



## Children's Booklist 2023: Best Books 2022-2023

Grades 2-3



#### Starla Jean Takes the Cake

by Elana K. Arnold

When Starla Jean, along with her chicken Opal Egg, decides to give her baby sister the best first birthday party ever, a few silly surprises distract her from the task at hand.



#### A Place to Call Home

by Lauren Castillo

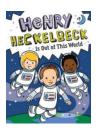
When the change in seasons brings a surprise to Hedge Hollow, Hedgehog, excited to meet one of her own kind, starts to feel different or distant from her old friends and wonders where she belongs until an unexpected journey leads her home.



#### The Greatest in the World

by Ben Clanton

When two mutant potato siblings, Rot and Snot, decide to have an epic contest to prove who is the greatest, their rivalry spirals wildly—and hilariously—out of control.



## Henry Heckelbeck is Out of this World

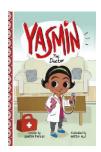
by Wanda Coven While on a field trip to the Brewster Space Center, Henry spots a real-life alien and spaceship and blasts off into space.



#### The Bridge Battle

by Jacqueline Davies

Uexpectedly cast as outsiders, siblings Jessie and Evan must learn to be true to themselves when they are faced with bullies and unexpected circumstances that cause them to act in ways they never have before. The latest in the Lemonade Wars series.



#### **Yasmin the Doctor**

by Saadia Faruqi

After Yasmin and her father spend the day working on a large jigsaw puzzle, her father does not feel well the next morning--and Doctor Yasmin is sure she can diagnose the problem, and prescribe a cure.



#### The Flamingo

by Guojing

While on a beachy vacation with her Lao Lao, a little girl finds a beautiful flamingo feather in her grandmother's house that turns her visit into something wonderful and magical.



## Ruth Bader Ginsburg Couldn't Drive?

by Dan Gutman

Siblings Paige and Turner narrate this one-ofa-kind biography of Ruth Bader Ginsburg in which they have collected some of the most unusual and surprising facts about one of the most famous Supreme Court Justices in history.

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#### Miss Banks Pulls Lots of Pranks

by Dan Gutman

Classroom chaos ensues when new fourth grade teacher Miss Banks plays practical jokes on everyone, keeping A.J. and his friends on guard as they vie to become the ultimate prankster.



#### Oh, Sal

by Kevin Henkes

With nothing about this holiday season making her happy, Sal discovers that life is full of surprises while dealing with the new baby hogging all of Mama's attention, her obnoxious older brother and a missing Christmas gift.



# Luminous: Living Things that Light Up the Night

by Julia Kuo

In this introduction to an extraordinary natural phenomenon, children will learn all about bioluminescence, the light made from living things, revealing how truly wondrous the world is.



## The Infamous Ratsos: Live! In Concert!

by Kara LaReau

When someone calls his costume "girly" right before he's about to perform at a concert in the park, Ralphie finds himself self-conscious until he musters enough confidence to help someone else find theirs.



#### Mission Impastable

by Eric Luper

Slice, Totz and Scoop are looking forward to just chilling with their foodie friends in the cafeteria at Belching Walrus Elementary. There are whispers about scurrying footsteps in the dark halls and squeaky classrooms. The other foods are totally

spooked! Before long, our favorite trio discover that the school has welcomed class pets. What are they up to and why is food suddenly going missing?



#### **Big Tree**

by Brian Selznick

When she and her brother, two Sycamore seeds who hope to set down roots one day, are forced to leave their mama tree prematurely, they are hurled into the unknown, discovering their mission in life is much bigger than either of them could have imagined. By the Caldecott Medal-winning

author/illustrator of The Invention of Hugo Cabret.



# Endlessly Ever After: Pick Your Path to Countless Fairy Tale Endings!

by Laurel Snyder

This choose-your-path picture book of fractured fairy tales offers readers the chance to build their own narrative out of

decisions they make each step of the way.



#### Ben Yokoyama & the Cookie Thief

by Matthew Swanson

When schoolyard bully Flegg McEggars steals Ben's fortune, Ben takes Flegg to Kid Court, where he learns crime comes in many forms and that the real villains are not always the people we first suspect.



## What in the Wow?! : 250 Bonkerballs Facts

by Mindy Thomas

Covering topics such as animals, architecture, inventions, food, space and dinosaurs, this mind-blowing book presents 250 of the most

astounding, gross and all-around weird scientific facts on Earth.



#### The Runaway Robot

by Sherri Winston

When both a classmate's DIY robot and the class hamster go missing, Detective Wednesday Nadir and her service dog, Woof, must use the scientific method to solve two cases at once.



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