

Books for Boys

Trying to get boys into books can sometimes be difficult - books can be intimidating. But there are plenty of boy friendly books out there! Try out the following books when you need to find something featuring boys and "boy friendly" plots. Perfect for your son, brother or friend.

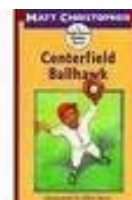
Easy Chapter Books (Purple Dots)

J CHP CHR

Centerfield Ballhawk

by *Matt Christopher*

Jose is his team's best fielder, but he worries that his dad will be disappointed if he doesn't turn out to be a slugger. What can he do to gain his dad's respect? Also check out the sequels **All-Star Fever** and **The Dog That Called the Pitch**.



J CHP KLI

The "Horrible Harry" books

by *Suzy Kline*

Stories about Harry, a grade two student, and his friends.

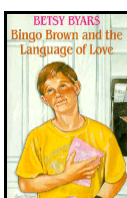
Fiction (Green Dots)

J AMA

Snarf Attack, Underfoodle and the Secret of Life

by *Mary Amato*

Wilbur and Orville Riot are experts at inventing games and annoying people. They even earn money by teaching classmates how to be annoying. If you want to meet the funniest brothers around, you will also love the sequels **Drooling and Dangerous** and **Stinky and Successful**.



J BYA

Bingo Brown and the language of love

by *Betsy Cromer Byars*

As fifth grader Bingo Brown strives for the triumphs of today and steels himself against the tribulations of tomorrow, he discovers that he will have to undergo a few more trials and triumphs before growing up.

J CLE

Dear Mr. Henshaw by *Beverly Cleary*

For older readers. Leigh is lonely when his parents divorce and he starts grade six in a new school. He is a gifted writer, and sends his thoughts to his favourite author. His story continues in **Strider**.



J COL

The **Legend of Spud Murphy** and **The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth**

by *Eoin Colfer*

Will is one of five funny brothers who seem to find adventure in the least likely places. They survive a summer with a ninja librarian, and then run into ghostly happenings on their family vacation.

J COO

The **Beloved Dearly**

by *Doug Cooney*

Although his father has forbidden it, Ernie, a twelve-year-old business tycoon, makes a tidy profit in the pet funeral business. But when he refuses to give his star employee a raise and the business starts to fall apart, it takes the death of his own dog to bring everyone back together.



J DAH

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

by *Roald Dahl*

Poverty-stricken Charlie Bucket finds the last golden ticket and wins a tour of Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory where he witnesses many unusual happenings. Also check out the sequel, **Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator**.

J DAH

Danny, the Champion of the World

by *Roald Dahl*

A young English boy describes the relationship with his father and the special adventures they share together.



J DAN

Everyone Else's Parents Said Yes

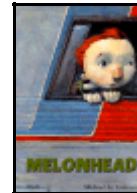
by *Paula Danziger*

A sleepover is planned for Matthew's 11th birthday when big problems arise. The sequels are: **Earth to Matthew** and **Make Like a Tree and Leave**.

J DEG

Melonhead by *Michael De Guzman*

Tired of living with his non-caring divorced parents, Sidney, a twelve-year-old boy with an unusually large head, takes a bus trip across the United States which becomes a journey of self-discovery.



J DUF

Utterly Yours, Booker Jones and Fur-Ever Yours, Booker Jones

by *Betsy Duffey*.

Likeable and imaginative, 12 year- old Booker writes funny stories based on his real life. His sister, parents and grandfather all make appearances in the stories he sends off to publishers. Other books by Duffey: **A Boy in the Doghouse** and **Cody Unplugged**.

J GAN

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by *Jack Gantos*

Joey Pigza is really wired--he has ADHD and his cheap medication isn't controlling his wild mood swings. Joey is also funny, loving and kind--a great kid living a tough life. His mom promises that if he survives special ed. class, he can get the dog of his dreams. Can Joey do it? The sequels are equally funny/sad: **Joey Pigza Loses Control** and **What Would Joey Do?**





J GRI

The **Cat on the Mat is Flat** by *Andy Griffiths*

Boys will love this action-packed graphic novel told in silly Dr. Seuss inspired rhymes.

J HOU

Frozen Fire: A Tale of Courage by *James Houston*

Matthew and his Inuit friends search for his father who is lost in the Arctic. Houston has written several other tales of survival and adventure in the far north. Also: **Black Diamonds: A Search for Arctic Treasure**, **Ice Swords: An Undersea Adventure** and many more.



J KER

Martin Bridge series

by *Jessica Scott Kerrin*

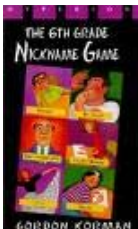
Join Martin and his family and friends in easy to read books in this series. He has adventures and lots of good-natured fun.

J KLI

Herbie Jones and the Class Gift

by *Suzy Kline*

Herbie has an accident with the class present for their teacher. Also: **Herbie Jones and the Monster Ball** and **Herbie Jones and the Birthday Showdown**. (Also: **Herbie Jones and the Dark Attic**).



J KOR

The **6th Grade Nickname Game**

by *Gordon Korman*

Everybody in the school has been given a nickname by Jeff and Wiley. From "Mr. Huge", the tall new teacher, to the principal, "Deer in Headlights", no-one escapes being nicked. Korman has also written many other funny books—check out **Something Fishy at MacDonald Hall**.

J KOR

Maxx Comedy: The Funniest Kid in America

by *Gordon Korman*

Eleven-year-old Max Carmody has wanted to be a stand-up comedian since he was five, so when a contest is held to find the "world's funniest kid," he goes through all kinds of craziness to win.



J MOW

Lost in the Barrens

by *Farley Mowat*

A young orphan and his Cree friend have adventures in the Canadian north.



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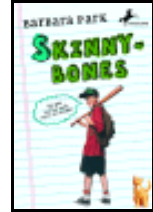
The **Boys Return** by *Phyllis Reynolds Naylor*

The Benson boys return to Buckman for spring vacation and concoct a prank involving a non-existent ghost, continuing the practical joke war between the Hatford boys and the Malloy girls.

J PAR

Skinnybones by *Barbara Park*

Undersized but full of life, 12-year-old Alex is good fun. In the sequel, *Almost Starring Skinnybones*, he wins a cat-food advertising contest and debuts in a commercial.



J PEC

Soup by *Robert N. Peck*

The first in a series about two young boys in a small country town: first crushes, school dances, and runaway soapbox racers.... Also: **Soup in Love**.

J SIM

Chip Rogers, Computer Whiz by *Seymour Simon*

A computer-crazy eighth grader uses a computer to track the culprit in a museum theft. You may also enjoy the "**Einstein Anderson**" series in which a boy uses science to solve mysteries.



J SLO

Make-Believe Ball Player by *Alfred Slote*

Although he's not really a good player, ten-year-old Henry plays amazing baseball games in his mind. He finds his imagination may never make him a ball player, but that he is a good actor. Also by Slote: **The Trading Game** and a few science fiction books.



J SPI

Loser

by *Jerry Spinelli*

Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Donald Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.