

Great Humor Books at the Pleasanton Public Library

Compiled by the Pleasanton Library
Children's Staff



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Children's Fiction
by author's last name
and/or
Children's Paperbacks
by first letter of author's last name
(unless otherwise noted).

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Snarf Attack, Underfoodle and the Secret of Life: The Riot Brothers Tell All by Mary Amato
Grades 2-4 (151 p)
Two brothers, Orville and Wilbur Riot, take you on three different humorous adventures.

Never Mind! : A Twin Novel by Avi
Grades 5-8 (200 p)
Twelve-year-old New York City twins Meg and Edward have nothing in common, so they are just as shocked as everyone else when Meg's hopes for popularity and Edward's mischievous schemes coincidentally collide in a hilarious showdown.

The Frog Princess by E. D. Baker
Grades 4-6 (214 p) *Audiobook available*
Tales of the Frog Princess series
After reluctantly kissing a frog, an awkward, fourteen-year-old princess suddenly finds herself a frog, too, and sets off with the prince to seek the means and the self-confidence to become human again.



Attack of the Mutant Underwear by Tom Birdseye
Grades 4-6 (199 p) *Audiobook available*
Fifth-grader Cody Carson keeps a journal of his hopes for a fresh start in a town where nobody knows about his humiliating mistakes of the past, but before school even begins, so does his embarrassment.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
Grades 4-6 (120 p) *Fudge series*
Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem.

The Wish Giver by Bill Brittain
Grades 4-7 (181 p)
When a strange little man comes to the Coven Tree Church Social promising he can give people exactly what they ask for, three young believers-in-magic each make a wish that comes true in the most unexpected way.

A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond
Grades 3-5 (128 p) *Audiobook available*
When they meet at Paddington Station, a bear forever changes the lives of the Brown family.



Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary
Grades 3-5 (155 p) *Audiobook available*
When Henry adopts Ribsy, a dog of no particular breed, humorous adventures follow.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
Grades 3-5 (158 p) *Audiobook available*
A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

Mr. Chickee's Funny Money by Christopher Paul Curtis
Grades 3-6 (151 p) *Audiobook available*
Sequel: Mr. Chickee's Messy Mission
Flint Future Detective Club members Steven Carter, his friend Russell, and Russell's huge dog Zoopy solve the mystery of a quadrillion-dollar bill with the image of James Brown on it.



The BFG by Roald Dahl
Grades 3-6 (220 p) *Audiobook available*
Kidnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling "cannybull" giants.

The Elevator Family by Douglas Evans
Grades 3-5 (87 p)
The four members of the Wilson family decide to spend their holiday in one of the elevators at the San Francisco Hotel.

I, Jack by Jack the dog, as told to Patricia Finney
Grades 3-6 (179 p)
Jack, a Labrador Retriever, tells about his daily life of food, walks, and the "apedogs" and "funny-looking dogs" (cats) in his pack, as well as how everything changes when a pretty girl dog moves into the neighborhood. Includes explanatory footnotes written by the cats.



My Dad the Dragon by Jackie French
Grades 2-4 (107 p)
Horace has received an almost impossible homework assignment at King Arthur's School for Trainee Knights—he has to kill a dragon which is even more difficult because his father is one.

Jack Adrift: Fourth Grade without a Clue by Jack Gantos
Grades 4-6 (197 p) *Jack series*
When his father rejoins the Navy and moves the family to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, ten-year-old Jack becomes confused by a crush on his teacher, contradictory advice from his parents and a very strange neighbor.

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos
Grades 4-6 (153 p) *Joey Pigza series*
To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription meds wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.

Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little by Peggy Gifford
Grades 2-4 (91 p)
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.

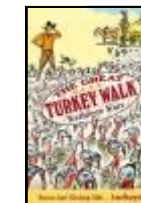
Busted by Betty Hicks
Grades 4-6 (168 p) *Audiobook available*
Anxious to distract his "overly" strict mother, twelve-year-old Stuart and his best friend, a girl named Mack, determine to fix her up with Mack's Uncle Joe.

