

# Funny Books

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--- for all ages

## Chapter Books (J Fiction) --- Grades 3-8

### [Dealing with Dragons](#)

**Series Title:** [Enchanted Forest Chronicles](#)

by Wrede, Patricia C.

#### **J Fiction**

*Book #1: Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom. <br>*

### [Diary of a wimpy kid : Greg Heffley's journal](#)

**Series Title:** [Diary of a Wimpy Kid](#)

by Kinney, Jeff

*DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: GREG HEFFLEY'S JOURNAL is the first book in the series. Greg records his 6th grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.*

### [Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered](#)

by Paulsen, Gary

*Sent to live with relatives on their farm because of his unhappy home life, an 11-year-old city boy meets his distant cousin Harris and is given an introduction to a whole new world.*

### [Higher Power of Lucky](#)

by Patron, Susan

*Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, 10-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life. Winner, Newbery Medal, 2007*

### [How to Train Your Dragon](#)

by Cowell, Cressida

*Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon. Also-- HOW TO BE A PIRATE, HOW TO CHEAT A DRAGON'S CURSE. Some available in Spanish.*

### [Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key](#)

by Gantos, Paul

*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.*

[Niagara Falls, or does it?](#)

**Series Title:** [Hank Zipzer](#)

by Winkler, Henry

**J FICTION WIN**

*Fourth-graders Hank, Ashley, and Frankie are excitedly preparing for a magic show at the Rock 'N Bowl when Hank's creative alternative to an English essay lands him in detention and grounded the week of the show.*

[No More Dead Dogs](#)

by Korman, Gordon

*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.*

[Secret Blog of Raisin Rodriguez](#)

by Goldschmidt, Judy

*In a weblog she sends to her best friends back in Berkeley, 7th-grader Raisin Rodriguez chronicles her successes and her more frequent humiliating failures as she attempts to make friends at her new Philadelphia school.*

[SOUP](#)

**Series Title:** [SOUP](#)

by Peck, Robert Newton

**J FICTION PEC**

*The adventures and misadventures of two boys growing up in a small Vermont town in the 1930's. Soup and Rob are always getting into mischievous trouble that usually ends up involving their entire community.* 1. <a

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in Love</a>

[The Exiles](#)

by McKay, Hilary

*The four Conroy sisters spend a wild summer at the seaside with Big Grandma, who tries to break them of their reading habit by substituting fresh air and hard work for books and gets unexpected results. First in a series.*

[The fairy-tale detectives](#)

**Series Title:** [Sisters Grimm](#)

by Buckley, Michael

*FAIRY-TALE DETECTIVES is the first book in the Sisters Grimm series. Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead.*

[Unreal! Eight Surprising Stories](#)

by Jennings, Paul

**J FICTION**

*Two weird, chilling, and wacky story collections from the inimitable Paul Jennings. "Jennings has found the perfect formula for the scary and supernatural sprinkled with just the right touch of humor. . . . Don't miss out on the fun here".--School Library Journal, starred review.*

**Funny Books for Teens (YA Fiction)**

[24 girls in 7 days](#)

by Bradley, Alex

**YA Fiction BRA**

*Unlucky in love, teenager Jack Grammar cannot get a date to prom until his friends play a practical joke and place a personal ad in the school online newspaper on his behalf. Now Jack has 24 dates and just 7 days until prom.*

[Angus, Thongs and Full-frontal Snogging: Confessions of Georgia Nicolson](#)

by Rennison, Louise

*First in a series about Georgia Nicholson-- Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a 14-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie.*

[DAY NO PIGS WOULD DIE](#)

by Peck, Robert Newton

*To a 13-year-old Vermont farm boy whose father slaughters pigs for a living, maturity comes early as he learns "doing what's got to be done," especially regarding his pet pig who cannot produce a litter.*

[How to Ruin a Summer Vacation](#)

by Elkeles, Simone

*When 16-year-old Amy, a spoiled American, goes to Israel for a three-month summer vacation with a father she barely knows, she is not prepared for his Jewish family and the changes they bring about in her life.*

