

# Reading Can Take You Anywhere!

## 2009 READERS' CHOICES FOR GRADES K- 2 • WINDHAM COUNTY READS

P=Picture Book, E=Early Reader, T=Transitional/Early Chapter Book

**E. Barrows, Annie.** *Ivy and Bean - Book 1.* 2007. The moment they saw each other, Bean and Ivy knew they wouldn't be friends. But when Bean plays a joke on her sister Nancy and has to hide quick, Ivy comes to the rescue!

**P. Brett, Jan.** *The Mitten.* 1996. When Nicki drops one of his new white mittens in the snow, he doesn't even notice it's missing. One by one, the woodland animals discover the mitten and crawl inside, each one larger than the last: a mole, a rabbit, even a big, brown bear!

**P. Broach, Elise.** *When Dinosaurs Came With Everything.* 2007. Just when a little boy thinks he's going to die of boredom from running errands with his mom, the most remarkable, the most stupendous thing happens. He discovers that on this day, stores everywhere are giving away a very special treat with any purchase. Dinosaurs!

**P. Brown, Margaret Wise.** *The Little Fur Family.* 1946. This story tells of a little fur child's day in the woods. When evening comes, his big fur parents tuck him in bed "all soft and warm," and sing him to sleep with a lovely bedtime song.

**T. Cleary, Beverly.** *Otis Spofford.* 1993. Otis is the most irritating--and irresistible--trouble-maker in school, and his string of misadventures will delight readers of all ages.

**T. Dahl, Roald.** *The Witches.* 2007. A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother, who is an expert on witches, together foil a witches' plot to destroy the world's children by turning them into mice.

**E. Eastman, P.D.** *Go, Dogs, Go.* 1961. Dogs in all shapes, sizes, and colors (black, white, yellow, green, blue, pink and red) star in this wonderfully goofy book. Floppy-eared canines zooming around in cars, riding a ferris wheel, and generally having a marvelous time illustrate simple concepts in single and two-page vignettes.

**P. Flack, Marjorie.** *The Story About Ping.* 1933. Ping is a spirited little duck who lives on a boat on the Yangtze River. Ping's misadventures one night while exploring the world around his home form the basis of this timeless classic.

**P. Goble, Paul.** *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses.* 1993. One day a thunderstorm drives a girl and a horse far from home. Though she is lost overnight beneath strange, moonlit cliffs, next morning she is glad, for the beautiful stallion who is the leader of the wild horses welcomes her to live with them.

**T. King-Smith, Dick.** *Martin's Mice.* 1998. Martin, a kitten, is branded a 'wimp' by his siblings for his friendly interest in mice. He loves caring for them and can't understand their desire for freedom. Only when he becomes the pet of a big city apartment dweller does he realize why his pets deserted him.

**T. Kinney, Jeff.** *Diary of a Wimpy Kid.* 2007. It's a new school year and Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into middle school, where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller and meaner. The hazards of growing up before you're ready are uniquely revealed through words and drawings as Greg records them in his diary.

**T. Kline, Suzy. *Horrible Harry and the Green Slime*. 1998.** For some second graders, school can be uneventful. But not when Horrible Harry's in your class. In this story, Harry gives the class a demonstration on how to make green slime (while the principal is watching). Life with Harry is not always easy, but it's never boring, either!

**P. Lewman, David. *SpongeBob and the Princess*. 2004.** Oh, boy! A princess is coming to town. But when she doesn't appear, SpongeBob must think fast. He promised a princess, but where will he find one on such short notice? Find out what happens in this royally funny story.

**E. Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad Together*. 1979.** The inseparable Frog and Toad have five silly adventures that touch the funny bone and the heart. Together, they teach us the true meaning of friendship.

**P. London, Jonathan. *Froggy Bakes a Cake*. 2000.** Mom's birthday is coming and Froggy wants to help out. When he does things his own way, it can get a little messy!

**T. Osborne, Mary Pope. *Night of the Ninjas (Magic Tree House #5)*. 1995.** Jack and Annie find themselves back in ancient Japan, searching for Morgan la Fay. Along the way, they learn about the culture of feudal Japan. But will the evil samurai warriors catch them before they learn the secret of the ninjas?

**T. Park, Barbara. *Junie B. Jones and the Mushy Gushy Valentine*. 1999.** Yippee! Junie B. can't wait for Valentines Day. But she never expected to receive a mushy gushy valentine from a secret admirer. Who is the mystery guy, anyway?

**T. Peterson, John. *The Littles*. 1993.** Here's the tiny family that always ends up in king-sized trouble. The Littles have adventures galore in the land of the Biggs.

**T. Pilkey, Dav. *Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets*. 1999.** Trouble begins when Harold and George sabotage a science fair and are punished with "The Invention Convention Detention." Bored, the boys collaborate on a comic book about Talking Toilets. To their surprise, the Toilets come to life and Mr. Krupp's alter ego is called into service.

**E. Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge*. 1996.** Henry is an only child living on a street without any other children. Henry finds companionship when Mudge, a loveable 180 pound dog, comes along.

**E. Rylant, Cynthia. *Poppleton*. 1997.** Meet Poppleton, the new pig in town, who lives in a charming house and goes to the library every Monday to read good books. Find out how Poppleton helps a sick friend get better.

**E. Seuss, Dr. *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*. 1960.** This nonsensical romp through imaginary creatures introduces young readers to various rhyming letter combinations. Come meet the Yink who likes to wink and drink pink ink!

**P. Schachner, Judith Bryon. *Skippyjon Jones*. 2003.** Here's a silly story about a hyperactive kitten with a head and ears that are too big for his body and an imagination that is too big for his mama -- he thinks he's a Chihuahua!

**P. Slack, Michael. *My Life as a Chicken*. 2007.** Pauline Poulet recites the amazing events of her chicken life in neatly crafted rhymes. When she notes the farmer reading a recipe for Chicken Pie, she escapes from the barn and her adventures begin!