Babymouse: Queen of the World
by Jennifer & Matthew Holm
Grades 3-5 (91 p) J Graphic Novels "B"
Babymouse series
An imaginative mouse dreams of being queen of the world, but will settle for an invitation to the most popular girl's slumber party.



The Adventures of Ali Baba Bernstein by Johanna Hurwitz.
Grades 2-4 (82 p)
Eight-year-old David is convinced that his life will be more adventurous when he changes his name to Ali Baba.

The Great Turkey Walk by Kathleen Karr
Grades 5-8 (199 p) *Audiobook available*
In 1860, a somewhat simple-minded fifteen-year-old boy attempts to herd one thousand turkeys from Missouri to Denver, Colorado, in hopes of selling them at a profit.



Lucy Rose: Big on Plans by Katy Kelly
Grades 3-5 (163 p) *Lucy Rose series*
Lucy Rose records in her diary her special summer plans — to make a keychain for her mother, to help decorate the living room, to prevent

Paperback Series

Most are shelved in J Paperbacks by first letter of series title.
(may also be shelved in J Fiction by author's last name)

Black Lagoon Adventures by Mike Thaler
Grades 2-4

Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey
Grades 3-5

Dear Dumb Diary by Jim Benton
Grades 3-5

Franny K. Stein by Jim Benton
Grades 2-4

Geronimo Stilton by Geronimo Stilton
Grades 3-6 (J paperbacks "S")

Hank the Cowdog by John Erickson
Grades 3-5

Hank Zipzer: World's Greatest Underachiever
by Henry Winkler
Grades 3-6 (J paperbacks "W")

Herbie Jones by Suzy Kline
Grades 1-3

Hot Dog and Bob by Lissa Rovetch
Grades 2-4

I was a Sixth Grade Alien by Bruce Coville
Grades 3-6

The Incredible Worlds of Wally McDoogie by Bill Myers
Grades 3-5

Judy Moody by Megan McDonald
Grades 2-4 (J paperbacks "M")

Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park
Grades 1-3

Marvin Redpost by Louis Sachar
Grades 2-4

My Weird School by Dan Gutman
Grades 3-5

Ricky Ricotta by Dav Pilkey
Grades 3-5

The Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka
Grades 3-6

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her parents' divorce, to vanquish some squirrels, and to enjoy a ninth birthday with her father.

Circle of Doom by Tim Kennemore

Grades 4-6 (203 p)

Thirteen-year-old Lizzie uses ingredients both ordinary and not so ordinary to make a series of magic potions, to the growing astonishment of her younger brothers.

Martin Bridge Ready for Takeoff I by Jessica Kerrin

Grades 2-3 (120 p)

J Moving Up Kerrin – *Martin Bridge series*

Meet Martin Bridge, a boy whose plans for a brilliant rocket, a substitute bus driver and a very old hamster go terribly wrong.



No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman

Grades 5-7 (180 p)

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play, where in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

The Killer Underpants by Michael Lawrence

Grades 4-6 (132 p)

Jiggy has a devil of a time with a new pair of underwear that refuses to be removed and which, when they start rippling and itching, cause strange things to happen.

My Life as a Fifth Grade Comedian

by Elizabeth Levy

Grades 5-6 (184 p) *Audiobook available*

Although Bobby's father thinks that he might be expelled just like his older brother, with the encouragement of a new fifth-grade teacher, Bobby tries to channel his penchant for humor into a learning experience.



Girl 15, Charming but Insane by Sue Limb

Grades 6-8 (214 p) *Audiobook available* – *Girl series*

Fifteen-year-old Jess, living with her mum, separated from her father in Cornwall, and with a best friend who seems to do everything perfectly, finds her own assets through humor.

Anastasia has the Answers by Lois Lowry

Grades 4-6 (123 p) *Anastasia series*

Anastasia continues the perilous process of growing up as her thirteenth year involves her conquering the art of rope climbing, playing Cupid for a recently widowed uncle, and surviving a crush on her gym teacher.

