



**Foundations of Democracy
Center for Civic Education Rhode Island
Authority Bibliography**

Allard, Harry. Miss Nelson is Back. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., c1982.

When their teacher has to go away for a week, the kids in room 207 plan to "really act up. **E ALL Reading Level 3.5 Interest Level K-3**

Allard, Harry. Miss Nelson is Missing! Boston: Houghton Mifflin, c1977.

The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute. **E ALL Reading Level 3.1 Interest Level K-3**

Avi, 1937-. Nothing But the Truth : a Documentary Novel. New York: Avon Books, [1993], c1991.

A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story, and leads to him and his teacher both leaving the school. **FIC AVI Reading Level 6.8 Interest Level 5-10**

Babbitt, Natalie. Ouch! : a Tale From Grimm. 1st ed. [New York] : HarperCollins, c1998.

When Marco was born, his mother noticed a birthmark in the shape of crown and decided that he would some day marry a princess, and when the king heard this he tried everything in his power to keep Marco away from his daughter, but he soon realized nothing can stop true love. **E BAB Reading Level 4.8 Interest Level K-3**

Brown, Marc Tolon. Arthur Babysits. Boston: Little Brown, 1992.

Arthur's experience babysitting for the terrible Tibble Twins is as challenging as he expected, but he finally gets control by telling them a spooky story. **E BRO Reading Level 2.5 Interest Level K-3**

Clements, Andrew, 1949-. The Last Holiday Concert. 1st Aladdin Paperbacks ed. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2006, c2004.

Life is usually easy for popular sixth grader Hart Evans, but when his music teacher puts him in charge of the holiday concert, Hart must use all of his leadership skills to unite the other students. **FIC CLE Reading Level 4.8 Interest Level 3-6**

Coles, Robert. The Story of Ruby Bridges. New York: Scholastic, c1995.

For months six-year-old Ruby Bridges must confront the hostility of white parents when she becomes the first African American girl to integrate Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans in 1960. **370.19 COL Reading Level 5.4 Interest Level K-3**

Creech, Sharon. A Fine, Fine School. 1st ed. New York: Joanna Cotler Books, c2001.

When a principal loves his school so much that he wants the children to attend classes every day of the year, it's up to his students to show him free time is a good thing, too. **E CRE Reading Level 2.5 Interest Level K-3**

Cronin, Doreen. Giggle, Giggle, Quack. 1st ed. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2002.

When Farmer Brown goes on vacation, leaving his brother Bob in charge, Duck makes trouble by changing all his instructions to notes the animals like much better. **E CRO Reading Level 3.4 Interest Level K-3**

De Paola, Tomie. Boss for a Day. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, c2001.

Moffie is ten minutes older than her twin brother, Morgie, and so she is always in charge, but

when their mother says she is too bossy, Moffie decides to make Morgie boss for a day. **E DEP Reading Level 1.5 Interest Level K-3**

De Paola, Tomie. Trouble in the Barkers' Class. New York: G.P. Putnam's, c2003.

When a new girl in the Barkers' class, Carole Anne, acts like a bully, the students try talking to her and ignoring her until Morgie finally discovers what is wrong and finds a way to fix it. **E DEP Reading Level 3.7 Interest Level K-3**

Drescher, Joan E. I'm in Charge. 1st ed. Boston : Little, Brown, c1981.

A child "in charge" while both parents work valiantly attempts to cope with some difficult situations. **E DRE Reading Level:3.2 Interest Level:K-3**

Figley, Marty Rhodes, 1948-. The School Children's Blizzard. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, c2004.

In 1888, Sarah, her younger sister Annie, and their classmates survive a sudden Nebraska blizzard because of the actions of their schoolteacher. Based on the true story of schoolteacher Minnie Freeman. **E FOG Reading Level:2.8 Interest Level:K-3**

Fleming, Candace. The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School. 1st ed. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, c2007.