### [How to Ruin My Teenage Life](#)

by Elkeles, Simone

*Living with her Israeli father in Chicago, 17-year-old Amy Nelson-Barak feels like a walking disaster, worried about her boyfriend in the Israeli army; her mother, new stepfather, and the baby they are expecting; and a classmate named Nathan who has moved into her apartment building and says she is a snob.*

### [Long Way from Chicago](#)

by Peck, Richard

*A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother. John Newbery Honor Book.*

### [Oddballs: stories](#)

by Sleator, William

*A collection of 10 hilarious, semi-autobiographical stories from the author's youth and peopled with an unusual assortment of family and friends.*

### [Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants](#)

by Brashares, Ann

*SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS is the first book in the series-- Follows the adventures of four teenage girls, best friends since earliest childhood, who stay in touch over their summer vacations through a shared pair of secondhand jeans that magically adapts to each of their figures and affects their attitudes to their different experiences. This story is about roots, the need to be loved, and discovering who you really are.*

### [Squashed](#)

by Bauer, Joan

*As a 16-year-old pursues her two goals--growing the biggest pumpkin in Iowa and losing twenty pounds herself--she strengthens her relationship with her father and meets a young man with interests similar to her own.*

### [Year Down Yonder](#)

by Peck, Richard

*During the recession of 1937, 15-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.*

## **Funny Beginning Chapter Books (J Fiction) --- Grades 2-5**

### [ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS](#)

**Series Title:** [Captain Underpants](#)

by Pilkey, Dav

*ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS is the first book in the Captain Underpants series. When*

*George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen.*

[Cowboy Boy](#)

by Proimos, James

*Ricky Smootz is very afraid of everything, especially Keanu Dungston, the bully who terrorizes their middle school, but with advice from his grandmother Ricky transforms himself into Cowboy Boy and stands up to Keanu and his henchmen.*

[Knights of the Kitchen Table](#)

**Series Title:** [Time Warp Trio](#)

by Scieszka, Jon

**J FICTION SCI**

*A present from Joe's magician uncle carries Joe, Fred, and Sam back into history. The three are looking at pictures of knights one minute and the next find they are battling fire-breathing dragons.*

[Many Adventures of Johnny Mutton](#)

by Proimos, James

*Although he is a sheep, Johnny Mutton goes to school, competes in the spelling bee, dresses up for Halloween, and discovers his favorite sport, always remaining true to himself. Also: JOHNNY MUTTON, HE'S SO HIM and MUTTON SOUP.*

**Funny J Non-fiction Books**

[Boy: Tales of Childhood](#)

by Dahl, Roald

**J BIO DAHL**

*Dahl tells the story of his adventures and misadventures as a child: his involvement in the Great Mouse Plot of 1924; his first automobile ride, in which he nearly lost his nose; his many canings by Headmasters; and his vacations at home in Wales with his big family.*

[KNUCKLEHEAD: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories About Growing Up Scieszka](#)

by Scieszka, Jon

**J BIO SCIESZKA**

*How did Jon Scieszka get so funny? He grew up as one of six brothers with Catholic school, lots of comic books, lazy summers at the lake with time to kill, babysitting misadventures, TV shows, and jokes told at family dinner.*

[Rumpelstiltskin Problem](#)

by Vande Velde, Vivian

**J 398.2094 VAN**

*A collection of variations on the familiar story of a boastful miller and the daughter he claims can spin straw into gold.*

[Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig](#)

by Trivizas, Eugenios

**J 398.2 TRI**

*An altered retelling of the traditional tale about the conflict between pig and wolf--with a surprise ending.*

[Tops and Bottoms](#)

by Stevens, Janet

**J 398.2 STE**

*Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road.*

**Funny Readers --- Grades K-3**

[Happy Hocky Family !](#)

by Smith, Lane

*A series of short silly stories takes a humorous look at the activities of various members of the Hocky family.*

[Happy Hocky Family Moves to the Country!](#)

by Smith, Lane

*When the Hocky family moves to a big old house in the country, it takes them some time to adjust to a new way of life.*

