



Tornado by Betsy Byars. HarperCollins, 1996.

Huddled in a storm cellar, a farm hand tells about the dog who was blown into his life by a tornado.

The Trouble with Wishes by Susan Beth Pfeffer. Holt, 1992.

Awarded three wishes by a magic lamp, Katie tries to choose wishes that will not backfire.

The World According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2004.

Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.

Zap! I'm a Mind Reader by Dan Greenburg. Grosset & Dunlap, 1996.

After an electrifying experiment in science class give Zack a shock, he realizes he can read other people's minds.

The booklist for **Chapter Books:**
Books for Children in Elementary Grades was compiled by children's librarians and professionals, the Youth Services Section of the South Carolina Library Association, the South Carolina State Library, and many others who shared their time and experience to work on this list.

These books are available in the public libraries of South Carolina. Visit your public library often to borrow books to share with children.

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Amber Brown is Not a Crayon by Paula Danziger. Putnam, 1994.

Third grade is both fun and sad for Amber because her best friend Justin is moving to a distant state.

Anything but Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2009.

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

Babe: the Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith. Crown, 1985.

A piglet is adopted by an old sheep dog and discovers a special secret to success.

The Big One-Oh by Dean Pitchford. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2007.

Charley Maplewood decides to throw himself a tenth birthday party, complete with a “house of horrors” theme, but first he will have to make some friends to invite.

Bunnacula : a rabbit tale of mystery by Deborah Howe and James Howe with illustrations by Alan Daniel. Atheneum, 1979.

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

Cam Jansen and the Triceratops Pops Mystery by David Adler. Viking, 1995.

Cam uses her photographic memory to foil a crime at the music store.

Coraline by Neil Gaiman with illustrations by Dave McKean. HarperCollins, 2002.

Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney. Amulet Books, 2007.

Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

Freckle Juice by Judy Blue. Four Winds, 1971.

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe.

Game 1 (Barnstormers) by Phil Bildner and Loren Long. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007.

In the late 1800s, a baseball with strange powers belonging to their late father works wonders for three children and a travelling baseball team which must raise \$10,000.

Gator Girls by Joanna Cole. Morrow, 1995.

When Allie learns she is going to camp, she and her best friend cram their summer plans into a few days.

The Glitch in Sleep (The Seems Book 1) by John Hulme and Michael Wexler with illustrations by Gideon Kendall. Bloomsbury, 2007.

When Becker Drane is recruited by The Seems, a parallel universe that runs everything in The World, he must fix a disastrous glitch in the Department of Sleep that threatens everyone's ability to ever fall asleep again.

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins. Scholastic, 2003.

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

Jenny Archer, Author by Ellen Conford. Little Brown, 1989.

Jenny's imagination helps enhance her life story for an autobiography assignment.

Junie B. Jones and the Yucky Blucky Fruitcake by Barbara Park. Random House, 1995.

Junie, a spunky kindergartner looks forward to winning lots of prizes at the school carnival, but a fruitcake is not exactly what she had in mind.

Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie by Connie Roop. Carolrhoda Books, 1985.

In the winter of 1856, a storm delays the lighthouse keeper, and his daughter must keep the lights burning.

Knucklehead:tall tales and mostly true stories about growing up Scieszka by Jon Scieszka. Viking, 2008.

The hilarious autobiography of Jon Scieszka that tells great stories about growing up with six brothers.

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies. Houghton Mifflin, 2007.

Evan and his younger sister, Jessie, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches. They battle it out through lemonade stands.

The Magic Thief by Sarah Prineas with illustrations by Antonio Javier Caparó. HarperCollins, 2008.

A young thief is drawn into a life of magic and adventure after picking the pocket of the powerful wizard.

Marvin Redpost: Alone in His Teacher's House by Louis Sachar. Random House, 1994.

When his teacher pays Marvin to take care of her dog, his friends think he's lucky – until the unexpected happens.

The Maze of Bones: The 39 Clues Book One by Rick Riordan. Scholastic, 2008.

Amy and Dan Cahill compete with less honorable Cahill descendants in a race around the world to find cryptic clues to a mysterious fortune.

McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm by Sid Fleischman. Greenwillow, 1992.

Follow the humorous adventures of the McBrooms on their farm with soil so rich they harvest three crops a day.

Miss Daisy is Crazy!

by Dan Gutman with illustrations by Jim Paillot. HarperTrophy, 2004.

Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J.

More Stories Huey Tells by Ann Cameron. Farrar, 1997.

Five stories about Huey, his brother, Julian, and his parents.

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle by Betty McDonald. Lippincott, 1975.

From her upside-down house, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle cures such common children's diseases as Answerbackism and Fighter-Quarrelitis.

Mummies in the Morning by Mary Pope Osborne. Random House, 1993.

Jack and his younger sister take a trip in their treehouse back to ancient Egypt.

My Worst Days Diary by Suzanne Altman. Bantam, 1994.

Mighty Mo writes about her embarrassing moments at a new school.

The New Kid at School (Dragon Slayer Academy Book 1) by Kate McMullan with illustrations by Bill Basso. Grosset & Dunlap, 2003.

Wiglaf is off to Dragon Slayers' Academy and in for a first day of school he will never forget.

No Talking by Andrew Clements with illustrations by Mark Elliott. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007.

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a “no talking” contest.

Rats on the Roof by James Marshall. Dial, 1991.

Here are seven stories about funny animals including a frog with magnificent legs, a hungry brontosaurus and a giant mouse bride.

Sable by Karen Hesse. Holt, 1994.

Sable, a stray dog, is a perfect companion for Tate, but his habit of wandering causes trouble with the neighbors.

School of Fear

by Gitty Daneshvari with illustrations by Carrie Gifford. Little, Brown 2009.

Madeleine, Theo, Lulu and Garrison, are sent to a remote Massachusetts school to overcome their phobias, but tragedy strikes and the quartet must work together to face their fears.

Song Lee in Room 2B by Suzy Kline. Viking, 1993.

The antics of Horrible Harry and the special insights of shy Song Lee make Spring a memorable time for their class.

Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid by Megan McDonald with illustrations by Peter H. Reynolds. Candlewick Press, 2005.

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger. Amulet Books, 2010.

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.

There's a Wolf at the Door

by Zoë B. Alley with illustrations by R.W. Alley. Roaring Brook Press, 2008.

As his plans are spoiled over and over again, the wolf keeps trying to find his dinner, in this retelling of five well-known stories and fables.