**Second Grade Picks**

Alexie, Sherman. *Thunder Boy Jr.* An independent-minded youngster named after his father longs for an identity that is all his own. (J-Easy)

Bond, Rebecca. *Pig & Goose and the First Day of Spring.* Three stories about two new friends who each learn what is special about the other. (J-Reader)

Butler, Dori Hillestad. *King & Kayla* (series). A clever dog narrates the action as he and his beloved human solve mysteries. (J-Fiction)

Cornwall, Gaia. *Jabari Jumps.* A boy summons his courage to leap off the high diving board with the encouragement of his supportive dad. (J-Easy)

Dillard, Sarah. *Extraordinary Warren, a Super Chicken.* The plucky tale of an average bird with big dreams. (J-Fiction)

DiPucchio, Kelly. *Dragon Was Terrible.* When all else fails, a clever boy tames an out-of-control dragon with a story. (J-Easy)

Elya, Susan Middleton. *Little Roja Riding Hood.* This updated version of a traditional tale includes Spanish words and a spunky heroine. (J-Easy)

Flintham, Thomas. *Game Over, Super Rabbit Boy!* (series) As a boy plays a handheld video game, readers are drawn right into the action on the screen. (J-Fiction)


Mantchev, Lisa. *Strictly No Elephants.* A boy has trouble fitting in because of his unusual pet until he finds animal-loving friends who are not afraid to be different. (J-Easy)

Nolen, Jerdine. *Backyard Camp-out* (series). Twins Jada and Jamal and their friends search for a lost cat and gear up for a fun night outdoors. (J-Reader)

Regan, Dian Curtis. *Space Boy and His Dog* (series). Climb aboard Niko’s cardboard spaceship for amazing, imaginary adventures. (J-Easy)

**Looking for a series?**

Barrows, Annie. *Ivy and Bean.* Two very different girls are best friends. (J-Fiction)

Bell, Cece. *Rabbit & Robot.* Humorous tales about two friends who find common ground. (J-Fiction)

DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson.* The outrageous escapades of a fun-loving pig. (J-Fiction)

Greene, Stephanie. *Princess Posey.* Tales about a tutu-wearing girl. (J-Fiction)

Howe, James. *Houndsley and Catina.* A dog and a cat are best friends. (J-Reader)

Kline, Suzy. *Horrible Harry.* Humorous school stories. (J-Fiction)

Jules, Jacqueline. *Sofia Martinez.* Engaging tales about a Hispanic American family that incorporate Spanish words and a glossary. (J-Fiction)

Lin, Grace. *Ling & Ting.* The fun-to-read adventures of Chinese American identical twin sisters. (J-Reader)

Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad.* Classic tales about two charming amphibian friends. (J-Reader)

Michalak, Jamie. *Joe and Sparky.* A giraffe and a turtle share friendship and hilarious adventures in Safari Land. (J-Reader)

Park, Barbara. *Junie B. Jones.* Funny stories about a one-of-a-kind girl. (J-Fiction)

Pilkey, Dav. *Ricky Ricotta.* These rib-ticking, action-packed escapades star a small mouse and a giant flying robot. (J-Fiction)

Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge; Mr. Putter & Tabby; Poppleton.* Charming series about animal and human friends. (J-Reader)

Sharmat, Marjorie. *Nate the Great.* A young detective solves mysteries. (J-Reader)

Silverman, Erica. *Cowgirl Kate.* A girl and her horse share affection and adventures. (J-Reader)