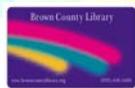


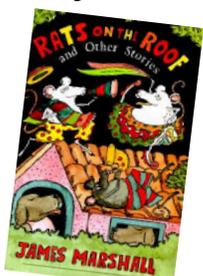


Good Humor: Chapter Books



A Select List of Brown County Library Children's Books (Elementary-Middle School)

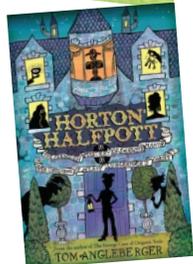
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*Grade levels in parenthesis

Funny Classics

- [The Best Christmas Pageant Ever](#) by Barbara Robinson (2-6)
- [How to Eat Fried Worms](#) by Thomas Rockwell (4-7)
- [Matilda](#) by Roald Dahl (3-6)
- [The Phantom Tollbooth](#) by Norton Juster (3-7)
- [Rats on the Roof](#) by James Marshall (1-4)
- [Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing](#) by Judy Blume (3-5)



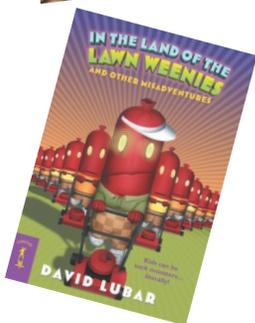
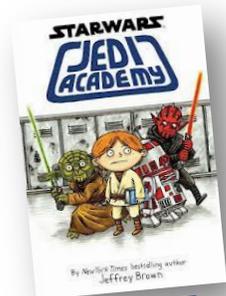
Funny Adventures/Fantasy/Mystery

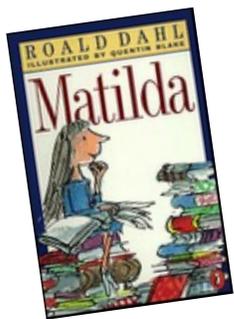
- [Andy Griffith's books](#) (3-5)
- [Benjamin Franklin Lives](#) (first in a new series) by Matthew McElligot (4-6)
- [The Chocolate Touch](#) by Patrick Skene Catling (3-6)
- [Chomp/Flush/Hoot/Scat](#) by Carl Hiaasen (5-8)
- [Dealing with Dragons](#) by Patricia Wrede (5-9)
- [Fake Mustache](#) by Tom Angleberger (3-7)
- [Flawed Dogs](#) by Berke Breathed (3-7)
- [Fortunately, the Milk](#) by Neil Gaiman (3-6)
- [The Hoboken Chicken Emergency](#) by Daniel Pinkwater (1-4)
- [Holes](#) by Louis Sachar (4-8)

A book that is a wild-west adventure/modern-mystery/friendship/ wilderness survival/humorous summer camp/family curse hybrid seems like it would be too ambitious to succeed. However, Holes seamlessly integrates all of these elements into a riveting novel with no plot holes, but plenty of digging for answers. When good-natured, but chronically unlucky, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a juvenile detention camp for a crime he didn't commit, he is forced to dig holes in the desert from sun-up to sundown. It doesn't take Stanley long to realize that the camp's heartless warden is looking to uncover a big secret in the arid dirt, but before Stanley can piece things together, his friend Zero escapes into the desert. Despite the danger, Stanley goes after his friend, never guessing that a strange song, a thumb-shaped mountain, and an onion-loving horse might turn his luck around.

[Horton Halfpott](#) by Tom Angleberger (3-7)

Despite the long and flowery title, Tom Angleberger's Horton Halfpott, or the Fiendish Mystery of Smugwick Manner, or the Loosening of M'Lady Luggertuck's Corset, is a quick and amusing read. Horton is one of the kitchen boys in an 18th century English manor presided over by the ridiculously out-of-touch Lady Luggertuck and her





loathsome son, Luther. On a trek through the woods to deliver his meager wages to his poor family, Horton meets Lady Celia Sylvan-Smythe, a young noble lady as kind and loyal as Horton himself. Just as Horton starts to feel a glimmer of hope that he might be meant for more than his bleak lot in life, several sinister and mysterious events plague the manor. First the Luggertuck Lump, a priceless heirloom, goes missing. The arrival of a crew of shipless pirates (even more ornery than regular pirates), and a plot to kidnap Celia test Horton's smarts and bravery as the clock ticks down to catastrophe. With humor, mystery, and a foppish, dry-witted narrator, this peculiar bit of whimsy will capture the imagination of readers in grades 3-7.

