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LOWER GRAMMAR (1ST - 3RD GRADES)

EASY

The 18 Penny Goose, Sally M. Walker

***Alfred the King*, Chris Schlect**

Amos and Boris, William Steig

Bartholomew and the Oobleck, Dr. Seuss

Bedtime for Francis (+ any in series), Russell Hoban

Ben Franklin and His First Kite, Stephen Krensky

***The Biggest Bear*, Lynd Ward**

Big Sister and Little Sister, Charlotte Zolotow

Big Snow, Jonathan Bean

***Billy and Blaze (+Blaze sequels)*, C.W. Anderson**

The Big Snow, Berta and Elmer Hader

***The Black Flag*, Ned Bustard**

***Blaze and the Forest Fire*, C.W. Anderson**

***Blueberries for Sal*, Robert McCloskey**

The Boy Who Loved to Draw, Barbara Brenner

***The Brave Monk*, R. C. Sproul, Jr.**

***Bread and Jam for Francis*, Russell Hoban**

Building our House, Jonathan Bean

***Caps for Sale*, Esphyr Slobodkina**

Carl Sandburg (Poetry for Young People Series), Francis Bolin

***Caught in Smiles*, Doug Jones**

***A Chair for My Mother*, Vera B. Williams**

***Chicken Soup with Rice*, Maurice Sendak**

The Circus Ship, Chris Van Dunsen

***The Complete Adventures of Peter Rabbit (selections)*, Beatrix Potter**

***Corduroy (+ any in series)*, Don Freeman**

***Curious George (+ any in series)*, H.A. Rey**

***Curious George Rides a Bike*, H.A. Rey**

***Cyrus the Archer*, Wes & Dani Callihan**

Degas and the Little Dancer, Laurence Anholt

***Doctor De Soto*, William Steig**

Drummer Hoff, Ed and Barbara Emberley

***Each Peach, Pear, Plum*, Allan and Janet Ahlberg**

Egyptians (Usborne Beginners), Stephanie Turnbull

***Ella Sings Jazz*, Ned Bustard**

***The Emperor's New Clothes*, Hans Christian Andersen**

***The Empty Pot*, Demi**

Exodus, Brian Wildsmith

***Fathers' Faith*, Tyler Fischer**

The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris

Lessmore, William Joyce

***Floss (series)*, Kim Lewis**

Frederick (+ any in series), Leo Lionni

Ferdinand, Munroe Leaf

***Frog and Toad are Friends*, Arnold Lobel**

***Frog and Toad Together (+ any in series)*, Arnold Lobel**

Frog Went A-Courtin', John Langstaff

George: The Drummer Boy, Nathaniel Benchley

***The Grand Cat*, Kathy Durant**

***Harry the Dirty Dog (+ any in series)*, Gene Zion**

***Hattie and the Fox*, Mem Fox**

The Hat, Jan Brett

***Henry and Mudge (+ any in series)*, Cynthia Rylant**

Henri Matisse

Drawing with Scissors, Jane O'Conner

Hold My Hand, Charlotte Zolotow

How Do Apples Grow?, Betsy Maestro

***Howard Saves a Hound*, Carl L. Petticoffer**

I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today!, Dr. Seuss

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If I Ran the Zoo, Dr. Seuss

***If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, Laura Numeroff**

Joseph, Brian Wildsmith

Katie Meets the Impressionist, James Mayhew

Katie's Picture Show, James Mayhew

Katy & the Big Snow, Virginia L. Burton

***Abbie Keep the Lights Burning*, Peter and Connie Roop**

Leonardo and the Flying Boy, Laurence Anholt

***Lexi's Hope*, Diana DiPasquale Bauer**

The Librarian Who Measured the Earth, Kathryn Lasky

***Little Bear*, Elise Minarik**

***Little Bear's Friend*, Else Holmelund Minarik**

***Little Bear's Visit (+ any in series)*, Elise Minarik**

***The Little Engine that Could*, Watty Piper**

***The Little House*, Virginia L. Burton**

The Little Island, Leonard Weisgard

