



## Easy Chapter Books for Boys

*Beginning chapter books for those graduating from readers and ready for chapters. Bigger text and shorter chapters with illustrations.*

### **The Adventures of Captain Underpants: an Epic Novel**

Dav Pilkey – When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen. First in the **Captain Underpants series**.

**JF Pilkey**

**Aliens for Breakfast** – Jonathan Etra – Finding an intergalactic special agent in his cereal box, Richard joins the extraterrestrial in a fight to save Earth from the Dranes, one of whom is masquerading as a student in Richard's class.

**JF Etra**

### **Amazing Trail of Seymour Snail**

– Lynn E. Hazen – Hoping to become a famous artist one day, Seymour Snail takes a job in a New York City art gallery, where everyone is buzzing about a "magnificent mystery artist."

**JF Hazen**

### **Andy Shane and the Queen of Egypt**

– Jennifer Jacobson – Andy Shane selects Egypt as the topic of his first-ever Culture Fair project, but the very bossy Dolores Starbuckle declares that she is the Queen of Egypt and does not give him a moment's peace until he agrees to let her work with him. **Andy Shane series**.

**JF Jacobson**

### **Arthur's Mystery Envelope**

– Marc Tolon Brown – It looks like trouble when the principal asks Arthur to take home a large envelope marked "confidential". First in the **Arthur series**.

**JF Brown**

**A to Z Mysteries series** – Ron Roy – Josh, Dink and Ruth Rose solve mysteries.

**JF Roy**

**Attack of the Tyrannosaurus** – Rex Stone – Tom and Jamie can't believe their luck when they find a secret entrance to a prehistoric world filled with dinosaurs! The first dinosaur they meet is friendly wannanosaurus, eating only fruit from the ginkgo trees. But soon they meet a much less friendly dino: Tyrannosaur rex-- that would like to eat them! First in the

**Dinosaur Cove series.**

**JF Stone**

### **Balto and the Great Race**

– Elizabeth Cody Kimmel – Balto comes to the rescue delivering an antitoxin serum to sick children Nome, Alaska.

**JF Kimmel**

### **The Boxcar Children**

– Gertrude Chandler Warner – 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. First in the **Boxcar Children**

**Mysteries series.**

**JF Warner**

### **The Buddy Files: the Case of the Lost Boy**

–Dori Hillestad Butler – While searching for his mysteriously lost human family, Buddy the dog is adopted by another family and helps solve the mystery of their missing boy. First in the **Buddy Files**

**series.**

**JF Butler**

### **The Case of Hermie the Missing Hamster**

– James Preller – With the help of his Top Secret Detective Journal and his ace partner, Mila, Jigsaw is hot on the trail of Hermie the missing hamster. First in the **Jigsaw Jones Mystery series.**

**JF Preller**

### **Chasing the Shadow**

– Hubert Ben Kemoun – One hot summer day, Sam and his friend Lionel explore a long hidden mine. They're thrilled to leave their own signatures next to old messages from miners. But back on the surface, they realize that Sam's shadow has disappeared. **Adventures of Sam X series.**

**JF Ben Kemoun**

### **The Class Trip from the Black Lagoon**

– Mike Thaler – The class is going to take a field trip, but no one knows where, so the kids are letting their imaginations run wild. First in the **Black Lagoon Adventures series.**

**JF Thaler**

### **The Creeping Bookends**

– Michael Dahl – One evening, a young boy is accidentally locked inside the library. From across the darkened shelves, a pair of creepy lizard bookends begin to glow. Then suddenly, they come alive. **Library of Doom series.**

**JF Dahl**

### **The Curse of the Bologna Sandwich**

– Greg Trine – After graduating from the superhero academy, Melvin Beederman heads for Los Angeles, where he unexpectedly teams up with Candace Brinkwater, school play actress, to nab the evil McNasty Brothers. First in the **Melvin Beederman, Superhero series.**

**JF Trine**

### **The Curse of Snake Island**

– Brian James – Pete and his friends, attempt to beat the grown-ups in finding the treasure buried on Snake Island and stealing it from the giant snake. First in the **Pirate School series.**

**JF James**

### **Dinosaur Trouble**

– Dick King-Smith – Young dinosaurs Nosy, a pterodactyl, and Banty, an apatosaurus, become friends, despite their parents' prejudices.

**JF King-Smith**

### **Dracula vs. Grampa at the Monster Truck Spectacular**

– Kirk Scroggs – When Grampa and Wiley sneak out of the house on a stormy Halloween night to attend Colonel Dracula's Monster Truck Spectacular, they run into trouble from which only Gramma and an F5 tornado can save them. First in the **Wiley and Grampa's Creature Features series.**

**JF Scroggs**

### **Dragon's Child**

– Jenny Nimmo – Dando, a young dragon who cannot fly, is captured by dangerous humans, but a kind slave-girl, an orphaned bird, and the melancholy son of the dragon's captors help him escape his imprisonment and learn to fly.

