

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

Call Number: JF /JP SACHA

**Never Girls: In A Blink** by Kiki Thorpe.  
When four friends are whisked out of their ordinary lives to Never Land, home to fairies and mermaids, Queen Clarion and Tinker Bell have to figure out a way for them to get home.

Call Number: JP THORP

**Ellray Jakes is not a Chicken**  
by Sally Warner. Finding an intergalactic special agent in his cereal box, Richard joins the extraterrestrial in a fight to save Earth from the Dranes.

Call Number: JF WARNE

**The Boxcar Children**  
by Gertrude Chandler Warner.  
Introduces the orphaned Alden family children, who make an abandoned boxcar their home, demonstrating their independence and ability to "make do."  
Call Number: JP WARNER



### Finding a Book that Fits: 5 Finger Test

- Choose a book and have your child read any page aloud.
- Hold up a finger for every word your child can't figure out or doesn't know the meaning of.
- Count your fingers and see what fits:

**0-1 Finger:** A good fit, this will be an easy confidence builder.

**2 Fingers:** A good fit, this will be an enjoyable independent read.

**3 Fingers:** Just right, this will be a little challenging but rewarding.

**4 Fingers:** This may be challenging, read with a partner.

**5 Fingers:** Too challenging to read alone but a great choice for an adult to read aloud.

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### SUGGESTED READING



# Suggestions for Grade 2

## **Anna Hibiscus**

by Tobia Atinuke.

Anna Hibiscus lives in Amazing Africa. She lives with her whole family in a wonderful house and there is always somebody to laugh and play with. Anna Hibiscus loves to splash in the sea with her cousins and have parties with her aunties. But more than anything else in the world, Anna Hibiscus would love to see snow.

Call Number: JP ATINU

## **Ivy and Bean** by Annie Barrows.

When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

Call Number: JF BARRO

## **Lucky Beans** by Becky Birtha.

Like so many people during the Great Depression of the 1930s, Marshall Loman's dad has lost his job. There's little money, but there are plenty of beans-in fact, Ma cooks them for supper every single night! Beans start looking better when Marshall sees the contest posted in the furniture store window. HOW MANY BEANS ARE IN THE JAR? WIN THIS BRAND NEW SEWING MACHINE!

Call Number: JP BIRTHA

## **Freckle Juice** by Judy Blume.

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe.

Call Number: JP BLUME

## **The Haunted Library** by Dori Butler.

Kaz is an ordinary ghost. The wind separates Kaz from his family and carries him to a library far away, and he is scared he will be lost forever. That is, until he meets Claire--a human who can actually see him!

Call Number: JF BUTLER

## **Notebook of Doom: Whack of the P-Rex**

by Troy Cummings.

When Alexander and his friends find a very large footprint and piles of candy everywhere, they realize the school is being threatened by a Piñata-saurus Rex, a sweet-tasting monster who likes to smash things.

Call Number: JF CUMMI

## **Matilda** by Roald Dahl.

Matilda is a sweet, exceptional young girl, but her parents think she's just a nuisance. She expects school to be different but there she has to face Miss Trunchbull, a menacing, kid-hating headmistress. When Matilda is attacked by the Trunchbull she suddenly discovers she has a remarkable power with which to fight back.

Call Number: JP DAHL

## **Babymouse: Queen of the World**

by Jennifer Holm.

An imaginative mouse dreams of being queen of the world, but will settle for an invitation to the most popular girl's slumber party.

Call Number: JGN 741.5 HOLM

## **Captain Awesome Takes Flight**

by Stan Kirby.

At the airport, Eugene bumps into Fun E. Racer, disguised as a flight attendant, who intends to stop him from going on vacation.

Call Number: JP KIRBY

## **Frog and Toad Are Friends** by Arnold Lobel.

Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends.

Call Number: ER LOB

## **How I Became a Pirate** by Melinda Long.

Jeremy joins a pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manners, and other aspects of their lives.

Call Number: EF LON

## **Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum**

by Meghan McCarthy.

Learn the cool history of the popular sweet treat, Bubblegum!

Call Number: JNF 664.6 MCC

## **Judy Moody Gets Famous!**

by Megan McDonald.

When a third grade classmate gets her picture in the paper for winning a spelling bee, Judy is determined to find a way to become famous herself.

Call Number: JF MCDON

## **Clementine** by Sarah Pennypacker.

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Call Number: JF PENNY

## **Dog Man** by Dav Pilkey.

George and Harold create a new comic book hero in Dog Man, a crime fighter with the head of a police dog and the body of a policeman, who faces off against his archnemesis Petey the cat.

Call Number: JGN 741.5 PIL

## **Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down** by Andrea Davis Pinkney.

A celebration of the 50th anniversary of the momentous Woolworth's lunch counter sit-in, when four college students staged a peaceful protest that became a defining moment in the struggle for racial equality and the growing civil rights movement.

Call Number: JNF 323.1196 PIN

## **Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea**

by Cynthia Rylant.

Mr. Putter brings an old cat home from the animal shelter to share his life with him.

Call Number: ER RYL