

# Great Books for Third Graders

## **Spirit Week Showdown** by Crystal Allen

JFIC ALLEN Spirit (Lexile 620)

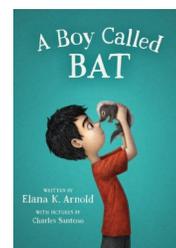
When Mya gets paired with the biggest bully in school, her best friend Naomi gets angry. Can Mya get her friend back?



## **A Boy Called Bat** by Elana K. Arnold

JFIC ARNOLD Boy (Lexile 760)

Bat's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But the minute Bat (Bixby Alexander Tam) meets the kit, he knows they belong together.



## **The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown

JFIC BROWN Wild (Lexile 740)

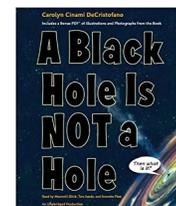
Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there. Her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.



## **A Black Hole is NOT a Hole** by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano

JNF 523.8875 D298b (Lexile 900)

This examination of black holes discusses what they are, what causes them, how they are discovered, and more.



## **Masters of Disguise: Amazing Animal Tricksters** by Rebecca L. Johnson

JNF 591.473 J68m (Lexile 1010)

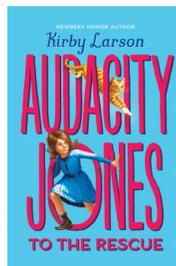
A chick that looks like a furry, poisonous caterpillar? A tiny spider that builds a large spider-shaped decoy in its web? Meet nine extraordinary tricksters and learn their duping ways.



## **Audacity Jones to the Rescue\*** by Kirby Larson

JFIC LARSON Audacity (Lexile 790)

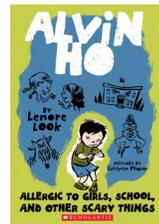
Longing for excitement, eleven-year-old Audacity Jones, a resident at Miss Maisie's School for Wayward Girls, accompanies the mysterious Commodore Crutchfield to Washington, DC, before discovering his plot against the president



**Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things\*** by Lenore Look

JFIC LOOK Alvin (Lexile 600)

A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.



**Juana & Lucas** by Juana Medina

JFIC MEDINA Juana (Lexile 870)

Juana is a spunky young girl from Colombia who loves playing with her canine best friend. She resists boring school activities, especially learning English, until her family tells her that a special trip is planned to an English-speaking place.



**My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish\*** by Mo O'Hara

JFIC O'HARA My (Lexile 740)

Told in two separate stories, Tom's big brother becomes an evil scientist and his first experiment is on Tom's goldfish Frankie. To save Frankie, Tom zaps him with a battery to bring him back to life, but something is not quite right.



**Dog Man** by Dav Pilkey\*

JGN DOG MAN 1 (Lexile 390)

When Greg the police dog and his cop companion are injured on the job, a life-saving surgery changes the course of history and Dog Man is born. With the head of a dog and the body of a human, this heroic hound has a real nose for justice.



**Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems** by Bob Raczka

JNF 811.6 R123w (Lexile 760)

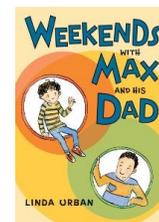
Who says words need to be concrete? This collection shapes poems in surprising and delightful ways.



**Weekends with Max and His Dad** by Linda Urban

JFIC URBAN Weekends (Lexile 630)

Third-grader Max pursues neighborhood adventures with his dad as they both adjust to recent changes in their family.



**Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible\*** by Ursula Vernon

JFIC VERNON Hamster (Lexile 810)

Harriet becomes an adventurer after learning she is cursed to fall into a deep sleep on her twelfth birthday. After two years of exploits with her riding quail, things go awry at home and she must seek a prince to set things right.



\* Denotes title is part of a series.