Little Rabbit's Loose Tooth (+ any in series), Lucy Bate

Little Toot, Hardie Gramatky

***Madeline (+ any in series)*, Ludwig Bemelmans**

Madeline's Rescue, Ludwig Bemelmans

***The Magic Fish*, Freya Littledale**

***Make Way for Ducklings*, Robert McCloskey**

May I Bring a Friend?, Beatrice de Regniers

***Max's Dragon Shirt*, Rosemary Wells**

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel, Virginia L. Burton

***Miss Nelson is Missing*, Harry G. Allard**

***Miss Rumphius*, Barbara Cooney**

***The Mitten*, Jan Brett**

***Moon Mission*, Tom Garfield**

Mouse Soup, Arnold Lobel

Mouton's Impossible Dream, Anik McGrory

***Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour Tea*, Cynthia Rylant**

Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present, Charlotte Zolotow

Mr. Squirrel & the Moon, Sebastian Meschenmoser

***My Clara*, Rachel Wilson**

***Nate the Great*, Marjorie Sharmat**

***Nate the Great and the Lost List*, Marjorie Sharmat**

***A New Coat for Anna*, Harriet Ziefert**

***One Fine Day*, Nonny Hogrogin**

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish, Dr. Seuss

Owl at Home, Arnold Lobel

Oxcart Man, Donald Hall

Pancakes, Pancakes!, Eric Carle

Paul Bunyan, Stephen Kellogg

Penny and Her Marble, Kevin Henkes

Pioneer Bear, Joan Sandin

***Queen of the Sea*, Douglas Jones**

***Quothe the Prophet*, R. C. Sproul, Jr.**

***Red Hood*, Ned Bustard**

Rembrandt and the Boy, Molly Blaisdell

***Right Night: The Story of Anne Bradstreet*, Nancy Wilson**

Robert Frost (Poetry for Young People Series), Gary Schmidt

Robert Louis Stevenson (Poetry for Young People Series), Frances Schoonmaker

***The Sailing Saint*, Ned Bustard**

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Sam: The Minute Man, Nathaniel Benchley

***Sammy the Seal*, Syd Hoff**

***Serving in the Shadow of Death*, Laura Blakey**

A Sick Day for Amos McGee, Philip C. Stead

The Snowy Day, Ezra Keats

Squanto: Friend of the Pilgrims, Clyde Bulla

***Stellaluna*, Janell Cannon**

***Stone Soup*, Marcia Brown**

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening,
Robert Frost

The Storm Book, Charlotte Zolotow

***The Story about Ping*, Marjorie Flack**

Suzette and the Puppy, Mary Cassatt

Swimmy, Leo Lionni

***The Sword of Rob Roy*, Gene Veith**

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, William Steig

***A Tale of Sir Galahad*, Ned Bustard**

The Tale of Three Trees, Angela Hunt

The First Thanksgiving, Linda Hayward

There's a Wocket in My Pocket, Dr. Seuss

Three Young Pilgrims, Cheryl Harness

The True Story of Pocahontas, Lucille Penner

***Up in the Sky*, Tom Garfield**

Van Gogh and the Sunflowers, Laurence
Anholt

Water is Water: A Book About the Water Cycle,
Miranda Paul

When I Was Young in the Mountains, Cynthia
Rylant

Where the Wild Things Are, Maurice Sendak

Yellow & Pink, William Steig

***Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin*, Lloyd Moss**

*A Boy, A Mouse and a Spider: The Story of
E.B. White*, Barbara Herkert

*A Visit to William Blake's Inn: Poems for
Innocent and Experienced Travelers*, Nancy
Willard