**JF Nimmo**

### **Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective**

– Donald J Sobol – Fifth-grader "Encyclopedia" Leroy Brown solves ten mysteries and, by putting the solutions at the back of the book, challenges the reader to do the same. First in the **Encyclopedia Brown series.**

**JF Sobol**

**The Falcon Shield** – M'Lin Rowley – While exploring the woods behind their house, brothers Joseph, twelve, and Ben, ten, discover the castle of King Arthur, who has traveled through time to train them as modern-day knights of the Round Table, sending them on a quest against a real-life enemy. First in the **Knights of Right series**.

**JF Rowley**

**The First and Final Voyage: The Sinking of the Titanic** – Stephanie True Peters –  
**JF Peters**

**Flat Stanley** – Jeff Brown – Stanley Lambchop is a nice, average boy. He leads a nice, ordinary life. Then one day a bulletin board falls on him and suddenly Stanley is flat.  
**JF Brown**

**Foolish Jack and the Bean Stack** – Laurence Anholt – In this humorous version of "Jack and the Beanstalk," Jack trades in the family cow for a can of beans. **Seriously Silly Stories series**.  
**JF Anholt**

**Fred & Anthony Escape from the Netherworld** – Elise Primavera – Fred and Anthony visit the Netherworld where they encounter Dr. Frankenstein and visit Dracula's castle. First in the **Fred & Anthony series**.  
**JF Primavera**

**Garfield and the Wicked Wizard** – Michael Teitelbaum –  
**JF Teitelbaum**

**A Ghost Named Wanda** – Dan Greenburg – Zack feels that a supernatural force is at work in his apartment when he encounters floating television sets, pancakes that flip by themselves, and a ghost named Wanda. **Zack Files series**.  
**JF Greenburg**

**Goldie** – Ellen Miles – Charles and Lizzie Peterson want a puppy of their own, but their Mom doesn't think their family is ready. When a sweet golden retriever arrives who needs a home, the children get a chance to do some hands-on puppy training. First in the **Puppy Place series**.  
**JF Miles**

**A Hare-raising Tail** – Elizabeth Levy – When Fletcher, a basset hound, visits a school, a class rabbit disappears. Fletcher must find the culprit before he is blamed. First in the **Fletcher Mystery series**.  
**JF Levy**

**Horrible Harry Cracks the Code** – Suzy Kline – Horrible Harry must defend his reputation as a detective by cracking the secret code of Mrs. Funderburke's lunch prizes. **Horrible Harry series**.  
**JF Kline**

**Horrid Henry's Christmas** – Francesca Simon – Four stories about a misbehaving boy who causes mayhem during the Christmas season.  
**JF Simon –Holiday shelf**

**The Ice Dragon** –George R.R. Martin – Leaving in its wake desolate cold and frozen land, the legendary ice dragon has never been tamed until it meets Adara, a winter child who looks to the creature to help save her world from destruction.  
**JF Martin**

**I Hate Books** – Kate Walker – Although he is a great storyteller and good at art, Hamish cannot read, even with remedial classes, but his brother Nathan finally comes up with a way to teach him.  
**JF Walker**

**In the Kitchen** – Dan Greenburg – After being shrunk by a shrinking machine, Alexander, his cousin Judy, and Thudd the robot encounter drain flies, a cockroach, and worse as they work their way through Mrs. Scuttle's house toward safety. **Andrew Lost series**.  
**JF Greenburg**

**The Jade Dragon: a Story of Ancient China** – Jessica Gunderson – Zhou never seems to beat his brother, Cheng, at anything, but when Zhou finds a jade dragon, his luck changes. Soon, Zhou is beating Cheng at everything. **A story of ancient China book**.  
**JF Gunderson**

**Jake Drake, Teacher's Pet** – Andrew Clements – Jake remembers the terrible days in third grade when everybody thought he was the teachers' pet. **Jake Drake series**.  
**JF Clements**

**Journey to the Volcano Palace** – Tony Abbott – The kids return to Droon to see their friend, Princess Keeah; they find Lord Sparr has taken a magic jewel from Keeah; together they must sneak into his volcano home to get it back. **Secrets of Droon series**.  
**JF Abbott**

**Knights of the Kitchen Table** – Jon Scieszka – Joe receives a magic book for his birthday present from his uncle. Joe, Fred, and Sam are transported to a time when evil knights, fire-breathing dragons, and vile-smelling giants roamed the land. First in the **Time Warp Trio series**.  
**JF Scieszka**

