

Suggestions for Summer Reading for Students in Third Grade

Realistic Fiction

Adler, David. **The Many Troubles of Andy Russell**. Andy worries about asking if a friend may move in with his family – especially when he learns that his mother is going to have another baby.

Bowen, Fred. **T.J.'s Secret Pitch**. In his determination to pitch for his neighborhood baseball team, twelve-year-old T.J. adopts the unorthodox style of the legendary Rip Sewell.

Cabot, Meg. **Moving Day**. Nine-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.

Christopher, Matt. **The Year Mom Won the Pennant**. The boys are all hesitant when one boy's mother is the only parent who volunteers to coach their Little League team, but there is quite a surprise in store for them.

Clements, Andrew. **Frindle**. When he decides to turn his teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Clements, Andrew. **Jake Drake: Teacher's Pet**. So how does a kid get rid of a goody-goody reputation? Well, Jake has a plan...but when he gets called into the principal's office he worries that he just might have gone too far.

Colfer, Eoin. **The Legend of Spud Murphy**. When their mother starts dropping them off at the public library several afternoons a week during their summer vacation, nine year-old William and his brother dread boredom and the overbearing librarian, but they are surprised how things turn out.

Danziger, Paula. **Amber Brown is Not a Crayon**. The year she is in the third grade is a sad time for Amber because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state.

Friedman, Laurie. **Mallory on the Move**. After moving to a new town, eight-year-old Mallory keeps throwing stones in the "Wishing Pond," but things will not go back to the way they were before, and she remains torn between old and new best friends.

Gifford, Peggy. **Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little**. With summer coming to an end, about-to-be-fourth-grader Moxy Maxwell does a hundred different things to avoid reading her assigned summer reading book.

Gutman, Dan. **The Million Dollar Shot.** Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.

Haddix, Margaret. **The Girl with 500 Middle Names.** Janie's parents move to the suburbs so she can attend a better school, but she discovers that most of the students' families are wealthier than her family.

Horvath, Polly. **The Trolls.** Eccentric Aunt Sally comes from Canada to baby-sit the Anderson children while their parents are on a trip to Paris and every night her bedtime story adds another piece to a very suspect family history.

Hesse, Karen. **Just Juice.** Realizing that her father's lack of work has endangered her family, nine-year-old Juice decides that she must return to school and learn to read in order to help their chances of surviving and keeping their house.

Hoffman, Mary. **Starring Grace.** Grace and her friends have all sorts of adventures during their summer vacation—going to the circus, taking an imaginary safari, pretending to be astronauts, and calling the paramedics when her grandmother has an accident.

Hurwitz, Johanna. **The Just Desserts Club.** Sixth-grader Cricket finds just the right dessert to bake for school events during the year. This book includes recipes for Zucchini "Apple" Crisp, No Bake Orange Balls, and Mystery Ingredient Chocolate Cake. Yummers!

Jacobson, Jennifer. **Truly Winnie.** Winnie, Zoe and Vanessa are going to summer camp for the first time and Winnie worries no one will like her, she won't have a good time, and her father won't make it to Parent's Day. Sequel: **Winnie Dancing on Her Own.**

Kelly, Katy. **Lucy Rose: Here's the Thing About Me.** Eight-year-old Lucy Rose keeps a diary of her first year in Washington, D.C., her home since her parents' separation, where she spends time with her grandparents, makes new friends, and longs to convince her teacher to let her take care of the class pet during a holiday.

Kraft, Erik. **Lenny and Mel.** Twin brothers observe a year's worth of holidays in some very unusual ways.

Lin, Grace. **The Year of the Dog: a Novel.** Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese-American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.

Lowry, Lois. **Gooney Bird Greene.** A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

Mason, Simon. **The Quigleys**. The adventures and misadventures of the four members of the Quigley family—Mum, Dad, Lucy, and Will.

McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody**. Third grader Judy is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.

Mills, Claudia. **7 x 9 = Trouble**. Third-grader Wilson struggles with his times-tables in order to beat the class deadline.

Moss, Marissa. **Amelia's Notebook**. The hand-lettered contents of a nine-year-old girl's notebook, in which she records her thoughts and feelings about moving, starting school, and dealing with her older sister, as well as keeping her old best friend and making a new one.

