

## Historical

### A DOCTOR LIKE PAPA (Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie)

When the influenza epidemic of 1918 comes to Vermont, eleven-year-old Margaret, who has always wanted to be a physician, finds out what doctoring is like.

### LUMBER CAMP LIBRARY (Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie) [*Sunshine State*]

Ruby wants to be a teacher, but after her father's death in a logging accident she must quit school to care for her ten brothers and sisters, until a chance meeting with a lonely old blind woman transforms her life.

## Mystery/Adventure

### MYSTERY ON OCTOBER ROAD (Herzig, Alison Cragin & Jane Lawrence Mali)

When a mysterious masked man moves into the house next door, ten-year-old Casey and her friends, Cats and Benny, are determined to find out more about him.

## Humor

### 4B GOES WILD (Gilson, Jamie)

Fourth graders on a three-day camping trip with their teachers experience frights and delights.

### DON'T BUG ME! (Zollman, Pam) [*Sunshine State*]

When Megan must collect twenty-five insects for a school project, her little brother's interference and a classmate's teasing make the task difficult, and reveal that she does not know either of them as well as she thought.

### RUBY LU, BRAVE AND TRUE (Look, Lenore)

"Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks and learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.

### SLIME WARS, THE (Dadey, Debbie and Nathan Dadey)

"Boys vs. girls. That's the way it is on Daleside Drive. Slime battles, water balloon fights, practical jokes--it's the same every summer. Until now..."

# Chapter Books for

# YOUNGER READERS



A very selective list of good books for younger elementary school readers.



All Books Listed here are found in the Junior Fiction section,  
and have a Call Number of "J F Aut"  
(where "Aut" is the first three letters of the author's last name).

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## **Family and Friendship Stories**

### **CRAZY MIXED-UP SPANGLISH DAY, A (Montes, Marisa) [*Sunshine State*]**

In Northern California, Maritza Gabriela Morales Mercado struggles to deal with the third grade bully, to control her temper, and to remember to speak Spanish at home and English at school.

### **GRANNY TORRELLI MAKES SOUP (Creech, Sharon)**

With the help of her wise old grandmother, twelve-year-old Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door.

### **JASON RAT-A-TAT (Rodowsky, Colby)**

Jason's brother, sister, and parents all play baseball or soccer or tennis, but until his grandfather buys him a drum, Jason doesn't want to play anything.

### **JUMPING INTO NOTHING (Willner-Pardo, Gina)**

Nine-year-old Sophie tries to deal with her fear of jumping off the high diving board at the community pool by listing other things she is afraid of doing and forcing herself to do them.

### **LEFTOVER LILY (Warner, Sally)**

When first grader Lily gets into a fight with her two best friends, the experience teaches her a lot about friendship.

### **LOTTA ON TROUBLEMAKER STREET (Lindgren, Astrid)**

Angry because everyone at home is so mean, five-year-old Lotta takes her favorite toy and goes to live in a neighbor's attic.

### **MALLORY ON THE MOVE (Friedman, Laurie B.)**

After moving to a new town, eight-year-old Mallory keeps throwing stones in the "Wishing Pond" but things will not go back to the way they were before, and she remains torn between old and new best friends.

### **MY NAME IS MARIA ISABEL (Ada, Alma Flor)**

Third grader María Isabel, born in Puerto Rico and now living in the U.S., wants badly to fit in at school; and the teacher's writing assignment "My Greatest Wish" gives her that opportunity.

### **OLD PEOPLE, FROGS, AND ALBERT (Wilson, Nancy Hope)**

Fourth-grader Albert is afraid of the old people at the nursing home near his school, until he goes to visit Mr. Spear, the elderly man who has helped him with his reading.

### **RAY AND THE BEST FAMILY REUNION EVER (Walter, Mildred Pitts)**

When his family attends a reunion in Louisiana, eleven-year-old Ray learns about his Creole roots and about the circumstances that have kept him from ever meeting his father's father.

### **STAYING NINE (Conrad, Pam)**

Heather loved being nine so much that she decides not to turn ten, until her un-birthday party offers surprises that show growing older doesn't have to mean saying goodbye to fun.

### **T. F. LETTERS, THE (Ray, Karen)**

Seven-year-old Alex starts to lose her baby teeth, begins a correspondence with the Tooth Fairy, and tries to accept the fact that her family is moving to a distant state.

### **VENUS AND THE COMETS (Tamar, Erika)**

Venus' mother wants her to be a supermodel, but all Venus wants to do is play soccer. When she's scheduled to portray Cinderella at a toy store, Venus has to show everyone what SHE wants to be.

## **Fantasy / Science Fiction**

### **GREAT GOOGLESTEIN MUSEUM MYSTERY, THE (Van Leeuwen, Jean)**

Three adventurous mice escape from their home at Macy's department store and spend an exciting week in the Guggenheim Museum, creating a sensation in the art world.

### **TOMORROW'S WIZARD (MacLachlan, Patricia)**

Tomorrow's Wizard, his unorthodox apprentice, Murdoch, and a wise horse make five important wishes come true in ways that surprise the wishers.

### **TWIG (Jones, Elizabeth Orton)**

After she is made tiny by magic, Twig finds friendship and adventure with Elf, the Fairy Queen, and the Sparrow family.