An unlikely teacher takes over the disorderly fourth-grade class of Aesop Elementary School with surprising results. **FIC FLE Reading Level 4.8 Interest Level 3-6**

Furbee, Mary R, 1954- (Mary Rodd). Outrageous Women of Colonial America. New York: Wiley, c2001.

Describes the achievements of fourteen extraordinary women who lived in colonial America. **920 FUR Reading Level 7.4 Interest Level 5-8**

Goffin, Josse. Who Is the Boss? New York: Clarion Books, c1992.

Two power-hungry passengers learn who's really in charge when their boat sinks after each tries to outdo the other with preposterous feats. **E GOF Reading Level 3.5 Interest Level K-3**

Gretz, Susanna. Roger Takes Charge! New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1990.

Roger the pig and his neighbor's bossy daughter vie for the honor of being in charge when a parental absence frees them for rambunctious activities. **E GRE**

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Among the Hidden. 1st ed. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c1998.

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. **FIC HAD Reading Level 5.0 Interest Level 3-8**

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Say What? 1st ed. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2004.

When their parents begin saying the wrong thing every time six-year-old Sukey and her older brothers misbehave, the children discover that it is a plot and fight back with their own wrong phrases. **FIC HAD Reading Level 4.5 Interest Level 3-6**

Henkes, Kevin. Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse. New York: Greenwillow Books, c1996.

Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing the class her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later. **E HEN Reading Level 3.1 Interest Level K-3**

Ingman, Bruce, 1963-. Bad News! I'm in Charge! 1st U.S. ed. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 2003.

After Danny's metal detector uncovers a paper that makes him owner and ruler of the land, he initiates major changes at home, school, and beyond. **E ING Reading Level 3.4 Interest Level K-3**

Knudsen, Michelle. Library Lion. 1st ed. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2006.

A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend. **E KNU Reading Level 3.2 Interest Level K-3**

Krulik, Nancy E. I Hate Rules! Library bound ed. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2006, c2003.

Third-grader Katie Carew gets into trouble for breaking school rules, but when she magically turns into the school's principal and eliminates all rules, things get out of hand. Includes directions for playing Four Square, Statue Tag, and Poison. **FIC KRU Reading Level 3.1 Interest Level 3-6**

Leigh, Susannah. Puzzle Farm. London: Usborne ;, 1991.

Contains a story linked with fun picture puzzles. On the day of the grand farm fair, Beth and Harry are left in charge of the farm. **E LEI Reading Level 2.3 Interest Level K-3**

Levert, Mireille. Eddie Longpants. Toronto: House of Anansi Press ;, c2005.

Eddie Longpants, a very, very tall boy, puts up with bullying from his classmates calmly until Pete, a particularly cruel boy, makes fun of his mother--and when the teacher overhears, Pete learns a valuable lesson about the value of every person, be they large or small. **E LEV**

Levitin, Sonia, 1934-. Taking Charge. New York: Orchard Books, c1999.

When her mother has to leave home suddenly, Amanda learns how demanding it is to run a household and care for a baby. **E LEV Reading Level: 4.3 Interest Level: K-3**

Lévy, Janine. Alley Oops. 1st ed. New York: Flashlight Press, 2005.

J.J. Jax is a bully at school and likes to make fun of others kids and call them mean names; however, his father finds out and tells him a story about two dogs that live inside every person--a good one and a bad one. **E LEV Reading Level: 2 Interest Level K - 5**

Löfgren, Ulf. Alvin and the Unruly Elves. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda, 1992.

When Santa finds it impossible to control his mischievous elves and stop them from ruining his workshop, he brings Alvin to the North Pole to solve the problem. **Reading Level:3.8 Interest Level: K-3**

Lorbiecki, Marybeth. Just One Flick of a Finger. 1st ed. New York: Dial Books, c1996.

A young boy takes a gun to school to scare off the bully who has been tormenting him, and the gun is accidentally fired during a scuffle. **E LOR Reading Level: 2.5 Interest Level: K-3**

Lowry, Lois. The Giver. New York : Bantam Doubleday, 1993.