Namioka, Lensey. **Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear**. Recently arrived in Seattle from China, musically untalented Yingtao is faced with giving a violin performance to attract new students for his father when he would rather be working on friendships and playing baseball.

Naylor, Phyllis. **The Boys Start the War**. Disgusted that a family with three girls moves into the house across the river, Wally and his three brothers declare a practical joke war on the girls.

Naylor, Phyllis. **One of the Third Grade Thonkers**. Ashamed of his wimpy younger cousin, eight-year-old Jimmy is determined to keep him out of his special club for rough, tough, and terrible boys, until an accident involving Jimmy's father demonstrates for him the true meaning of courage.

Park, Barbara. **Skinnybones**. Alex's active sense of humor helps him get along with the school braggart, make the most of his athletic talents, and simply get by in a hectic world.

Robinson, Barbara. **The Best-Worst School Year Ever**. The six horrible Herdmans, the worst kids in the history of the world, cause mayhem throughout the school year. Series

Rockwell, Thomas. **How to Eat Fried Worms**. Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal.

Sachar, Louis. **Marvin Redpost: Kidnapped at Birth**. Red-haired Marvin is convinced that the reason he looks different from the rest of his family is that he is really the lost prince of Shampoo.

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Amato, Mary. **The Word Eater**. Lerner, a new student at Cleveland Park School, finds a worm that magically makes things disappear, and she hopes it will help her fit in at her new school.

Bauer, Marion. **The Blue Ghost**. At her grandmother's log cabin, nine-year-old Liz is led to make contact with children she believes may be her ancestors.

Black, Holly. **The Field Guide**. When the Grace children go to stay at their great-aunt Lucinda's old Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.

Brittain, Bill. **The Wizards and the Monster**. When Becky and Simon discover that their substitute teacher is Mr. Merlin, they are able to have the adventures with magic and monsters that they have always dreamed about.

Catling, Patrick. **The Chocolate Touch**. A boy's lips turn everything they touch into chocolate.

Cooper, Susan. **The Magician's Boy**. A boy who works for a magician meets familiar fairy tale characters when he is transported to the Land of Story in search of a missing puppet.

Coville, Bruce. **The Monster's Ring**. A timid boy, eager to frighten the school bully on Halloween night, acquires a magic ring and the power to change himself into a hideous Monster.

Crilley, Mark. **Akiko on the Planet Smoo**. Akiko has an unexpected adventure when she is whisked away to a distant planet and put in charge of the rescue mission that must search for a kidnapped prince.

Greenburg, J.C. **On the Dog**. When ten-year-old Andrew invents a shrinking machine, he does not expect to be sucked into the machine along with his cousin Judy, only to end up in a dog's nose.

Jones, Miranda. **Little Genie: Make a Wish**. While shopping with her grandmother at a flea market, Ali buys an old Lava lamp that turns out to have a wish-granting genie inside.

Kessler, Liz. **The Tail of Emily Windsnap**. After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

King-Smith, Dick. **George Speaks**. George is an extraordinary baby who is born with the ability to speak in complete sentences.

Martin, Ann. **The Doll People**. A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow "The Doll Code of Honor." Sequel: **The Meanest Doll in the World**.

Richler, Mordecai. **Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang.** Unjustly imprisoned by the Hooded Fang and other big people, Jacob Two-Two awaits the aid of the members of Child Power to free him and two hundred other children.

Sachar, Louis. **Sideways Stories from Wayside School.** Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

Scieszka, Jon. **Summer Reading is Killing Me!** At the beginning of summer vacation, Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list of well known children's books.

Slote, Alfred. **My Robot Buddy.** For his tenth birthday, Jack wants a robot so he'll have someone to play with every day.

Sonenklar, Carol. **Bug Boy.** When someone anonymously gives bug lover Charlie a device called the Amazing Bug-A-View, he uses it to transform himself into a spider, a grasshopper, and a fly. Sequel: **Bug Girl.**

Strasser, Todd. **Help! I'm Trapped in My Teacher's Body.** To his dismay, Jake Sherman suddenly finds he has turned into Mr. Dirksen, his dorky, weird teacher, and no one will believe him but his sister.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. **Secret Identity: Shredderman.** Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity – Shredderman!