**The Last Polar Bears** – Harry Horse – Letters from Grandfather, who has gone on an expedition with his little dog Roo, to find the last polar bears at the North Pole.  
**JF Horse**

**The Legend of Spud Murphy** – Eoin Colfer – When their mother starts dropping them off at the library several afternoons a week, nine-year-old William and his brother dread boredom and the overbearing librarian, but they are surprised at how things turn out. First in the **Eoin Colfer's Legend of... series**.  
**JF Colfer**

**The Littles and the Big Storm** – John Lawrence Peterson – The big storm is coming! As the Littles prepare for the storm, they have a few adventures and even solve a mystery. **The Littles series**.  
**JF Peterson**

**Little Wolf's Book of Badness** – Ian Whybrow – Little Wolf has been behaving too courteously, so his parents send him to his uncle's Big Bad Wolf school to learn to be a proper wolf.  
**JF Whybrow**

**The Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye** – Geronimo Stilton – The discovery of an old map by his sister, Thea, leads Geronimo and his family to search for buried treasure on a faraway island. First in the **Geronimo Stilton series**.  
**JF Stilton**

**Magic Pickle and the Planet of the Grapes** – Scott Morse – Magic Pickle is a secret weapon developed in a secret military lab---under little JoJo Wigwam's bedroom floor. The fearless dill superhero meets his match in this feisty eight-year-old. Together they go after Ray Sin, a renegade raisin from the Brotherhood of Evil Produce.  
**Magic Pickle series.**  
**JF Morse**

**The Magic Pretzel** – Daniel Manus Pinkwater – Fourth-grader Norman Gnormal, who behaves a lot like a dog, finds his first real friends when the principal signs him up for the Werewolf Club at school. First in the **Werewolf Club series.**  
**JF Pinkwater**

**Magic Tree House series** – Mary Pope Osborne – Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic treehouse, which whisks them back to different time zones.  
**JF Osborne**

**Martin Bridge Blazing Ahead!** – Jessica Kerrin – In the first story, Martin's first overnight camping trip with the Junior Badgers brings a mixed blessing as he shares a cabin room with his friend Alex. In the second story, see how Martin learns that spending time with Dad is more special than his favorite TV show. **Martin Bridge series.**  
**JF Kerrin**

**Marvin Redpost. Kidnapped at Birth?** – Louis Sachar – Red-haired Marvin is convinced that the reason he looks different from the rest of his family is that he is really the lost prince of Shampoo. First in the **Marvin Redpost series.**  
**JF Sachar**

**The Mischief Monster** – Bruce Colville – When the daughter of the Queen of the Mischief Monsters runs away from home, it is up to Edward, Moongobble, Urk, and Fireball to return her to Monster Mountain--then start a new quest. **Moongobble and Me series.**  
**JF Colville**

**Mokie and Bik** – Wendy Orr – For two rambunctious twins, living on a boat means always being underfoot or overboard.  
**JF Orr**

**Moose's Big Idea** – Stephanie Greene – Moose, who is good at drawing and making doughnuts, is upset when he loses his antlers, but his encounters with a hunter help them both gain self-respect. **Moose and Hildy series.**  
**JF Greene**

**Mostly Monty** – Johanna Hurwitz – Because he suffers from asthma, six-year-old Monty is nervous about starting first grade but he soon learns to cope with his illness and use his special talents to make friends. First in the **Monty series.**  
**JF Hurwitz**

**My Father's Dragon** – Ruth Stiles Gannett – 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.  
**JF Gannett**

**Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs** – Katherine Applegate – When the first-graders' bee antennae would not stay on their heads and the drummers would not stay in their seats for the open house play, Roscoe decides to help by using the "don't-you-dare" glue. First in the **Roscoe Riley Rules series.**  
**JF Applegate**

**The New Kid at School** – Kate McMullan – Wiglaf is off to Dragon Slayers' Academy and in for a first day of school he will never forget. First in the **Dragon Slayer's Academy series.**  
**JF McMullan**

**Operation Ocean** – Bob Temple – Ari and Kendra are once again called upon to help save the biome of the ocean from destruction by the Trolls. When Ari and Kendra try to help protect the ocean that is on the other side of Ari's bedroom wall, their lives become endangered. However, through past adventures, they have learned about their own strengths and are now empowered to help not only themselves but also the king and the Imps.  
**JF Temple**

