




“To Be Continued”: Popular Series Books for Children

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Author	Titles	Description	Grade Level
Peter Abrahams	<i>Into the Dark</i> and others	Thirteen-year-old Ingrid aspires to solve mysteries just like her hero Sherlock Holmes.	4–7
David A. Adler	<i>Cam Jansen and the New Girl Mystery</i> and others	An easy-to-read series about a young girl and her talent in solving mysteries	1–3
Jennifer Allison	<i>Gilda Joyce: The Ghost Sonata</i> and others	Gilda, who thinks she has psychic powers, uses them to solve mysteries.	4–7
Tiki and Ronde Barber	<i>Go Long!</i> and other titles	Stories about football-playing brothers are written by two football-playing brothers.	2–4
Derrick Barnes	<i>Brand New School, Brand New Ruby</i> and others	A younger sister has to contend with the wacky reputations of her three older brothers.	1–3
Annie Barrows	<i>Ivy and Bean</i> and others	Two girls with seemingly opposite personalities become best friends.	1–3
Judy Blume	<i>Going, Going, Gone! With the Pain @ the Great One</i> and others	These stories follow the hilarious adventures of a brother and sister.	1–3
Betsy Byars	<i>Death's Door, King of Murder,</i> and others	Mysteries starring Herculeah Jones and her friend Meat	4–6
—	<i>Wanted . . . Mud Blossom</i> and others	The continuing adventures of the wacky Blossom family	3–6
Ann Cameron	<i>The Stories Julian Tells, The Stories Huey Tells,</i> and others	Easy-reading adventures of two young African American boys	1–4
Lauren Child	<i>Clarice Bean Spells Trouble</i> and others	The reappearance of this irrepressible picturebook heroine in chapter books for middle-grade readers	3–6
Matt Christopher	<i>The Captain Contest, Stealing Home,</i> and others	Sports stories for younger readers	2–4
Paula Danziger	<i>Amber Brown Goes Fourth</i> and others	A feisty heroine's appealing first-person account of her trials and tribulations	2–4
Judy Delton	<i>Angel Bites the Bullet</i> and others	A series of warmly funny stories that center on Angel and her extended family	2–4
Walter Farley	<i>The Black Stallion</i> and others	Popular horse and dog adventures	4–7
Jack Gantos	<i>Jack on the Tracks</i> and others	Hilarious misadventures of an adolescent boy, told in episodic hard-to-put-down chapters	3–6
Patricia Reilly Giff	<i>The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room</i> and others	Adventures of the Kids of Polk Street School through second grade	1–3
Jamie Gilson	<i>Chess! I Love It I Love It I Love It!</i> and others	The second graders who sit at table two enjoy their classroom antics.	1–3
Stephanie Greene	<i>Owen Foote, Mighty Scientist</i> and others	Beginning chapter books about an irresponsible middle grader	2–4
Charise Mericle Harper	<i>Just Grace</i> and others	Well-meaning third grader Grace gets into hot water	1–3