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. **FIC LOW Reading Level:6.8 Interest Level:5-8**

Madonna, 1958-. Mr. Peabody's Apples. 1st ed. New York: Callaway :, 2003.

A boy learns a lesson about the destructive power of gossip. **E MAD Reading Level:4.9 Interest Level:3-6**

Marshall, Edward. Fox at School. Puffin easy-to-read ed. New York : Puffin Books, 1993.
Fox on stage -- Fox escapes -- Fox in charge. Fox stars in a play at school, survives a fire drill, and is left in charge of his class. **E MAR Reading Level:2.2 Interest Level:K-3**

Martin, Bill, 1916-. Chicken Chuck. New York: Scholastic, c2000.
Chicken Chuck the rooster, who has set himself up as boss of the barnyard by virtue of the special blue feather in the middle of his forehead, finds his authority undermined by a circus horse with two blue feathers. **E MAR Reading Level:2.9 Interest Level: K-3**

Mayer, Marianna. The Unicorn and the Lake. Pied Piper ed. New York: Dial, 1987, c1982.
When a serpent poisons the lake where all the animals drink, only the unicorn has the power to save them. **E MAY**

Mazer, Anne. Good Things Come in Small Packages. New York: Scholastic, c2003.
Fifth-grader Abby Hayes turns to her best friend Hannah for help when their teacher has to go tend to her sick mother and leaves Abby in charge of the class's holiday charity gift project. **FIC MAZ Reading Level:4.4 Interest Level:3-6**

McDermott, Gerald. The Stonecutter: a Japanese Folk Tale. New York: Puffin Books, 1978, c1975.
Relates the consequences of a stonecutter's foolish longing for power. **E MC Reading Level: 3.1 Interest Level:K-3**

Miller, Jake. Who's Who in a School Community. New York: Rosen Pub. Group's PowerKids Press, 2005.
This book introduces a school community and explains the work of students, teachers, principals, librarians, bus drivers, parents, lunchroom workers, and custodians. **371 MIL Interest Level K-3**

Myers, Walter Dean, 1937-. The Story of the Three Kingdoms. New York: HarperCollins, c1995.
Long ago, Elephant ruled the forest, Shark ruled the sea, and Hawk ruled the sky, until the People discovered a unique power that enabled them to dominate the other creatures. **E MYE Reading Level:4.6 Interest Level:K-3**

Newton, Jill, 1964-. Gordon in Charge. 1st U.S. ed. New York: Bloomsbury Children's Books ;, c2003.
Gordon the Goat is in charge of the farmyard until Gordon the Goose arrives to challenge him and, after a series of competitions gets them in trouble, they learn who is the real boss. **E NEW Reading Level:3.3 Interest Level:K-3**

Nickle, John. The Ant Bully. 1st ed. New York: Scholastic Press, 1999.
Lucas learns a lesson about bullying when he is pulled into the ant hole he has been tormenting. **E NIC Reading Level:3.1 Interest Level:K-3**

O'Neill, Alexis. The Recess Queen. New York: Scholastic Press, 2002.
Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean's status as the Recess Queen. **E ONE Reading Level:3.1 Interest Level:K-3**

Polacco, Patricia. Mr. Lincoln's Way. New York: Philomel, c2001.
When Mr. Lincoln, "the coolest principal in the whole world," discovers that Eugene, the school bully, knows a lot about birds, he uses this interest to help Eugene overcome his intolerance. **E POL Reading Level:4.2 Interest Level:K-3**

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. Below the Root. [1st ed.]. New York,: Atheneum, 1975.

Chosen to become one of a group of civil and religious leaders ruling the land of Green-Sky, thirteen-year-old Raamo's experiences make him question their teachings and lead him to uncover age-old deceptions. **FIC SNY Interest Level: Grades 5-8**

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