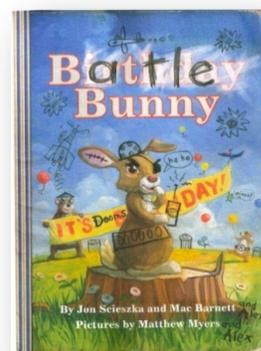
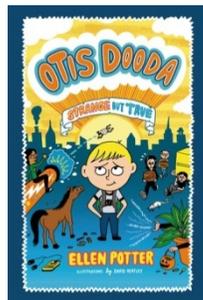
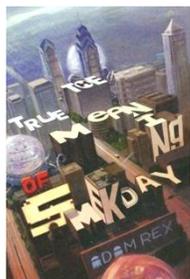
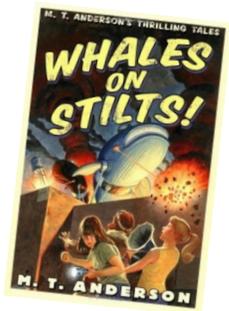
- [Kid vs. Squid](#) by Greg Van Eekhout (4-7)
- [Killer Pizza/Killer Pizza: The Slice](#) by Greg Taylor (5-8)
- [The Misadventures of Maude March](#) by Audrey Coloumbous (5-8)
- [Mistakes Were Made](#) (first in a new series) by Stephen Pastis (3-7)
- [Mr. Chickee's Funny Money](#) by Christopher Paul Curtis (3-6)
- [The True Meaning of Smekday](#) by Adam Rex (4-7)

Funny Series

- [Al Capone](#) by Gennifer Choldenko (5-8)
- [Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls](#) by Meg Cabot (3-5)
- [Bad Kitty](#) by Nick Bruel (2-5)
- [Big Nate](#) by Lincoln Peirce (3-7)
- [Clueless McGee](#) by Jeff Mack (3-5)
- [The Cold Cereal Saga](#) by Adam Rex (5-8)
- [The Creature from My Closet](#) by Obert Skye (4-7)
- [Dear Dumb Diary](#) by Jim Beaton (3-5)
- [Dr. Roach's Monstrous Stories](#) by Paul Harrison (1-4)
- [Dr. Proctor's Fart Powder](#) by Jo Nesbo (4-7)
- [Fangbone](#) by Michael Rex (2-5)

These surprisingly sophisticated books combine sly humor with an action-packed comic book layout. Fangbone is a caveboy from another planet who is newly arrived on Earth. The unlikely young hero lives in a cave, fights the evils of Venomous Drool, master of his home planet, Skullbania, and attends public school. The third-third grade "barbarian" approaches modern life with a mixture of confusion and slight disdain. Luckily his classmates, and especially cheerful but clueless best friend Bill, use their modern know-how to help Fangbone defeat the whack-a-mole like perils that add some excitement to suburbia!

- [Franny K. Stein](#) by Jim Benton (2-4)
- [Guys Read: Funny Business](#) (short stories) ed. by Jon Scieszka (4-8)
- [Herbert's Wormhole](#) by Peter Nelson (3-7)
- [Hero's Guide](#) by Christopher Healy (4-6)
- [Horrid Henry](#) by Francesca Simon (2-4)
- [I Funny](#) by James Patterson (4-7)
- [Imaginary Veterinary](#) by Suzanne Selfors (3-6)
- [Norvelt](#) by Jack Gantos (5-9)
- [Origami Yoda](#) by Tom Angleberger (3-7)
- [Pals in Peril](#) by M.T. Anderson (5-8)
- [Ramona Quimby](#) by Beverly Cleary (2-5)
- [Spy School](#) by Stuart Gibbs (5-9)

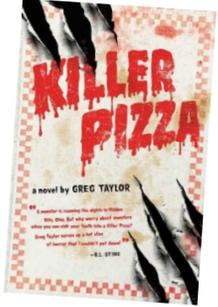




[Time Warp Trio](#) by Jon Scieszka (3-5)
[Wayside School](#) by Louis Sachar (2-5)
[Weenies](#) by David Lubar (5-8)

Graphic Novels/Lots of Illustrations

[The Adventures of Beanboy](#) by Lisa Harkrader (4-7)
[Adventures of Daniel Boom A.K.A. Loud Boy](#) by David Steinberg (3-5)
[Adventures of Super Diaper Baby](#) (series) by Dav Pilkey (3-5)
[Aldo Zelnick Comic Novel](#) (series) by Karla Oceanak
[Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies](#) by Andrea Beaty
[Babymouse](#) (series) by Jennifer Holm (2-5)
[Battle Bunny](#) by Jon Scieszka (1-5)



Originally a Little Golden Book-type tale titled "Birthday Bunny," the once sugary tale has been overhauled by a boy named Alex who, with just a pencil and a rebellious sense of humor, has created a warped thriller called "Battle Bunny." The formally harmless bunny has been altered into a villain replete with eye patch, gnarly scar, and utility belt with walkie-talkie. The bunny's doomsday plot, to overtake the forest (and then the world) by zombie rocket and mind-controlled minions, can only be foiled by young Alex himself. Filled to the brim with kamikaze moves, robot bees, and elaborate hijinks, this warped tale will appeal to elementary-aged reluctant readers and English teachers looking for creative ideas on teaching point of view and narrative. Battle Bunny succeeds as an exercise in creativity and self-expression; satisfied readers may be inspired to find a "Birthday Bunny"-esque story to rework into an adventure of their own.