Vande Velde, Vivian. **Three Good Deeds.** Caught stealing some goose eggs, Howard is cursed for his heartlessness and turned into a goose himself, and he can only become human again by performing three good deeds.

Historical Fiction

Bishop, Claire. **Twenty and Ten.** Twenty school children hide ten Jewish children from the Nazis during the occupation of France during World War II.

Bulla, Clyde Robert. **Pirate Promise.** Against his will, a young boy is separated from his sister and sold as a bonded servant, but the good-hearted pirate captain who rescues him promises a happier future.

Coerr, Eleanor. **Sadako.** Hospitalized with the dreaded atom bomb disease, leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy.

Dalgliesh, Alice. **The Courage of Sarah Noble.** Remembering her mother's words, an eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the wilderness and to stay with the Indians when her father must go back to bring the rest of

the family to their new home.

Edmunds, Walter. **The Matchlock Gun**. In 1756, during the French and Indian War in upper New York State, ten-year-old Edward is determined to protect his home and family with the ancient, and much too heavy, Spanish gun that his father had given him before leaving home to fight the enemy.

Hahn, Mary Downing. **Anna All Year Round**. Eight-year-old Anna experiences a series of episodes, some that are funny, others sad, involving friends and family during a year in Baltimore just before World War I. Sequel: **Anna on the Farm**.

Hermes, Patricia. **Westward to Home: Joshua's Oregon Trail Diary**. In 1848, nine-year-old Joshua writes a journal of his family's journey from Missouri to Oregon in a covered wagon.

Hopkinson, Deborah. **Pioneer Summer**. Charlie and his family move to the Kansas Territory where Papa plans to cast his vote for Kansas to enter the Union as a free state.

McDonough, Yona. **The Doll With the Yellow Star**. When France falls to Germany at the start of World War II, nine-year-old Claudine must leave her beloved parents and friends to stay with relatives in America, accompanied by her doll, Violette.

Moss, Marissa. **Rachel's Journal**. In her journal, Rachel Chronicles her family's adventures traveling by covered wagon on the Oregon Trail in 1850.

Skurzynski, Gloria. **The Minstrel in the Tower**. In the year 1195, eleven-year-old Roger and his eight-year-old sister Alice travel through the French countryside in search of their ailing mother's estranged brother, a wealth baron.

Taylor, Mildred. **Mississippi Bridge**. During a heavy rainstorm in 1930s Mississippi, a ten-year-old white boy sees a bus driver order all the black passengers off a crowded bus to make room for late-arriving white passengers and then set off across the raging Rosa Lee River.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. **The Little House on the Prairie**. The story of the pioneering Ingalls family and how they moved West in a covered wagon to build a new home on the Kansas prairie.

Yolen, Jane. **The Mary Celeste: an Unsolved Mystery from History**. A young girl relates the facts that are known about the unexplained disappearance of the ship Mary Celeste in 1872.

Animal Stories

Auch, Mary Jane. **I Was a Third Grade Science Project**. While trying to hypnotize his dog for the third grade science fair, Brian accidentally makes his best friend Josh think he's a cat.

Baglio, Ben. **Hamster Hotel**. Mandy comes to her grandparents to help them care for a hamster they're watching, but doesn't know how to help when the hamster disappears.

Banks, Lynne Reid. **I, Houdini: the Autobiography of a Self-Educated Hamster**. A boastful hamster with exceptional talent as an escape artist recounts his experiences chewing, wriggling, or squeezing his way out of various closed areas in his quest for the great outside.

Bauer, Marion. **A Bear Named Trouble**. In Anchorage, Alaska, two lonely individuals make a connection—a brown bear injured just after his mother sends him out on his own, and a human whose father is a new keeper at the Alaska Zoo and whose mother and sister are still in Minnesota.

Birney, Betty. **The World According to Humphrey**. Humphrey, a pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.

Bond, Michael. **A Bear Called Paddington**. A very small bear found by Mr. and Mrs. Brown at Paddington station becomes one of the family.

Byars, Betsy. **Wanted...Mud Blossom**. Convinced that Mud is responsible for the disappearance of the school hamster that he was taking care of for the weekend, Junior Blossom is determined that the dog should be tried for his "crime."

