



Beginning Chapter Books

Easy chapter books for students who have moved past easy readers but who aren't quite ready for long chapter books.

For help finding any of these books, please visit the Reference Desk on the first floor.

Afa, Alma Flor. **My Name is Maria Isabel.** (CBC Fic Ad112m 1993)

Third grader María Isabel, born in Puerto Rico and now living in the U.S., wants badly to fit in at school; and the teacher's writing assignment "My Greatest Wish" gives her that opportunity.

Atwater, Richard and Florence. **Mr. Popper's Penguins.** (CBC Fic At945m)

With twelve penguins on his hands as pets, Mr. Popper finds himself unable to continue his occupation as a house painter.

Barrows, Annie. **Ivy & Bean.** (CBC Fic B2793i 2006)

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.

Byars, Betsy. **Boo's Dinosaur.** (CBC Fic B99bo 2006)

When young Boo is followed home by a dinosaur that only she can see, it causes a bit of trouble for her older brother, Sammy.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson to the Rescue.** (CBC Fic D5473m 2005)

After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson Fights Crime.** (CBC Fic D5473mf 2006)

Nosy neighbors, astonished firemen, a puzzled policeman, and the ever-doting Watsons return for a new tongue-in-snout adventure about Kate DiCamillo's delightfully single-minded pig.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride.** (CBC Fic D5473me 2006)

Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive in his Cadillac with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel.

Fine, Anne. **Notso Hotso.** (CBC Fic F4937n 2006)

Anthony, a neglected pet dog, develops an irritating skin condition and has most of his hair shaved off, which embarrasses him greatly until he realizes he now looks like a lion and can frighten other animals and people.

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. **My Father's Dragon.** (Historical Fic G1564m 1948)

A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Say What?** (CBC Fic H1172s 2005)

When their parents begin saying the wrong thing every time six-year-old Sukie and her older brothers misbehave, the children discover that it is a plot and fight back with their own wrong phrases.

Hinton, S.E. **The Puppy Sister.** (CBC Fic H5974p 1995)

A young boy is astonished when his new puppy begins to change into a human girl who says to him, "I love you, brother!"

Kline, Suzy. **Horrible Harry's Secret.** (CBC Fic K6854h 1993)

Horrible Harry falls in love with Song Lee, and Harry's best friend, Doug, can't stand all that mush.



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Krulic, Nancy. **Write On!** (CBC Fic K9397w 2005)

Fourth-grader Katie forgets to read the new book of her favorite author, Nellie Farrow, who comes to class for a discussion, but when Katie turns into Nellie, the presentation seems doomed! Includes a recipe for S'More Bananas.

Look, Lenore. **Ruby Lu, Brave and True.** (CBC Fic L8728r 2004)

"Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks and learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.

Look, Lenore. **Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything.** (CBC Fic L8728re 2006)

After Ruby Lu's deaf cousin, Flying Duck, and her parents come from China to live with her, Ruby finds life challenging as she adjusts to her new family, tries to mend her rocky relationship with her friend Emma, and faces various adventures in summer school.

Lowry, Lois. **All About Sam.** (CBC Fic L9557al 1988)

The adventures of Sam, Anastasia Krupnik's younger brother, from his first day as a newborn through his mischievous times as a toddler.

Lowry, Lois. **Gooney Bird Green.** (CBC Fic L9557go 2002)

A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

Sachar, Louis. **Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger.** (CBC Fic Sa142wg 2004)

Unusual things continue to happen in the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody.** (CBC Fic M1459j 2000)

Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.

McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody Gets Famous!** (CBC Fic M1459jq 2001)

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.

McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody Saves the World!** (CBC Fic M1459js 2002)

When Judy Moody gets serious about protecting the environment, her little brother Stink thinks she is overdoing it, but she manages to inspire her third grade class to undertake an award-winning, environment-saving project.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler. **The Boxcar Children.** (CBC Fic W2444bc 1977)

Four orphans take shelter in an old boxcar during a storm, and, determined to make it their own, they turn it into a safe, cozy home.

White, E. B. **The Trumpet of the Swan.** (CBC Fic W5828t)

Louis, a voiceless Trumpeter swan, finds himself far from his wilderness home when he determines to communicate by learning to play a stolen trumpet.