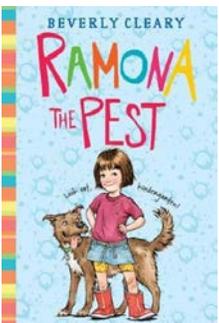
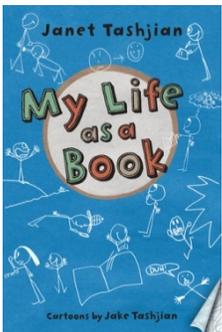
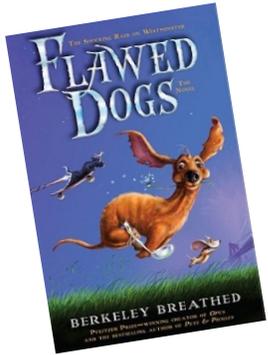
[Captain Underpants](#) (series) by Dav Pilkey (3-5)
[My Life as a Book](#) by Janet Tashjian (4-7)
[Otis Dooda](#) (first in a new series) by Ellen Potter (3-5)

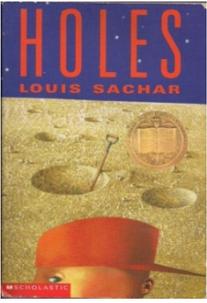
The unfortunately named Otis Dooda has just moved to New York City with his parents and surly older brother, Gunther. Otis is ready to have a fresh start and avoid his family's self-described hillbilly tendencies (what can one expect when their hometown is named Hog's Head?). But things go wrong the minute he walks in the doors of his new apartment building, where a curse is placed upon him by a mysterious man hiding in one of the lobby's potted plants. To try to prevent the curse from coming true before the next full moon, Otis befriends a ragtag group of kids from around the apartment building and they come up with plan after plan to put the "kibosh" on the Potted Plant Guy. Along the way Otis finds himself in many situations that are strange, but true! With plenty of gross-out humor and amusing illustrations this introductory title in a forthcoming series will appeal to upper elementary readers and especially those who enjoy the offbeat humor of Jeff Kinney's [Diary of a Wimpy Kid](#) series.

[Pirate Penguin vs Ninja Chicken](#) by Ray Frieson (2-4)
[Rapunzel's Revenge](#) by Shannon Hale (5-8)
[Star Wars Jedi Academy](#) (series) by Jeffrey Brown –shelved under "Star Wars" (3-7)
[Tiny Tyrant](#) by Lewis Trondheim (3-8)

School Humor/Vacation Humor

[Charlie Joe Jackson](#) (series) by Tom Greenwald (3-7)
[Cheesie Mack](#) (series) by Stephen Cotler (4-6)
[Hank Zipzer](#) (series) by Henry Winkler (3-5)



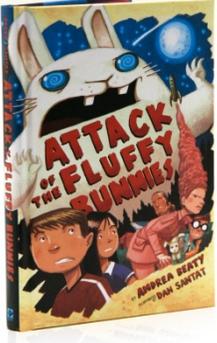


[Intergalactic Bed and Breakfast](#) (series) by Clete Barrett Smith (4-7)
[Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf / Eighth Grade is Making me Sick](#) by Jennifer Holm (5-8)

[Odd Squad](#) (series) by Michael Fry (4-7)

[Schooled](#) by Gordon Korman (5-8)

If you enjoy reading about the dysfunctional absurdities of middle school, try Gordon Korman's [Schooled](#). One day thirteen-year-old Cap is living a free-spirited, easy-going life at his grandma's dilapidated but cheery commune. The next, due to his grandmother being injured in a freak plum-picking accident, Cap is enrolled in a huge public middle school and living temporarily with the school's social worker and her jaded daughter. Cap doesn't know that at Claverage Middle School, the biggest outcast is always elected class president, and the students and teachers alike don't know that Cap's perceptive and good-natured attitude will rearrange the social and educational order. Told from the perspectives of a variety of characters, from Cap himself to the school's top athlete to students all over the popularity spectrum, [Schooled](#) is both amusing and unexpectedly layered.



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