Carris, Joan. **Welcome to the Bed and Biscuit**. The family animals at the Bed and Biscuit begin to feel slighted when Dr. Bender returns from a fire with something that occupies the time usually reserved for them.

Creech, Sharon. **Love That Dog**. A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem..

Dahl, Roald. **Fantastic Mr. Fox**. Three farmers, each one meaner than the other, try all-out warfare to get rid of the fox and his family.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn-Dixie**. Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog, Winn-Dixie.

Elliott, David. **Evangeline Mudd and the Great Mink Escapade**. Keeping a promise to her friends in the Pals United for Furry Friends Organization, ten-year-old Evangeline tries to rescue a group of minks before they are turned into ballet costumes.

Erickson, John. **Hank the Cowdog**. When Hank the Cowdog accompanies Little Alfred on a fishing trip, he gets into a first-class crisis.

Erickson, Russell E. **A Toad for Tuesday**. On Thursday a toad is captured by an owl that saves him to eat on Tuesday, the owl's birthday, but the intervening five days change his mind.

Feiffer, Jules. **A Room With a Zoo**. Nine-year-old Julie loves animals so much, that it seems that she's assembling a zoo in her room—but, what she really wants most of all is a dog.

George, Twig. **Swimming with Sharks**. While spending the summer in the Florida Keys with her grandfather, a retired marine biologist, ten-year-old Sarah has the opportunity to observe a variety of sharks and their behavior.

Haas, Jessie. **A Blue for Beware**. Lily and her friend Mandy compete against each other in a horse show for the first time.

Howe, James. **Bunnica: a Rabbit Tale of Mystery**. Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny is a vampire.

Hurwitz, Johanna. **Pee Wee's Tale**. When his owner's parents let him go in Central Park, a young guinea pig learns to survive in the natural world with the help of a "park-wise" squirrel while trying to find his way back home.

LeGuin, Ursula. **Catwings**. Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two children with kind hands.

Reneaux, J.J. **How Animals Saved the People: Animal Tales from the South**. A collection of folktales from people in the Deep South including Cajun, Creole, Native Americans, African-Americans, those of English, as well as Scotch-Irish-German traditions, and others living in Appalachia.

Rodowsky, Colby. **The Next-Door Dogs**. Although terrified of dogs, nine-year-old Sara forces herself to face a Labrador Retriever and a Dalmatian when she must help her next-door neighbor, who has fallen and broken her leg.

Schlein, Miriam. **The Year of the Panda**. A Chinese boy rescues a starving baby panda, and, in the process, learns why pandas are endangered, and what the government is doing to save them.

Soto, Gary. **The Cat's Meow**. Eight-year-old Graciela, who is half Mexican, is amazed when her cat Pip starts speaking in Spanish.

Taylor, Theodore. **The Trouble with Tuck**. A young girl trains her blind dog to follow and trust a seeing-eye companion dog.

Mysteries/Adventures

Adler, David. **Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds**. A fifth-grader with a photographic memory and her friend, Eric, help solve the mystery of the stolen diamonds.

Berends, Polly. **The Case of the Elevator Duck**. Chronicles the adventures of an eleven-year-old detective which started when he found a duck in the elevator of his apartment building.

Bulla, Clyde Robert. **The Ghost of Windy Hill**. A professor with a reputation for being unafraid of ghosts moves with his family into a house that is supposed to be haunted, but his children find the neighbors are more mysterious than the house.

Child, Lauren. **Utterly Me, Clarice Bean**. When someone steals the winner's trophy for the school book project, Clarice emulates her favorite book heroine, Ruby Redfort the detective.

Clifford, Eth. **Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library**. Two girls spend an adventurous night trapped inside the public library during a terrible blizzard.

Cuyler, Margery. **The Battlefield Ghost**. When fourth-grader John and his sister Lisa move into an old house in Princeton, New Jersey, they find it haunted by the ghost of a Hessian soldier from the American Revolutionary War.

Davis, Gibbs. **Money Madness**. After moving into the White House with their mother, Molly and James discover a mysterious trunk of money and when Abraham Lincoln's ghost appears, they decide to investigate.