[See Pip Point](#)

by Milgrim, David

*When Pip the mouse floats off with Otto the robot's balloon, Otto and Zee the Bee go to the rescue.*

[Swing Otto, Swing](#)

by Milgrim, David

*When Otto has trouble learning to swing on vines like his monkey friends, he decides to make his own swing set instead.*

**Funny Picture Books (JEasy) -- Ages 1-6**

[Alice the Fairy](#)

by Shannon, David

*Alice, who claims to be a Temporary Fairy, still has a lot to learn, such as how to make her clothes put themselves away in the closet.*

[Bark, George](#)

by Feiffer, Jules

**JEASY FEI**

*George's mother is trying to teach him to bark like a dog, but he is making other sounds of other animals even though he is a dog.*

[Billy's Bucket](#)

by Gray, Kes

*Despite his parents' protests, Billy wants nothing for his birthday but a very special bucket and all goes well until the bucket is borrowed without his permission.*

[Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs](#)

by Barrett, Judy

*Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers--until the weather takes a turn for the worse.*

[Cowboy Jose](#)

by Elya, Susan Middleton

*A poor cowboy enters a rodeo to win a date from a pretty senorita, but afterwards wonders if he should spend his winnings on the girl, who is only interested in the money, or on his trusty horse, whose encouragement helped him win.*

[Daddy Mountain](#)

by Feiffer, Jules

*A little girl makes the perilous climb up her father's body, from his foot to the top of his head.*

[Diary of a wombat](#)

by French, Jackie

**JEASY**

*In his diary, a wombat describes his life of eating, sleeping, and getting to know some new human neighbors.*

[Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!](#)

by Willems, Mo

*When the bus driver decides to take a break from driving, a wild and wacky pigeon pleads and begs to take his place, capturing the antics of a preschooler's temper tantrum. Available in Spanish as NO DEJES QUE LA PALOMA CONDUZCO EL AUTOBUS!*

[Duck on a Bike](#)

by Shannon, David

**JEASY SHA**

*A duck decides to ride a bike and soon influences all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too. Also available in Spanish as PATO VA EN BICI.*

[George and Martha](#)

by Marshall, James

*Though their friendship is often tested, George and Martha survive with a sense of humor.*

[I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!](#)

by Beaumont, Karen

*In the rhythm of a familiar folk song, a child cannot resist adding one more dab of paint in surprising places.*

[Ivan the Terrier](#)

by Catalanotto, Peter

*A terrier named Ivan keeps interrupting story hour.*

[Leonardo the Terrible Monster](#)

by Willems, Mo

*Leonardo is a terrible monster -- he can't seem to frighten anyone. When he discovers the perfect nervous little boy, will he scare the lunch out of him? Or will he think of something better?*

[Olivia](#)

by Falconer, Ian

**JEASY FAL**

*Whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good.*

[Olivia and the Fairy Princesses](#)

by Falconer, Ian

**JEASY FAL**

*Olivia is having an identity crisis--there are too many ruffly, sparkly princesses around these days stealing her spotlight, so she embarks on a quest for individuality, to stand out, and feel special.*

[STAND TALL, MOLLY LOU MELON](#)

by Lovell, Patty

**JEASY LOV**

*Even when the class bully at her new school makes fun of her, Molly remembers what her grandmother told her and she feels good about herself.*

[Tickle the Duck!](#)

by Long, Ethan

*Are you ticklish? This duck sure is!*

[True Story of the 3 Little Pigs](#)

by Scieszka, Jon

*The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.*

[Trust me, Mom!](#)

by McAllister, Angela

*Ollie tries to be safe and polite on his first walk to the corner store alone, even when scary creatures appear on the way.*

[Tuesday](#)

by Wiesner, David

*Frogs rise on their lily pads, float through the air, and explore the nearby houses while their inhabitants sleep. Caldecott winner*

[Ugly Fish](#)

by LaReau, Kara

*At first Ugly Fish likes being alone in his tank so much that he eats any fish that tries to share it, but when he becomes lonely, he devises a better plan.*