

Top 50 Beginning Chapter Books

Beginning chapter books are created to help a child make the transition from first readers to longer novels. The vocabulary is expanded, the pictures less frequent, and there is much more text. These books are perfect for second and third grade students, ready for the total independent reading experience. These books are also excellent for reading aloud to younger children, not yet ready for longer novels for children.

Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds
Adler, David A.

Prairie School
Avi

Brand New School, Brave New Ruby
Barnes, Derrick D.

Ivy + Bean
Barrows, Annie

Freckle Juice
Blume, Judy

Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure
Brown, Jeff

Eagle Song
Bruchac, Joseph

Tornado
Byars, Betsy Cromer

The Stories Huey Tells
Cameron, Ann

The Stories Julian Tells
Cameron, Ann

The Lucky Baseball Bat
Christopher, Matt

Jake Drake, Bully Buster
Clements, Andrew

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes
Coerr, Eleanor

Fantastic Mr. Fox
Dahl, Roald

Donavan's Word Jar
Degross, Monalisa

Mercy Watson to the Rescue
DiCamillo, Kate

The Field Guide
DiTerlizzi, Tony

The Gadget War
Duffey, Betsy

The Hundred Dresses
Estes, Eleanor

McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm: Three Tall Tales
Fleischman, Sid

The Ghost on Saturday Night
Fleischman, Sid

Stone Fox
Gardiner, John Reynolds

Make Way for Dyanonde Daniel
Grimes, Nikki

Bunnica: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery
Howe, James

Andy Shane And the Very Bossy Dolores Starbuckle
Jacobson, Jennifer Richard

Blackberries in the Dark
Jukes, Mavis

Smasher
King-Smith, Dick

Horrible Harry in Room 2b
Kline, Suzy

The Dragonling
Koller, Jackie French

Catwings
Le Guin, Ursula K.

Ruby Lu, Brave and True
Look, Lenore

Gooney Bird Greene
Lowry, Lois

Sarah, Plain and Tall
MacLachlan, Patricia

Judy Moody, Girl Detective
McDonald, Megan

Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid
McDonald, Megan

Lulu and the Duck in the Park
McKay, Hilary

The Case of the Stinky Socks
Montgomery, Lewis B.

Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth
O'Connor, Jane

Not My Dog
Rodowsky, Colby F.

The Ink Drinker
Sanvoisin, Eric

The Year of the Panda
Schlein, Miriam

Knights of the Kitchen Table
Scieszka, Jon

Chocolate Fever
Smith, Robert Kimmel

Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective
Sobol, Donald J.

The Skirt
Soto, Gary

Binky the Space Cat
Spires, Ashley

The Well: David's Story
Taylor, Mildred D.

The Friendship
Taylor, Mildred D.

Secret Identity
Van Draanen, Wendelin

Bobby Vs. Girls (Accidentally)
Yee, Lisa