

## Early Chapter Books Series

Recommended for Grades 1 - 3



Book 1: Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs





*Ivy and Bean* (J BAR and JPB BAR) by Annie Barrows: In this series, Ivy (a quiet, intellectual child) and Bean (a rambunctious child) become fast friends despite their differences and their initial reluctance to like each other. Follow this unlikely duo on their many adventures and disasters!

Book 1: Ivy and Bean



**Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist (J BEN) by Jim Benton:** Meet Franny! With experiments and inventions ranging from cloning to time travel, Franny shows that ideas can be a blast and uses brains and ingenuity to save the day.

Book 1: Lunch Walks Among Us



Humphrey's Tiny Tales (J BIR and JPB BIR) by Betty G. Birney: Humphrey, everyone's favorite classroom hamster, has hamster-iffic adventures that are full of surprises.

Book 1: <u>Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day</u>



Violet Mackerel (J BRA and JPB BRA) by Anna Branford:

Seven-year-old Violet Mackerel's best ideas come from outside the box in this charming illustrated chapter book series.

Book 1: Violet Mackerel's Brilliant Plot



Heidi Heckelbeck (JPB COV) by Wanda Coven: Heidi

Heckelbeck seems like any other eight-year-old, but she has a secret: She's a witch in disguise! Careful to keep her powers hidden (but excited to use them all the same), Heidi's learning to live like any other kid - who just happens to be a witch!

Book 1: Heidi Heckelbeck Has a Secret



*Mercy Watson* (J DIC) by Kate DiCamillo: To Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mercy is not just a pig - she's a porcine wonder! And to the portly and good-natured Mercy, the Watsons are an excellent source of buttered toast, not to mention that buttery-toasty feeling she gets when she snuggles into bed with them.

Book 1: Mercy Watson to the Rescue



The Owl Diaries (J ELL and JPB ELL) by Rebecca Elliott: This series stars a little owl named Eva Wingdale. Throughout the series, Eva learns a number of valuable – or owl-uable – lessons, from overcoming jealousy and apologizing to friends she's hurt, to learning to ask for help when she needs it.

Book 1: Eva's Treetop Festival



*My Weird School* (J GUT and JPB GUT) by Dan Gutman: This silly series takes place in a school where the teachers display bizarre traits, with each title focusing on a specific teacher.

Book 1: Miss Daisy is Crazy!



## The Princess in Black (J HAL) by Shannon Hale and Dean

**Hale:** Who says princesses don't wear black? Not Princess Magnolia, whose monster-fighting alter ego saves the kingdom from monsters again and again in this funny, action-packed series.

Book 1: The Princess in Black



**Captain Awesome (J KIR and JPB KIR) by Stan Kirby:** Eugene McGillicudy loves comic books and superheroes so much that he invents his very own superhero alter ego named Captain Awesome! Along with best friend Charlie (a.k.a. Nacho Cheese Man) and sidekick Turbo the hamster, Captain Awesome and his super powered squad protect the town of Sunnyview from a comical crowd of "bad guys"!

Book 1: Captain Awesome to the Rescue



**The Zac & Zoe Mysteries (J LUP) by Mike Lupica:** There's nothing eight-year-old twins Zach and Zoe Walker love more than playing sports and solving mysteries. And when those two worlds collide...well, it doesn't get any better than that!

Book 1: The Missing Baseball



*Judy Moody* (J MCD) by Megan McDonald: this series follows the humorous adventures of a third-grader, Judy Moody.

Book 1: Judy Moody was in a Mood



**Stink (J MCD) by Megan McDonald:** Judy Moody's pesky younger "bother" — encyclopedia in hand, zany schemes in mind, and comical comebacks at the ready — has totally come into his own with a compelling, kid-friendly series.

Book 1: Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid



**Rainbow Magic (JPB MEA) by Daisy Meadows:** Best friends Rachel and Kirsty, have to help the fairies get their magic objects back from ice lord Jack Frost.

Book 1: Ruby the Red Fairy



## Magic Tree House (J OSB and JPB OSB) by Mary Pope

**Osbourne:** This series stars Jack and Annie, a brother and sister who discover a magical tree house filled with books. The magic tree house whisks Jack and Annie – and lucky readers! – on many adventures through time to different places around the world.

Book 1: Dinosaurs Before Dark



**Dragon Masters (J WES and JPB WES) by Tracey West:** This series features four dragon masters in-training who must learn how to connect with and train their dragons. They must also uncover their dragons' special powers. A fully illustrated series with dragons, wizards, magic, and more!

Book 1: *<u>Rise of the Earth Dragon</u>* 



Bookmarks Are people Too!

Here's Hank (J WIN and JPB WIN) by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver: Hank Zipzer may not be the best at spelling (or math, or reading) but he always tries his hardest, whether he's helping out his

younger sister, standing up to the class bully, or getting into—and out of!—trouble with his two best friends. This series is written in an easy-to-read font specially designed for readers with dyslexia.

Book 1: Bookmarks Are People Too!

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