Hale, Bruce. **Farewell My Lunch Bag**. When fourth-grade private eye Chet Gecko is called to catch someone who is stealing food from the school cafeteria, he finds himself framed for the crime.

McMahon, P.J. **The Mystery of the Swimming Gorilla**. Timmy, Conor and Jack, the three members of the Freaky Joe Club, investigate the theft of bicycles in their town of Ship's Cove, Texas.

Peyton, K.M. **Stealaway**. Nicky moves to an old castle in Scotland with her mother, a horse trainer, and becomes involved with ghosts from some five hundred years in the past.

Roy, Ron. **Who Cloned the President?** KC discovers that the President of the United States has been replaced by a clone and sets out with her friend Marshall, on a dangerous mission to set things right.

Selznick, Brian. **The Boy of a Thousand Faces**. Obsessed with horror films, ten-year-old Alonzo dreams of transforming himself into "The Boy of a Thousand Faces" and he

gets his wish in an unexpected way.

Simon, Seymour. **The Online Spaceman and Other Cases.** Einstein Anderson uses his scientific knowledge to solve a variety of problems, from crying rocks to a backward monster.

Sobol, Donald. **Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective.** Fifth-grader “Encyclopedia” Leroy Brown solves ten mysteries and, by putting the solutions at the back of the book, challenges the reader to do the same.

Warner, Gertrude. **The Boxcar Children.** Four orphans, two boys and two girls, set up house keeping in an old boxcar. Classic Series

Non-Fiction Books

Armstrong, Kristin. **Lance Armstrong: the Race of His Life.** An inspirational story of the 1999 and 2000 Tour de France champion who overcame cancer to become the number one cyclist in the world, tells of his childhood triathlon successes and how he did not let cancer keep him from his dream.

Cherry, Lynne. **Making a Difference in the World.** A prominent children’s book author and illustrator shares her life, her daily activities, her interest in environmental preservation, and her creative process, showing how all are intertwined.

Cole, Johanna. **Fun on the Run: Travel Games and Songs.** A collection of games and songs to enjoy while traveling, including word games, memory games, jokes and riddles. Fun for long car trips.

Davies, Jacqueline. **The Boy Who Drew Birds: a Story of John James Audubon.** Audubon’s passion for the outdoors in general and for birds specifically inspires an account of Audubon’s early observations of birds nesting near his Pennsylvania boyhood home.

Davis, Gibbs. **Wackiest White House Pets.** Describes the various kinds of pets, including grizzly bears and alligators, kept at the White House by various presidents from George Washington to George W. Bush.

D’Harcourt, Claire. **Art Up Close: From Ancient to Modern.** Invites the reader to search for tiny details hidden in famous works of art, providing information about each painting, the techniques used to create them, and how the artists and movements helped art to develop through the ages.

Earthworks. **Fifty Simple Things Kids can do to Save the Earth.** 50 simple things kids can do to save the earth.

Erlbach, Arlene. **The Kids’ Business Book.** Profiles business owners who began their

businesses between the ages of seven and twelve, describes simple methods of starting a business, and includes tips on accounting and advertising.

Gershator, Phillis. **Wise and Not So Wise: Ten Tales from the Rabbis**. Retells five tales from the Talmud and three tales from the Midrash, presenting moral lessons featuring Roman emperors, flying rabbis, cows that keep the Sabbath, and fish that swallow hats.

Giovanni, Nikki. **Rosa**. Provides the story of Rosa Parks, the African-American woman whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Alabama set in motion all the events of the civil rights movements that resulted in the end of the segregated South.

Gutman, Bill. **Greg Maddux**. Follows the life of baseball pitcher Greg Maddux, from his childhood in an Air Force family to his career with the Chicago Cubs and the Atlanta Braves.

Hamilton, John. **How a Bill Becomes a Law**. Explains what a law is, and how an idea passes through the federal government and becomes a law that people must obey.

Herbst, Judith. **Hoaxes**. A look at some of history's most famous hoaxes and publicity stunts, including fairy photographs, moon-men, lost tribes, and crop circles.

Jacobson, Ryan. **The Story of the Star-Spangled Banner**. In graphic novel format, discusses the events leading up to the Battle of Fort McHenry and Francis Scott Key's writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and later how it became our national anthem.