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Carolyn Haywood	<i>“B” Is for Betsy</i> and others	A classic series about Betsy and Eddie that provides a safe, predictable experience for fledgling readers	1–3
Marguerite Henry	<i>Misty of Chincoteague</i> and others	Well-researched, well-written, and well-loved horse stories	3–6
Kimberly Willis Holt	<i>Piper Reed: Navy Brat</i> and others	This is a warm and funny series about a child growing up in a military family	4–6
Johanna Hurwitz	<i>Busybody Nora</i> and others	Episodic family stories featuring Elisa, Russell, Nora, and her brother Teddy, who all live in the same apartment building	1–3
Katie Kelly	<i>Lucy Rose, Big on Plans</i> and others	A first-person account of day-to-day living by a funny and clever 9-year-old	2–5
Jessica Scott Kerrin	<i>Martin Bridge: Ready for Takeoff!</i> and others	Episodic events from the life of a funny third grader	2–4
Jeff Kinney	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> and others	These detail life as seen by middle brother, middle schooler Greg Heffley	5–8
Suzy Kline	<i>Orp Goes to the Hoop</i> and others	Sports stories with a middle-school hero	5–8
Maggie Lewis	<i>Morgy, Coast to Coast</i> and others	Coping with school, a move, and hobbies	3–5
Lenore Look	<i>Ruby Lu, Brave and True</i> and others	The adventures of a high-energy and highly funny Chinese American girl	1–3
Maude Hart Lovelace	<i>Betsy-Tacy</i> and others	A popular series, originally published in the 1940s, that details the adventures of two best friends	2–5
Lois Lowry	<i>All about Sam</i> and others	Anastasia’s younger genius brother has a unique viewpoint on growing up	2–5
—	<i>Anastasia Krupnik</i> and others	Sensitive, funny, and well-written books with a strong-minded heroine	4–7
—	<i>Gooney the Fabulous</i> and others	These stories follow second grader Gooney Bird Greene and her funny escapades.	1–3
Chris Lynch	<i>Me, Dead Dad and Alcatraz</i> and others	Tales of Elvin Bishop, a highly amusing, somewhat overweight teen, and his misadventures	7 and up
Megan McDonald	<i>Judy Moody Declares Independence</i> and others	The continuing adventures of a funny, feisty, and mercurial third grader	2–4
—	<i>Stink, the Incredible Shrinking Kid</i> and others	New adventures of Judy Moody’s younger brother, Stink	2–4
Hilary McKay	<i>Forever Rose</i> and others	Five books follow members of the Casson family through trials and tribulations.	4–7
Claudia Mills	<i>Gus and Grandpa and Show-and-Tell</i> and others	Continuing stories of a young boy and his grandfather in an easy-to-read format	1–3
Marisa Montes	<i>Mystery Neighbors: Get Ready for Gabi</i> and others	The continuing adventures of a likable third-grade Latina who is of Puerto Rican and Argentinian heritage	2–4
Marissa Moss	<i>Amelia Works It Out</i> and others	A series of journal entries and drawings about Amelia’s experiences	3–5



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Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	<i>Alice Alone, Alice on Her Way, and others</i>	Growing up female in an all-male household	4–8
—	<i>Starting with Alice and others</i>	Stories of Naylor’s well-loved character Alice in books for younger readers	3–6
Barbara Park	<i>Junie B.: Toothless Wonder and others</i>	A series of hilarious adventures starring an irrepressible primary grader	1–3
Peggy Parish	<i>Amelia Bedelia and others</i>	A longtime favorite, easy-to-read series that features the literal-minded maid of the Rogers family	1–3
Robert Newton Peck	<i>Soup and others</i>	The antics of Soup and friends, which boys especially enjoy	4–8
Sara Pennypacker	<i>The Talented Clementine and others</i>	Clementine is a self-possessed third grader with some wacky ideas.	1–3
Louise Rennison	<i>Knocked Out by My Nunga-Nungas and others</i>	A hip teen’s diary about her experiences, in the mode of Bridget Jones	6–10
Cynthia Rylant	<i>Henry and Mudge and others</i>	An easy-to-read series about likable Henry and his lovable dog	1–3
Louis Sachar	<i>Marvin Redpost: Why Pick on Me? and others</i>	Hilarious misadventures of Marvin and his classmates in an easy-to-read format	1–4
—	<i>Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger and others</i>	Crazy misadventures at the thirty-story Wayside School	2–5
Marjorie Wiseman Sharmat	<i>Nate the Great</i>	Entertaining detective stories for beginning readers	1–4
Zilpha Keatly Snyder	<i>Libby on Wednesday and others</i>	A gifted child’s adventures in middle school	4–8
Eileen Spinelli	<i>Lizzie Logan, Second Banana and others</i>	Lizzie and her best friend, Heather, deal with friends and family	2–4
Wendelin Van Draanen	<i>Sammy Keyes and the Art of Deception and others</i>	A middle-grade girl detective who solves crime at the same time as she deals with life’s problems	4–6
Carol Weston	<i>Melanie in Manhattan and others</i>	A series in diary form	9–12
Lisa Yee	<i>Millicent Min, Girl Genius and others</i>	Stories of Millicent Min and other feisty Chinese-Americans and friends	9–12