Incoming Second Grade Book Recommendations

Roscoe Riley Rules series

by Katherine Applegate

When his classmates can't sit still for a big performance at school, Roscoe Riley takes matters into his own hands with a liberal dose of Super-Mega-Gonzo Glue--which his mom calls the don't-you-dare glue because Roscoe isn't supposed to use it. Roscoe doesn't mean to break the rules--he just can't help himself! After all, his teacher's job might be at stake and desperate times call for desperate measures.

Mac B., Kid Spy series

by Mac Barnett

Mac Barnett was an author, he was a kid. And while he was a kid, he was a spy. Not just any spy. But a spy...for the Queen of England. Travel around the world with Mac B. and discover ancient castles, karate hijinks, killer cobras, secret submarines, video game headquarters and more on his top-secret assignments! These fast-paced, witty and historically inspired chapter book will keep readers guessing until the very last page.

Ivy and Bean series

by Annie Barrows; Sophie Blackall (Illustrator)

The moment they saw each other, Bean and Ivy knew they wouldn't be friends. But when Bean plays a joke on her sister, Nancy, and has to hide quickly, Ivy comes to the rescue, with her wand, some face paint, and a bucket of worms. Will they end up in trouble? Maybe. Will they have fun? Of course! Sometimes the best of friends are people never meant to like each other. Vibrant characters and lots of humor make this a charming and addictive introduction to Ivy and Bean.

Zoey and Sassafras series

by Asia Citro

With magical animals, science, mystery, and adventure -- the Zoey and Sassafras series has something for everyone! Easy-to-read language and illustrations on nearly every page make this series perfect for a wide range of ages. Each story features a new magical animal with a problem that must be solved using science. There isn't a set formula for each book; Zoey sometimes needs to run experiments, while other times she needs to investigate a mystery, and yet other times she needs to do research.

Race the Wild series

by Kristin Earhart

Teams race each other through the rainforest, arctic, ocean, and beyond. Each chapter in this action-packed adventure series is bursting with totally true facts about wild and wonderful creatures, maps, and more!

Jasmine Toguchi series

by Debbi Michiko Florence

Staring Jasmine Toguchi- a spunky, eight-year-old Japanese- American heroine unafraid to try new things while learning life lessons about family, friendship, and sisterhood along the way. "The Toguchi family's warmth and affection for one another will leave readers eager to spend more time with them."

The Zach and Zoe Mysteries series

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.

Baby-Sitters Little Sister Graphix series

by Ann M. Martin, Katy Farin

A fresh and fun graphic novel series spin-off of The Baby-sitters Club, featuring Kristy's little stepsister!

Sadiq series

by Siman Nuurali

Our hero, third grader Sadiq, lives in a middle-class neighborhood in Minnesota with his family, which is Somali, though Sadiq has only been to Africa twice himself. Sadiq's adventures revolve around himself, his family, and his neighbors and school friends.

Dragon Master series

by Tracey West

What's the Story? In the DRAGON MASTERS series, a magical Dragon Stone chooses a few lucky kids to live at King Rowland's castle as dragon trainers, then carefully matches the right dragon to each trainer. But as the dragon masters discover, that match is just the beginning.

Other Authors We Recommend:

Dav Pilkey Ron Roy