Adrian Simcox Does NOT Have a Horse, Mary
Campbell

Adventures in Ancient Egypt, Linda Bailey

The Adventures of Old Mr. Toad, Thornton W.
Burgess

All the Places to Love, Patricia MacLachlan

***Amelia Bedelia (+ any in series)*, Peggy
Parish**

Ancient Egypt ((History Detectives), Philip
Ardagh

Andy and the Lion, James Daugherty

***Animal Folk Tales of America*, Tony Palazo**

***Baby Island*, Carol Brink**

***A Baby Sister for Frances*, Russell Hoban**

***A Bear Called Paddington*, Michael Bond**

***The Bears on Hemlock Mountain*, Dalglish**

The Big Book of Brambly Hedge, Jill Barklem

Big Friends, Linda Sarah

***The Biggest Bear*, Lynd Ward**

***Billy and Blaze (+any sequels)*, C.W.**

Anderson

***A Birthday for Frances*, Russell Hoban**

***Blaze and the Lost Quarry*, C.W. Anderson**

*The Boo-Boos That Changed the World: A True
Story About an Accidental Invention*, Barry
Wittenstien

The Boy Who Loved to Draw, Barbara Brenner

Brave Irene, William Steig

Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?,
Jean Fritz

Cecily G. & the 9 Monkeys, H.A. Rey

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A Chair for My Mother, Vera B. Williams

Chanticleer and the Fox, Barbara Cooney

Child's Garden of Verses, Robert Louis Stevenson

The Complete Adventures of Peter Rabbit (selections), Beatrix Potter

Corn is Maize, Alike

The Courage of Sarah Noble, Alice Dalgliesh

Daniel's Duck, Clyde Bulla

Dick Whittington and His Cat, Marcia Brown

Doctor De Soto, William Steig

Down Buttermilk Lane, Barbara Mitchell

Edward Lear (Poetry for Young People Series), Edward Mendelson

Egypt, Stephen Krensky

Emily Dickinson (Poetry for Young People Series), Francis Bolin

The Emperor's New Clothes, Hans Christian Andersen

Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective, Donald Sobol

Encyclopedia Brown (+ any in series), Donald J. Sobol

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear, Lindsay Mattick

Flight of the Honey Bee, Raymond Huber

Floss (series), Kim Lewis

Frog and Toad are Friends, Arnold Lobel

George Washington's Breakfast, Jean Fritz

George Washington's Mother, Jean Fritz

A Gift for Grandpa, Angela Hunt

Great Joy, Kate DiCamillo

Hello Lighthouse, Sophie Blackall

Henry Huggins (+ any in series), Beverly Cleary

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (Poetry for Young People Series), Frances Schoonmaker

