Heavily Illustrated Early Chapter Books

Like Kate DiCamillo's *Mercy Watson* books, these beginner's eye-friendly books have lots of illustrations that break up the text.

*Inspector Flytrap* (series) J ANGLEBERGER

*The Critter Club* (series) J BARKLEY

*The Bad Guys* (series) JGN BLABEY

*Eerie Elementary* (series) J CHABERT

*Heidi Heckelbeck* (series) J COVEN

*The Chicken Squad* (series) J CRONIN

*Owl Diaries* (series) J ELLIOTT

*Press Start!* (series) J FLINTHAM

*The Princess in Black* (series) J HALE

*Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny* (series) J HIMMELMAN

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Captain Awesome (series) J KIRBY

*Princess Pink and the Land of Fake-Believe* (series) JJONES

*Sofia Martinez* (series) J JULES

*The Infamous Ratsos* J LAREAU

*The Kingdom of Wrenly* (series) J QUINN

*Dragon Masters* (series) J WEST

Haggis and Tank Unleashed (series) J YOUNG

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Early Mystery Series

![Image: A Spy in the White House](image1)

![Image: Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew](image2)

- *A-Z Mysteries* J ROY
- *Ballpark Mysteries* J BALLPARK
- *The Capital Mysteries* J ROY
- *The Boxcar Children* J WARNER
- *Jigsaw Jones* J PRELLER
- *Nate the Great* J ER SHARMAT
- *Nancy Clancy* J O’CONNOR
- *Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew* J KEENE
- *Scooby-Doo Mysteries* J SCOOPY
- *Young Cam Jansen* J ER ADLER and J ADLER

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Realistic Fiction

Books about everyday life—school, friends, family, getting into scrapes, and more.

*Roscoe Riley Rules* (series) J APPLEGATE

*Anna Hibiscus* (series) J ATINUKE

*Ivy and Bean* (series) J BARROWS

*Amber Brown* (series) J DANZIGER

*Ready, Freddy!* (series) J KLEIN

*Horrible Harry* (series) J KLINE

*Judy Moody* (series) J MCDONALD

*Stink* (series) J MCDONALD

*Juana and Lucas* J MEDINA

*Life of Ty* (series) J MYRACLE

*The Secret Games of Maximus Todd* (series) J NICODEMO

*Clementine* (series) J PENNYPACKER

*Dory Fantasmagory* (series) J SCANLON
For Animal Lovers

Magic Puppy (series) J BENTLEY
Spunky Tells All J CAMERON
How to Save Your Tail J HANSON
Lulu and the... (series) J MCKAY
Puppy Place (series) J MILES

8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel / 1 Dog = CHAOS
J VANDE VELDE

Tried and True

Flat Stanley (series) J BROWN
The Magic Finger J DAHL
Mercy Watson (series) J DICAMILLO
My Father’s Dragon J GANNETT

Magic Tree House—enjoy (sometime publish all these “The Jack and Annie books”) J OSBORNE
Amelia Bedelia (series) J ER P — find longer Amelia Bedelia adventures under “Parish” in JFIC
The Littles J PETERSON

More Series to Try!

Secrets of Droon J ABBOTT
Arthur Chapter Books J BROWN
My Weird School J GUTMAN
Babymouse JGN HOLM
Katie Kazoo J KRULIK
Rainbow Magic Fairies J MEADOWS
Butterfly Meadow J MOSS
Shark School J OCEAN
Galaxy Zack J O’RYAN
Time Warp Trio J SCIERSZKA
Mermaid SOS J SHIELDS
Geronimo Stilton J STILTON
Dinosaur Cove J STONE
Black Lagoon Adventures J THALER

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