**Paintball Invasion** – Jake Maddox – **Impact Books** – a **Jake Maddox Sports Story series.**  
**JF Maddox**

**A Picture for Marc** – Eric A. Kimmel – Marc, an imaginative Russian boy, discovers his talent for drawing and, with the encouragement of a friend and an art teacher, decides to become an artist. Based loosely on the childhood of Marc Chagall.  
**JF Kimmel**

**Pinky and Rex and the Double-dad Weekend** – James Howe – Pinky and Rex share a weekend with their fathers camping indoors due to rain. **Pinky and Rex series.**  
**JF Howe**

**Pirates Eat Porridge** – Christopher Morgan – While Mom and Dad are away, a pirate takes Billy and his sister Heidi on a wild adventure, sailing their "fish-stick finger" house to Itchy Ear Island and telling them quirky facts about pirates, parrots, and cabbages. First in the **Pirates Eat Porridge series.**  
**JF Morgan**

**Pirates of Underwhere** – Bruce Hale – Twins Stephanie and Zeke, their friend Hector, and cats Fitz and Meathead once again venture into the world of Underwhere, this time looking for the missing Brush of Wisdom, a magical item that looks suspiciously like a jeweled toilet brush.  
**JF Hale**

**Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. the Stupid Stink Bugs from Saturn: the Sixth Robot Adventure Novel** – Dav Pilkey – Ricky Ricotta, his Mighty Robot, cousin Lucy, and some friends set out to save mousekind from Stupid Stinkbugs from Saturn, with a little help from some special gum and taffy. Includes step-by-step instructions for drawing the major characters. **Ricky Ricotta's Might Robot series.**  
**JF Pilkey**

**Secret in the Tower** – Candice F. Ransom – Alex, Mattie and Sophie, worry life will be dull when their parents open a bed and breakfast. First in the **Time Spies series.**  
**JF Ransom**

**Sensible Hare** – Daren King – When Mazy Rabbit arrives at the Hare Detective Agency, she asks Sensible Hare to find her missing suitcase of carrots.  
**JF King**

**Snowboard Showdown** –Matt Christopher – Rivalry flares between twelve-year-old Freddie and his fourteen-year-old brother Dondi, both on and off the snowboarding slopes, nearly leading to disaster. **The New Christopher Matt Sports Library.**  
**JF Christopher**

**The SOS File** – Betsy Cromer Byars – The students in Mr. Magro's class submit stories for the SOS file about their biggest emergencies, and then they read them aloud for extra credit.  
**JF Byars**

**Space Brat** – Bruce Colville – Although bratty Bork is good at throwing tantrums, even a megatratrum can't save his pet Toonobie when it is taken by the Big Pest Squad.  
**JF Colville**

**Squirrel World: a Park Pals Adventure** – Johanna Hurwitz – Squirrels Lexington (Lexi) and Lenox decide to visit the New York City streets they were named after. Lexi is worried about leaving Central Park, but Lenox is confident that their streets will be beautiful places, maybe even better than the park! When the two squirrels venture into the city, they soon realize that the human world is stranger and more dangerous than they'd ever imagined.  
**JF Hurwitz**

**Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid** –Megan McDonald – The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school. First in the **Stink series.**  
**JF McDonald**

**Stinky Stern Forever** – Michelle Edwards – Pa Lia and her classmates share memories of Stinky Stern, the second-grade bully.  
**JF Edwards**

**Tooth Trouble** – Abby Klein – Unhappy to be the only one in his class who still has not lost a tooth, first-grader Freddy tries to find a way to expedite matters but then is faced with another problem. First in the **Ready, Freddy! series.**  
**JF Klein**

**Tornado** – Betsy Cromer Byars – As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy.  
**JF Byars**

**Tough Ronald** – Martin Waddell – Ronald the lamb is bored by being "cute and cuddly" and goes looking for new adventures, but when he strays from the flock and meets the "Big Bad Wolf" his life changes drastically.  
**JF Waddell**

**The Truth about Bats** – Eva Moore – Ms. Frizzle takes her class on a field trip to study bats. First in the **Magic School Bus Science Chapter Book series.**  
**JF Moore**

**Two Heads Are Better Than One** – Hillary Homzie – Seventh grader Barton's life is terribly complicated when alien clones of him and his sister Nancy arrive on Earth and start acting in their place. First in the **Alien Clones from Outerspace series.**  
**JF Homzie**

**Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots** – Debbie Dadey – There are some pretty weird grown-ups living in Bailey City, but could the new third grade teacher from the Transylvanian Alps really be a vampire? First in the **Adventures of the Bailey School Kids series.**  
**JF Dadey**

**The White Elephant** – Sid Fleischman – In old Siam, young elephant trainer Run-Run and his old charge, Walking Mountain, must deal with the curse of a sacred white elephant.  
**JF Fleischman**