

**Expanding**  
(Increasing in difficulty)

**\*Highly recommended**

**\*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day -- Judith Viorst**

Boundless Grace -- Mary Hoffman

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs -- Judi Barrett

Clues in the Woods -- Peggy Parish

**\*Dinosaurs before Dark (and others of the Magic Tree House series) -- Mary Pope Osborne**

**\*Elmer and the Dragon -- Ruth Stiles Gannett**

**\*Freckle Juice -- Judy Blume**

The Gardener -- Sarah Stewart

The Holly Joliday -- Megan McDonald

Ivy + Bean (and others of the Ivy + Bean series) -- Annie Barrows

**\*Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus (and others of the Junie B. Jones series) -- Barbara Park**

Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express -- Margaret Wetterer

**\*The Littles (and others of the Littles series) -- John Lawrence Peterson**

Miss Rumphius -- Barbara Cooney

**\*The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo -- Judy Blume**

The Paperboy -- Dav Pilkey

Snaggle Doodles (and others of the Kids of the Polk Street School series) -- Patricia Reilly Giff

**\*Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid (and others of the Stink Moody series) -- Megan McDonald**

Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots (and others of the Adventures of the Bailey School Kids series) --  
Debbie Dadey

26 Fairmont Avenue -- Tomie DePaola

**\*The Absent Author (and others of the A to Z Mysteries series) -- Ron Roy**

Andy and Tamika -- David Adler

Chicken Sunday -- Patricia Polacco

**\*The Enormous Crocodile -- Roald Dahl**

The Gadget War -- Betsy Duffy

Goldie (and others of the Puppy Place series) -- Ellen Miles

**\*Gooney Bird Green -- Lois Lowry**

The Grapes of Math: Mind-Stretching Math Riddles -- Greg Tang

Hey, Al -- Arthur Yorinks

**\*Invisible Stanley (and others of the Stanley Lambchop Adventure (Flat Stanley) series) -- Jeff Brown**

The Magic Finger -- Roald Dahl

**\*The Pain and the Great One -- Judy Blume**

The Paperboy -- Dav Pilkey

Smelly Socks -- Robert Munsch

Trolls on Vacation -- Alan MacDonald

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in Peoples Ears: A West African Tale -- Verna Aardema

**\*Young Martin's Promise -- Walter Dean Myers**

Back to School Mallory (and others of the Mallory series) -- Laurie B. Friedman

Beezus and Ramona (and others of the Ramona Quimby series) -- Beverly Cleary

The Dinosaur Alphabet Book -- Jerry Pallotta

Hairy, Scary, Ordinary: What is an Adjective? -- Brian Cleary

**\*The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet (and others of the Secrets of Droon series) -- Tony Abbott**

**\*The Mouse and the Motorcycle (and others of the Ralph S. Mouse series) -- Beverly Cleary**

The Mystery Bookstore (and others of the Boxcar Children Mysteries series) -- Gertrude Chandler Warner

Pippi Longstocking (and others of the Pippi Longstocking series) -- Astrid Lindgren

Rats! -- Jane Cutler

Utterly Me, Clarice Bean -- Lauren Child

**\*97 Ways to Train a Dragon (and others of the Dragon Slayers' Academy series) -- Kate McMullan**

100 Days and 99 Nights: A Novel -- Alan Madison

2095 (and others of the Time Warp Trio series) -- Jon Scieszka

The Battle for the Castle -- Elizabeth Winthrop

The Best School Year Ever -- Barbara Robinson

Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet -- Graham Salisbury

Confetti Girl -- Diana Lopez

The Diamond Champs -- Matt Christopher

Encyclopedia Brown Boy Detective (and others of the Encyclopedia Brown series) -- Donald J. Sobel

The Hundred Dresses -- Eleanor Estes

Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World -- Mildred Pitts Walter

Sam Samurai (and others of the Time Warp Trio series) -- Jon Scieszka

The School Mouse -- Dick King-Smith

Snot Stew -- Bill Wallace,

Stone Fox -- John Reynolds Gardiner

Thank you, Jackie Robinson -- Barbara Cohen

Who Stole the Wizard of Oz? -- Avi