The House at Pooh Corner, A.A. Milne

Ignatius of Antioch: The Man Who Faced Lions, Dr. Sinclair Ferguson

In Grandma's Attic, Arleta Richardson
Irenaeus of Lyons: The Man Who Wrote Books

James & the Giant Peach, Roald Dahl

Jem's Island, Kathryn Lasky

The Jesus Storybook Bible, Sally Lloyd-Jones

Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln, Jean Fritz

Kermit the Hermit, Bill Peet

The King's Giraffe, Mary Jo Collier

Lentil, Robert McCloskey

Lewis Carroll (Poetry for Young People Series), Edward Mendelson

Little Bear's Visit (+ any in series), Elise Minarik

Little House in the Big Woods, Laura Ingalls Wilder

Little House on the Prairie (+ sequels), Laura Ingalls Wilder

Locomotive, Brian Floca

Madeline (+ any in series), Ludwig Bemelmans

The Magic Fish, Freya Littledale

Make Way for Ducklings, Robert McCloskey

Me and Momma and Big John (St. John the Divine), Mara Rockliff

The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook, Joyce Brisley

Miss Nelson Is Missing! (+ sequels), Harry Allard

Miss Rumphius, Barbara Cooney

Moonwalk: The First Trip to the Moon, Judy Donnelly

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Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom, Weatherford/Nelson
Mr. Popper's Penguins, Richard Atwater
My Grandfather's Coat, Jim Aylesworth
Nate the Great (+ sequels), Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Nate the Great and the Lost List, Marjorie Sharmat
A New Coat for Anna, Harriet Ziefert
Night Job, Karen Hesse
Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin, Gene Barretta
The Old Stories
The One Bad Thing About Father, F.N. Monjo
One Morning in Maine, Robert McClowskey
Owl Moon, Jane Yolen
Owls in the Family, Farley Mowat
Ox-cart Man, Donald Hall
Pinocchio, Carlo Collodi
Polycarp of Smyrna: The Man Whose Faith Lasted, Dr. Sinclair Ferguson
Pompeii . . . Buried Alive!, Edith Kunhardt
Prairie School, Avi
Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis, Jabari Asim
The Quiltmaker's Gift, Jeff Brumbeau
The Railway Children, Edith Nesbit
Reuben and the Blizzard, Merie Good
Reuben and the Quilt, Merie Good
Ribsy, Beverly Cleary
Roxaboxen, Alice McLerran
Samuel Eaton's Day (American Pilgrims), Kate Waters

Sarah Morton's Day (American Pilgrims), Kate Waters
Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille, Jen Bryant
Song of the Swallows, Leo Politi
Squanto and the Miracle of Thanksgiving, Eric Metaxas
St. George and the Dragon, Margaret Hodges
The Steadfast Tin Soldier, Hans Christian Andersen
Tales from Beatrix Potter, **Beatrix Potter**
The Tale of Peter Rabbit, **Beatrix Potter**
The Thanksgiving Story, Alice Dalgliesh
The Boxcar Children (1-17), Gertrude Chandler Warner
The Reason for a Flower, Ruth Heller
Thimbleberry Stories, Cynthia Rylant
Three Young Pilgrims, Cheryl Harness
Time of Wonder, Robert McCloskey
Time Train to Ancient Rome (Usborne), Gaby Waters
Tomahawks and Trombones, Barbara Mitchell
The Trojan Horse, Emily Little
Tut's Mummy, Judy Donnelly
The Velveteen Rabbit, Margery Williams
When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer, Walt Whitman
Who Built the Pyramids? ((Usborne), Jane Chisholm
Why Do Leaves Change Color?, Betsy Maestro
Winnie-the-Pooh, A.A. Milne
The World of Christopher Robin, A.A. Milne

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The 5,000-Year-Old Puzzle, Claudia Logan
***Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Lewis Carol**

Along Came a Dog, Meindert DeLong
Ancient Greece (Interfact), Robert Nicholson
Anna Hibiscus, Atinuke