Punished by David Lubar

Grades 3-5 (96 p)

Logan is being punished by a librarian with magic so that he says puns all of the time and to end this he must complete three quests.

Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days by Stephen Manes

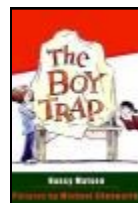
Grades 4-6 (76 p)

Milo, tired of problems with his sister, parents, and classmates, finds a book in the library which promises to make him perfect in just three days.

The Boy Trap by Nancy Matson

Grades 3-5 (108 p)

Fifth grader Emma decides to do a science fair project to prove scientifically that girls are better than boys, but in the process, she learns more about herself, her friends and about research methods.



Tingleberries, Tuckertubs and Telephones:

A Tale of Love and Ice-cream by Margaret Mahy

Grades 3-4 (95 p)

Saracen, who lives on lonely Breakfast Island with his grandmother, receives a tingleberry plant that begins a madcap adventure that changes his life.

Tripping Over the Lunch Lady

Edited by Nancy E. Mercado

Grades 5-8 (177 p)

An anthology of ten humorous short stories about life in school, written by well-known authors of children's books.



Bras and Broomsticks by Sarah Mlynowski

Grades 6-9 (311 p) *Audiobook available*

Bras and Broomsticks Trilogy

Living in New York City with her mother and her younger sister Miri, fourteen-year-old Rachel tries to persuade Miri, who has recently become a witch, to help her become popular at school and to try to stop their divorced father's wedding.

Peril in the Bessledorf Parachute Factory

by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Grades 4-6 (148 p)

Bernie's attempt to marry off his sister Delores results in mystery and near-disaster at the Bessledorf Parachute Factory.

On the Road by Lucy Nolan

Grades 2-3 (54 p) – J Moving Up Nolan

Down Girl and Sit series

A dog who thinks her name is Down Girl goes on a car ride to the beach, goes camping in the woods and reluctantly pays a visit to the vet with her master, Rruff.



Skinnybones by Barbara Park

Grades 3-6 (111 p)

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.



Soup by Robert Peck

Grades 3-5 (96 p) *Audiobook available*

Two boys growing up in a small Vermont town in the 1920's experience the adventures and misadventures of their youth together.

The Talented Clementine by Sara Pennypacker

Grades 2-4 (137 p) *Audiobook available* – *Clementine series*

Eight-year-old Clementine, convinced that she has no talents, tries to find a way to avoid participating in the class talent show.

I Was A Rat by Phillip Pullman

Grades 4-6 (164 p)

A little boy turns life in London upside down when he appears at the house of a lonely old couple and insists he was a rat.



The Scarecrow and His Servant

by Phillip Pullman

Grades 4-6 (229 p) *Audiobook available*

A scarecrow and his boy servant, Jack, set off on a dangerous adventure as they try to outwit the crooked Buffaloni family and stake their claim to valuable Spring Valley.

The Best School Year Ever by Barbara Robinson

Grades 3-6 (117 p)

The six horrible Herdmans, the worst kids in the history of the world, cause mayhem throughout the school year.



Sideways Stories from Wayside School

by Louis Sachar

Grades 3-5 (124 p) *Wayside School series*

In Wayside School all the classrooms were accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story. The classroom on the thirtieth floor is full of humorous stories for you to enjoy.



Squids Will be Squids :Fresh Morals ,Beastly Fables

by Jon Scieszka & Lane Smith

Grades 3-8 (44 p) J Moving Up Scieszka

Contemporary fables with tongue-in-cheek morals address such topics as homework, curfews, and television commercials.

Smart Dog by Vivian Vande Velde

Grades 3-7 (146 p)

Fifth grader Amy finds her life growing complicated when she meets and tries to hide an intelligent, talking dog who has escaped from a university lab.

BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS

Stanley's Party by Linda Bailey

Grades K-2 – JPB “B”

Stanley is left all alone in the house and he decides to invite all his dog friends to a party.



Who is Melvin Bubble? by Nick Bruel

Grades K-2 – JPB “B”

Meet six-year-old Melvin Bubble through the eyes of his family, friends and others.

Click, Clack, Moo:Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin

Grades K-2 – JPB “C”

When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn they start making demands, and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want.

My Lucky Day by Keiko Kasza

Grades K-2 – JPB “K”

When a young pig knocks on a fox's door, the fox thinks dinner has arrived, but the pig has other plans.

She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain by Philemon Sturges

Grades K-2 – JPB “S”

New words to the traditional tune describe a camper-driving, “hootin” and “shoutin” guest and the party that will begin when she arrives.



Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School

by Mark Teague

Grades K-2 – JPB “T” – *Sequel: Detective LaRue*

Gertrude LaRue receives typewritten and paw-written letters from her dog Ike, entreating her to let him leave the Igor Brotweiler Canine Academy and come back home.

Pirate Mom by Deborah Underwood

Grades K-2 – JE Underwood

When a hypnotist convinces Pete's mother that she is a pirate, Pete tries to find a way to turn her back into a regular parent.



Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road?

by Jon Agee

Grades 2-3 – J Moving Up Why

Different reasons are given by famous children's book illustrators about why the chicken crossed the road.

RIDDLES, JOKE BOOKS, AND POEMS

Laugh-eteria:Poems and Drawings

by Douglas Florian

Grades 1-5 (157 p) J811.54 Florian

This collection contains more than 100 humorous poems on such topics as ogres, pizza, fear, school, dragons, trees, and hair.



Dino Riddles by Katy Hall

Grades 2-4 (40 p) J818.5402 Hall

Enjoy this collection of riddles relating to dinosaurs, such as “What do you get when you cross a dinosaur with a rabbit? Tricerahops!” and “What did dinosaur campers cook over the fire? Dino s'mores!”

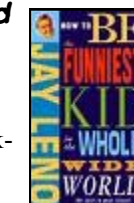


How to Be the Funniest Kid in the Whole World

by Jay Leno

Grades 2-6 (140 p) J818.602 Leno

This big book of humor and wisecracks contains hundreds of original jokes and bits of advice. It is chock-full of knock-knock jokes, hilarious puns, and Jay's tips for making a career in comedy.



Kids are Punny :Jokes Sent by Kids to The Rosie

O'Donnell Show by Rosie O'Donnell

Grades 2-5 (89 p) J818.5402 Kids

Kids are Punny is a collection of riddles, jokes and drawings sent by children to “The Rosie O'Donnell Show.”

The New Kid on the Block:Poems

by Jack Prelutsky

Grades 2-6 (159 p) J811.54 Prelutsky

New Kid on the Block is full of humorous poems about such strange creatures and people as Baloney Belly Billy and the Gloopy Gloopers.



Lunch Money and Other Poems about School

by Carol Diggory Shields

Grades 1-4 (40 p) J811.54 Shields

Here are twenty-three humorous poems about school including such titles as "Math My Way," "Clockwatching," and "School Daze Rap."



Monster Goose by Judy Sierra

Grades 3-5 – J811.54 Sierra

Judy Sierra's *Monster Goose* is a collection of twenty-five nursery rhymes, rewritten to feature vampires, ghouls, mummies, the Loch Ness monster, and other fearsome creatures.



Falling Up:Poems and Drawings by Shel Silverstein

Grades 2-6 (171 p) J811.54 Silverstein

This is a fun collection of Shel Silverstein's humorous poems and drawings.

The Secret Knowledge of Grown Ups

Revealed and Illustrated by David Wisniewski

Grades 4-7 (48 p) J818.54 Wisniewski

Here it is kids, a humorous revelation of the real reasons why adults tell children to do things, such as "Eat your vegetables," "Comb your hair," and "Don't blow bubbles in your milk."