Kerley, Barbara. **Walt Whitman: Words for America**. A biography of the American poet whose compassion led him to nurse soldiers during the Civil War, to give voice to the nation's grief at Lincoln's assassination, and to capture the true American spirit in verse.

Kimmel, Eric. **The Hero Beowulf**. A simple, brief retelling of the Anglo-Saxon epic about the heroic efforts of Beowulf, son of Ecgtheow, to save the people of Heorot Hall from the terrible monster, Grendel.

Krull, Kathleen. **A Woman for President: The Story of Victoria Woodhull**. Traces the life and accomplishments of the American suffragist who became the first successful female stockbroker and later started a newspaper and ran for president.

McDaniel, Melissa. **Guide Dogs**. Describes the selection and training of guide dogs and how they are paired with a blind person.

McGovern, Ann. **Shark Lady: True Adventures of Eugenie Clark**. A biography of the ichthyologist whose interest in fish began at the age of nine during weekly trips to the aquarium in New York City.

Murrie, Steve. **Every Minute on Earth.** This guide reveals incredible things happening around the world in a minute, from eating 2,137 pounds of popcorn to 750,000 gallons of water tumbling over Niagara Falls.

Nagda, Ann. **Panda Math: Learning about Subtraction from Hua Mei and Mei Sheng.** Features two panda cubs born at the San Diego Zoo and incorporates them into mathematical word problems.

O'Brien, Patrick. **The Mutiny on the Bounty.** Fletcher Christian, the second-in command, seizes control of the HMS Bounty when the ship is torn apart by the violent behavior of her captain and he and his fellow mutineers find a home on Pitcairn Island.

Osborne, Mary Pope. **American Tall Tales.** A collection of tall tales about such American folk heroes as Sally Ann Thunder, Ann Whirlwind, Pecos Bill, John Henry, and Paul Bunyan.

Paulauski, Patrick. **W is for Wind: a Weather Alphabet.** An A-Z pictorial for children including weather terms such as barometer, cloud, and tornado introduced with poems accompanied by expository text to provide detailed information.

Prelutsky, Jack, ed. **The Random House Book of Poetry for Children.** More than 550 poems by American, English, and anonymous authors. A terrific compilation!

Roca, Nuria. **Your Family Tree.** Shows readers how to create a family tree and learn about their ancestors.

Russo, Marisabina. **Always Remember Me: How One Family Survived World War II.** When she visits her Oma, Rachel, while going through family albums, learns the awful truth about the Nazis' rise to power and the hardships her grandmother, her mother, and her aunts were forced to endure during the Holocaust, discovering the power of love, family, and faith.

St. George, Judith. **So You Want to be an Inventor?** Presents some of the characteristics of inventors by describing the inventions of people such as Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, and Eli Whitney.

Schmitt, Betsy. **Sticky Situations: 365 Devotions for Kids and Families.** Contains 365 devotions, each of which describes a dilemma a young person might face during the course of an ordinary day, and includes a list of possible options, and guidance from Scripture on making the right choice.

Shields, Carol. **English Fresh Squeezed!: 40 Thirst-for-Knowledge-Quenching Poems.** Presents forty poems on the rules of the English language, including punctuation, parts of speech, outlining, and composing poetry.

Talbott, Hudson. **United Tweets of America**. A reference guide provides a fact-filled introduction to the state birds of each of the fifty states, from Alabama's Yellowhammer to Wyoming's Western Meadowlark, and includes additional information about each state.

Tang, Greg. **The Grapes of Math: Mind-Stretching Math Riddles**. This clever collection of puzzles could spark the interest of even the most mathematically challenged readers.

Thomas, Isabel. **Shark vs. Killer Whale**. Offers a comparative overview of sharks and killer whales, describing each animal's physical characteristics and behavior and speculating about which would win in a fight.

Ward, Helen. **Unwitting Wisdom: an Anthology of Aesop's Fables**. An illustrated adaptation of twelve animal fables first told by the Greek slave Aesop.

Yolen, Jane. **Mightier Than the Sword: World Folktales for Strong Boys**. A collection of folktales from around the world which demonstrate the triumph of brains over brawn. Also, a sequel: **Not One Damsel in Distress: World Folktales for Strong Girls**.