# **Terrific Titles for Third & Fourth Grade Boys**

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## **Fiction**

Byars, Betsy. The SOS File. 2004.

The students in Mr. Magro's class submit stories for the SOS file about their biggest emergencies, and then they read them aloud for extra credit.

Bunting, Eve. Nasty, Stinky Sneakers. 1994.

Ten-year-old Colin must find his stinky sneakers in time to enter the Stinkiest Sneakers in the World Contest.

Clements, Andrew. Frindle.\* 1996.

Nick decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, starting off a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Colfer, Eoin. The Legend of Spud Murphy. 2004.

Will and Marty are sent to the library, where the dreaded librarian Spud Murphy is reported to use a spud gun on kids who misbehave.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. Mr. Chickee's Funny Money.\* 2005.

Flint Future Detective Club members solve the mystery of a quadrillion-dollar bill with the image of James Brown on it.

Dowell, Frances O'Roark. Erupts!: the First Experiment. 2006.

Fourth-grade science whiz Phineas MacGuire is forced to team up with the new boy in class on the science fair project. Can Phineas still win?

Elliott, David. The Transmogrification of Roscoe Wizzle. 2001.

Ten-year-old Roscoe finds himself turning into a giant bug!

Fleischman, Sid. The Whipping Boy.\* 1986.

A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they trade places and have to deal with outlaws.

Frederick, Heather. Spy Mice: the Black Paw. 2005.

When two fifth graders, who are the targets of bullies, meet a mouse spy, who has lost her job and is also on a mobster rat's hit list, they go undercover to help each other.

Gleitzman, Morris. Toad Rage. 2004.

Determined to understand why humans hate cane toads and to improve relations between the species, Limpy embarks on a dangerous trek from his swamp to the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Gutman, Dan. The Get Rich Quick Club.\* 2004.

Twelve-year-old Gina and her four friends make a pact to become millionaires before school starts in September.

Horvath, Polly. *The Pepins and Their Problems*.\* 2004.

The reader is invited to help with the Pepin family's unusual problems, which include having a cow that creates lemonade rather than milk and having to cope with a competitive neighbor.

Howe, Deborah and James. Bunnicula: a Rabbit Tale of Mystery.\* 1979.

Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

## McCloskey, Robert. Homer Price.\* 1943.

Read about six episodes in the life of Homer Price, including how he helps locate a diamond bracelet lost in a donut shop and how he and his pet skunk capture bandits.

## McDonald, Megan. Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid.\* 2005.

The shortest kid in the second grade learns all about James Madison, the shortest President of the United States, when celebrating President's Day at school.

## Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. Shiloh.\* 1991.

Marty tries to hide a lost beagle from his family and the dog's real, mean-spirited owner known for mistreating his dogs.

## Wright, Betty Ren. Princess for a Week. 2006.

When a girl named Princess comes to spend a week at Roddy's house, she encourages him to help her investigate suspicious activities at a supposedly haunted house.

## Young, Steve. Winchell Mink: the Misadventure Begins. 2004.

When a bullied 11-year-old is transformed into his pet turtle, he finds himself catapulted on a series of bizarre adventures.

## **Series**

## The Secrets of Droon\* by Tony Abbott.

Share in the adventures of Eric, Neal and Julie as they journey in the magical world of Droon.

## Extreme Team by Matt Christopher.

A group of six friends try their hand at extreme sports.

## Moongobble and Me\*by Bruce Coville.

Life in the village of Pigbone is boring until an aspiring magician and his talking toad come to town.

## Spiderwick Chronicles \* by Tony DiTerlizzi.

This series follows the adventures of the Grace children after they go to stay at their Great Aunt's house. They encounter a boggart and other creatures.

## Chet Gecko, Mystery by Bruce Hale.

Chet Gecko, a fourth grade detective, solves mysteries that take place at school.

## Lenny and Mel by Erik P. Kraft.

Read about the adventures of twin brothers Lenny and Mel.

## Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey.

Principal Krupp turns into the superhero Captain Underpants.

## Deltora Quest by Emily Rodda.

Leif, Barda and Jasmine must save the land of Deltora from the evil Shadow Lord by finding the seven stones from the magic belt of Deltora.

## Wayside School\* by Louis Sachar.

Humorous stories that take place in a school built sideways with one classroom on each floor.

#### Time Warp Trio\* by Jon Scieszka.

Joe, Fred and Sam travel through time with the help of a magic book.

## **Shredderman** by Wendelin Van Draanen.

Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, creates a new identity he calls Shredderman.

#### Non-fiction

## Amazing Optical Illusions by IllusionWorks. 2004.

Be amazed by these optical illusions!

J 152.148 AMA

## Animals Eating: How Animals Chomp, Chew, Slurp, and Swallow by Pamela M. Hickman. 2001.

Explore the interesting ways animals eat. You may be surprised!

J 591.53 HIC

## Easy Math Puzzles by David A. Adler. 1997.

Solve these mathematical riddles!

J 793.74 ADL

## The Great Expedition of Lewis and Clark: by Private Reubin Field, Member of the Corps of Discovery as recorded by Judith Edwards. 2003.

Find out, from one of the participants, what it was like to have traveled with Lewis and Clark.

J 917.8 EDW

## How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning by Rosalyn Schanzer. 2003.

This book focuses on Ben Franklin's role as an inventor of whimsical gadgets and practical contraptions.

JB FRANKLIN

## Kids' Silliest Jokes by Jacqueline Horsfall. 2002.

Laugh out loud as you read some of these silly riddles and knock-knock jokes.

J818.602 HOR

## Out of Sight: Pictures of Hidden Worlds by Seymour Simon. 2000.

Can you identify these pictures of items that are too small, too far away or too fast to see without mechanical assistance? J 612.84 SIM

## Stephen Biesty's Castles by Meredith Hooper. 2004.

Cross-sections of 10 real castles are shown!

J 940.1 HOO

## Top Secret: a Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing by Paul B. Janeczko. 2004.

Learn about different codes and ciphers, invisible inks, concealment techniques and some spy stories.

J 652.8 JAN

## The U.S. Marine Corps by Matt Doeden. 2005.

See the U.S. Marine Corps in action, including a look at Marine vehicles, weapons and jobs.

J 359.96 DOE

## When Bugs Were Big, Plants Were Strange, and Tetrapods Stalked the Earth: a Cartoon Prehistory of Life Before Dinosaurs by Hannah Bonner. 2003.

Take a tour of the Earth from long ago, and investigate the plants and animals found there.

J 565.7 BON

## Youch! Real-life Monsters Up Close by Trevor Day. 2000.

Explore these close-up photos of dangerous insects, snakes and more!

J 591.65 DAY

<sup>\*</sup>Also available on audiocassette and/or CD