter on top, and she sleeps in a bed.



DiCamillo, Kate. [Tales from Deckawoo Drive](#). series (J DIC) BL: 3.7

Join Leroy, Maybelline and everyone's favorite porcine wonder, Mercy, for some hilarious and heartfelt horsing around on Deckawoo Drive.



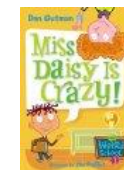
Elliot, Rebecca. [Owl Diaries](#). series (J ELL) BL: 2.5-3.1

This early chapter book series is perfect for young girls who love friendship stories starring owl characters!



Greenburg, Dan. [My Weird School](#). series (J GRE) BL: 3.4-3.8

Enter Dan Gutman's wacky world of weird by reading all about the hilarious high jinks at Ella Mentry School.



Greenburg, Dan. [The Zack Files](#). series (J GRE) BL: 2.9-3.9

Ten-year-old Zack constantly finds himself in strange situations, like when he goes to a séance and his body is occupied by the ghost of Queen Victoria, or when his class leaves him behind at the museum and the Neanderthals come to life. The adults in Zack's world -- especially his single dad -- accept all of this as normal and try to help Zack and his friends solve the problems.



Bridge Books (cont)

Hale, Shannon. [The Princess in Black](#). series (J HAL) BL: 3.0-3.2

This series begins with Princess Magnolia having hot chocolate and scones with Duchess Wigtower when the monster alarm sounds! Stopping monsters is no job for dainty Princess Magnolia, but luckily Princess Magnolia has a secret - she's also the Princess in Black! Can the princess sneak away, transform into her alter ego, and defeat the monster before the nosy duchess discovers her secret?



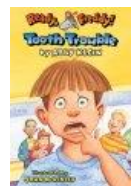
Hanlon, Abby. [Dory Fantasmagory](#). series (J HAN) BL: 3.1-3.3

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.



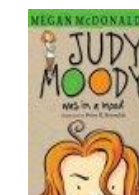
Klein, Abby. [Ready Freddy](#). series (J KLE) BL: 3.0-3.3

Freddy's always ready for new adventures! Whether he's doing anything to lose his first tooth (even if it means getting punched in the mouth) or bragging to another kid that he can beat him in the snowshoe race (before he's ever walked in snowshoes), Freddy creates the kind of problems that young readers can recognize and understand.



McDonald, Megan. [Judy Moody](#). series (J MCD) BL: 3.1-3.5

Judy Moody is a mover and a shaker, with a wicked troll-eyes stare and a pesky little brother, Stink. Each of the books in this series contains witty stories that offer a heap of new adventures, larger-than-life characters, and crazy lingo. With the majority of the tales set at Judy's home and school and dealing with realistic moments in a child's life, they are relatable and provide a number of positive messages in a humorous way.



McDonald, Megan. [Stink](#). series (J MCD) BL: 3.1-3.7

Stink Moody is: a fact freak, a math maniac, a science star, an encyclopedia enthusiast, all of the above. In short, he's smart and thinks knowledge is pretty awesome. In every book in the Stink series, readers see him questioning, investigating, and discovering the world around him.



O'Connor, Jane. [Nancy Clancy](#). series (J OCO) BL: 3.2-4.1

Meet Nancy, who believes that more is ALWAYS better when it comes to being fancy. From the top of her tiara down to her sparkly studded shoes, Nancy is determined to teach her family a thing or two about being fancy and using fancy words.



Osborne, Mary Pope. [Magic Tree House](#). series (J OSB) BL: 3.3-4.0

Jack and Annie, a brother and sister discover a magical tree house filled with books. In Dinosaurs Before Dark, the tree house takes them on their first journey, an adventure in prehistoric times. Since then, the magic tree house has whisked Jack and Annie on many more adventures through time to different places around the world.



Parish, Herman. [Amelia Bedelia](#). series (J PAR) BL: 3.0-3.4

With Amelia Bedelia anything can happen, and it usually does. Short, fast-paced chapters, tons of friends, silly situations, and funny wordplay and misunderstandings make the Amelia Bedelia chapter books an ideal choice.



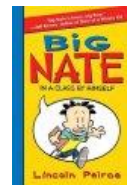
Park, Barbara. [Junie B. Jones](#). series (J PAR) BL: 2.6-3.0

Junie B. Jones just can't help getting into all kinds of scrapes. After all, going to school, having to ride the smelly old school bus and making new friends isn't easy. She really can't help it when she shouts out loud in class. No matter how mixed-up things get, one thing's for sure --- you'll have a good laugh reading about Junie's adventures in first grade.



Peirce, Lincoln. [Big Nate](#). series (J PEI) BL: 2.5-3.3

How would you like to be 11 years old, 4 1/2 feet tall, and the all time record holder for detentions in school history? Where there's Nate, there's trouble! But Nate knows he's meant for big things. REALLY big things. He's destined for greatness. A fortune cookie told him so.



Pilkey, Dave. [Ricky Ricotta](#). series (J PIL) BL: 2.9-3.6

Ricky Ricotta is a lonely mouse who lives in Squeakyville. He always wished he had a close friend to keep him company. One day, Ricky happens to see a crazed doctor mistreating a robot he just created. Ricky saves the robot, and they become best friends. This series documents all of their fun adventures, has a lot of humor, but basic vocabulary, making it a fun and exciting read for those just starting to read on their own.



Scieszka, Jon. [Time Warp Trio](#). series (J SCI) BL: 2.7-4.0

For his tenth birthday, Joe receives a mysterious blue book from his magician uncle and namesake, "Joe the Magnificent," known only as The Book. Using an often unpredictable number of voice and print clues, The Book transports Joe and his friends Fred and Sam to a variety of places in history. The only way they are able to return to present-day Brooklyn, New York is to find The Book again within whatever time period they are in.



Thorpe, Kiki. [The Never Girls](#). series (J THO) BL: 3.5-4.1

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.



Wight, Eric. [Frankie Pickle](#). series (J WIG) BL: 3.5-3.7

Franklin Lorenzo Piccolini is a fourth grader with a big imagination and an alter ego named Frankie Pickle, a mixture of adventure icons from Indiana Jones to Batman. This is a silly story with an adventure undertone. It has black-and-white cartoon graphics in a chapter-book format.