***Babe: the Gallant Pig*, Dick King-Smith**
***A Bear Called Paddington*, Michael Bond**

Ben and Me, Robert Lawson

***The Borrowers*, Mary Norton**

A Boy Called Dickens, Deborah Hopkinson

The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John

James Audubon, Jacqueline Davies

Brightly of the Grand Canyon, Marguerite Henry

***The Cabin Faced West*, Jean Fritz**

Caleb's Story, Patricia MacLachlan

***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Ronald Dahl**

***Charlotte's Web*, E.B. White**

Chester Cricket's New Home, George Selden

The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey,

Susan Wojciechowski

Cleopatra, Stanley

The Cricket in Times Square, George Selden

***The Courage of Sarah Noble*, Alice**

Dalgliesh

Detectives in Togas (ancient Rome), Henry Winterfield

Dominic, William Steig

***The Dragon of Lonely Island*, Rebecca Rupp**

Edgar Allan Poe (Poetry for Young People Series), Brod Bagert

Edna St. Vincent Millay (Poetry for Young People Series), Frances Schoonmaker

***The Emperor's New Clothes*, Hans Christian Anderson**

Fables, Leo Lobel

The Farm, James E. Knight

***Farmer Boy*, Laura Ingalls Wilder**

The Great Pyramid, Elizabeth Mann

Hieroglyphs, Joyce Milton

***Homer Price*, Robert McCloskey**

***The Hundred Dresses*, Elanor Estes**

***The Indian in the Cupboard*, Lynne Reid Banks**

Just So Stories, Rudyard Kipling

King of the Wind, Marguerite Henry

The King Without a Shadow, R.C. Sproul

***The Lion the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, C.S. Lewis**

The Little Lambe Prince, Dinah Craik

***The Magician's Nephew*, C.S. Lewis**

***The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook*, Joyce Brisley**

Miss Bianca (+ sequels), Margery Sharp

***Misty of Chincoteague (+ sequels)*, Marguerite Henry**

***Mr. Popper's Penguins*, Richard Atwater**

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH, Robert O'Brien

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle, MacDonald

***On the Banks of Plum Creek*, Laura Ingalls Wilder**

Ordinary, Extraordinary Jane Austen, Hopkinson

***Peter Pan*, J.M. Barry**

***The Pinocchio of C. Collodi*, Carlo Collodi**

The Priest with Dirty Clothes, R.C. Sproul

The Prince's Poison Cup, R.C. Sproul

Rabbit Hill, Rabbit Lawson

Ralph S. Mouse, Beverly Cleary

Ramona Quimby, Age 8, Beverly Cleary

***The Random House Book of Fairy Tales*, Amy Ehrlich**

Rasco and the Rats of NIMH (sequel to Mrs. Frisby . . .), Jane Conly

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The Rescuers, Margery Sharp
The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus,
Jen Bryant
*Rudyard Kipling (Poetry for Young People
Series)*, Eileen Gillooly
Runaway Ralph, Beverly Cleary
***Sarah, Plain and Tall*, Patricia MacLachlan**
*Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State
Building*, Deborah Hopkinson
***Story of the Treasure Seekers*, E. Nesbit**
***Stuart Little*, E.B. White**
The Black Stallion, Walter Farley
The Phantom Tollbooth, Norton Juster
Trombone Shorty, Andrews/Collier
The Trumpet of the Swan, E.B. White
Tutankhamen's Gift, Robert Sabuda
The Ugly Duckling, Lorinda Andersen
The Wheel on the School, Meindert DeJong

TEACHER READS ALOUD

The Aesop for Children, Aesop (Challenging)
*Against the World: The Odyssey of
Athanasius*, H. W. Coray (Challenging)
Amish Horses, Richard Ammon (Average)
An Amish Year, Richard Ammon (Average)
The Ancient Greece of Odysseus, Peter
Connolly (Challenging)
Andersen's Fairy Tales, H.C. Andersen
(Challenging)
The Bronze Bow, Elizabeth Speare
(Challenging)
The Children's Homer, Colum (Challenging)

A Child's Garden of Verses, Robert Louis
Stevenson (Challenging)
Classic Myths to Read Aloud, W F. Russell
*D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths
(selections)*, Edgar and Ingri d'Aulaire
(Challenging)
The Golden Fleece, Colum (Challenging)
Grimm's Fairy Tales, Grimm (Challenging)
Henner's Lydia, Marguerite de Angeli
(Challenging)
Joel: A Boy of Galilee, A.F. Johnston
(Challenging)
The Legionary (The Roman World), Peter
Connolly (Challenging)
Little Pilgrim's Progress, H.L. Taylor
(Challenging)
The Mystery of the Hieroglyphs, Donoghue
(Easy)
A Poem for Peter, Andrea Pinkney
(Challenging)
*So Tall Within: Sojourner Truth's Long Walk
Toward Freedom*, Garry D. Schmidt
(Challenging)
Stories of the Pilgrims, Margaret B.
Pumphrey (Challenging)
The Story of William Penn, Alike (Easy)
Thee, Hannah!, Marguerite de Angeli
(Challenging)
The Wonder Clock, Howard Pyle
(Challenging)