

Let's Read 2nd Grade Books!



Branford, Anna *Violet Mackerel's Natural Habitat* Violet helps her sister Nicola with her science project. Nicola realizes that even though Violet is only seven she has a lot to offer. **J BRAN**



Crimi, Carolyn *Dear Tabby* Letters written by a spoiled cat, an unhappy hound, a chatty parrot, an exhausted hamster, a disgruntled bear and a stinky skunk all have one thing in common: they desperately need advice from Tabby D. Cat. While Tabby dishes out advice can she find her own happiness as well? **JP CRI**



DiCamillo, Kate *Bink & Gollie: Best Friends Forever* This is the third book of the Bink and Gollie series. Once again the two roller skating BFFs are as different in personality as they are in size. But though there differences they learn to compromise and compliment one another. The three short chapters include one where Gollie acts like she is royalty, one where Bink wants to stretch herself to be as tall as Gollie, and finally a chapter in which both want to start an extraordinary collection. **J DIC**



Florian, Douglas *Poetrees* Florian weaves scientific information and his naturalist's spirit into beautiful poems celebrating the world's trees. **j 811.54 FLO**



Friedman, Ina *How My Parents Learned to Eat* At the beginning of the story, a young girl explains that she eats with chopsticks, forks, and knives. She uses two types of utensils from two different cultures. A young biracial girl tells the story how her Japanese mother and American father met and how they learned each other's customs for dining. **JP FRI**



Gaiman, Neil *The Day I Swapped My Dad For Two Goldfish* A little boy trades his dad for two goldfish and then embarks on an exhausting series of trades to bring the man back to his family. **JP GAI**



Gerstein, Mordicai *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* The Man Who Walked Between the Towers is a true story about a performance artist who puts a tight rope between the Twin Towers in New York while they were under construction, and put on a little show, despite the fact that he was not supposed to do it. **j 791.34 GER CALDECOTT**



Howitt, Mary *Spider and the Fly* This is a cautionary tale in the form of a poem by Mary Howitt, written in the early 1800s and now illustrated by Tony DiTerlizzi. The illustrations are very reminiscent of the early silent films that came into popularity in the late 1800s **JP HOW CALDECOTT**



Keller, Laurie *Open Wide: Tooth School Inside* It's time for Tooth School, and Dr. Flossman is excited to meet the incoming class of thirty -two permanent teeth. There's just so much to learn, from brushing and flossing to dentin and pulp to every student's nightmare -- tooth decay! Spend a day in school with this goofy mouthful of pearly whites as they learn how to take care of themselves! **j 617.6 KEL**



Levine, Ellen *Henry's Freedom Box* Henry grew up not knowing how old he was or even when his birthday was. He was sold as a child to his master's son, he was separated from his family. He dreamed of a world where he would be free. One day he comes up with a brilliant idea, and he ships himself to freedom by mailing himself to the North in a crate. **JP LEV CALDECOTT**



Lin, Grace *Ling & Ting Not Exactly the Same* Ling and Ting are identical twins who are very different, despite their identical looks! This book consists of six short chapters that tell how different two sisters can be, but through it all, they stick together! **JP LIN**



Lionni, Leo *Frederick* Frederick, a field mouse, idly watches while his four brothers gather food supplies for the winter. Frederick's brothers feel that he is not doing his fair share, but Frederick insists that he is gathering his own special supplies. Once the food is gone, the brothers look to Frederick to share what he gathered and everyone is happy. **JP LIONNI CALDECOTT**



Martin, Ann *The Doll People* a family of dolls and the adventures they have when they come to life. Annabelle, the young doll girl, is obsessed with the fact that her Aunt Sarah has been missing for 45 years, and cannot figure out why her family never went looking for her. When she meets a new doll, Tiffany, they form a club that is built around finding Auntie Sarah. **J MAR**



Miller, Sara Swan *Three Stories You can Read to Your Cat* A cat hears three stories about a dull rainy day, a yummy bug, and a good day of destruction in the house. **JP MIL**



Pennypacker, Sara *Clementine* Clementine is always getting in trouble at school for not paying attention. The problem is she *is* paying attention, just not to the things her teacher wants. Clementine is also always thinking of ways to make things better. It's too bad that the adults in her life don't understand her ideas. **J PEN**



Shannon, David *Bad Case of Stripes* Camilla Cream wants to fit in. She loves lima beans but refuses to eat them because her friends do not like them. While trying to pick out an outfit for the first day of school, she looks in the mirror and notices that she is different colored stripes. Doctors come to look at Camilla and try to figure out what's wrong with her as she keeps changing colors and shapes. How will she finally be cured? **JP SHA**



Willems, Mo *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs is a retelling of the fairy tale Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The dinosaurs are preparing a trap for the little girl. Will she fall for it? **JP WIL**



Williams, Margery *The Velveteen Rabbit* A boy is given a velveteen rabbit for Christmas. The rabbit is mocked and laughed at by the other fancier toys. The rabbit learns that toys are not real, but only become real when their owner truly loves them. **JP WIL**



Woodson, Jacqueline *The Other Side* This is a story about a friendship that blossoms across a racial divide. While Clover is always told not to cross over the fence that segregates her town, she is curious when she notices a girl about her age on the other side. **JP WOO**