**Reluctant Reader Quick Picks**

**Grade 3: Action & Adventure**

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**Magic School Bus Rides Again**
by Samantha Brooke

When Dorothy Ann accidentally loses Jyoti’s high-tech locket in the ocean, Ms. Frizzle's class travels down through the layers of the sea to retrieve it.

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**Animal Planet Adventures**
by Catherine Nichols

Looking forward to a summer of lobster trapping, helping with the family business and volunteering at the aquarium in coastal Maine, siblings Maddie and Atticus are challenged to use their animal knowledge to rescue a distressed pod of dolphins.

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**Galaxy Zack**
by Ray O'Ryan

Good-bye, Earth! Join Zack Nelson on his galactic adventures as he moves from Earth to Nebulon in the year 2120, explores a newly discovered planet, and more in this series.

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**Dragon Masters**
by Tracey West

Snatched up by a royal soldier and carried away to the castle, 8-year-old Drake trains along with three other children to become Dragon Masters who must discover their assigned dragons’ special powers. By the best-selling author of the Hiro’s Quest series. Simultaneous.

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**Zoey and Sassafras**
by Asia Citro

Learning an amazing secret while discovering a glowing photo, young Zoey assists injured magical animals that begin showing up in her family’s backyard barn, an effort that includes caring for a particularly challenging baby dragon.

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**Jake Maddox Sports Stories**
by Jake Maddox

Thirteen-year-old Javier Moreno has just transferred to Howard Middle School, but his skill as a striker is already well known and the Bisons are expecting that he will turn their season around; but soon the fame goes to his head, and he starts hogging the ball and showing off--and it is up to his friend Aimee to remind him that soccer is a team sport.

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**Pembroke Public Library**
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Heartwood Hotel
by K. George
Stumbling across the wondrous world of the Heartwood Hotel during a storm, Mona the mouse desperately hopes that she will be allowed to stay and happily accepts a maid’s job attending a range of animal visitors who find safety, luxury and comfort at the grandest hotel in Fernwood Forest.

The year of the book
by Andrea Cheng
A fully illustrated chapter book follows Anna, a young Asian-American girl, as she navigates relationships with family, friends and fourth grade while learning what it takes to make friends and what it means to be one.

The Lighthouse Family
by Cynthia Rylant
Pandora the cat becomes a lighthouse keeper and saves the life of Seabold the dog, and together the two of them create a family with three young mice rescued from the sea.

Goldie Blox and the best! pet! ever!
by Stacy McAnulty
Entering her beloved dog Nacho in a pet talent show, Goldie Blox worries that Nacho’s flatulent, tail-chasing habits will cause him to lose to rival Zeek’s expensive, trick-performing robot dog. Simultaneous.

Owl Diaries
by Rebecca Elliott
Volunteering to organize a school festival, Eva Wingddale is rapidly overwhelmed by the event’s many details and considers asking a less-than-trustworthy frenemy, Sue, for help. Simultaneous.

Puppy Place
by Ellen Miles
A lonely poodle and an adorable rabbit forge an unexpected friendship when they arrive at a foster home for pets looking for forever homes, a stay that is complicated by their desire to be adopted together.
Reluctant Reader Quick Picks
Grade 3: Silly Stories

Geronima Stilton
by Geronimo Stilton
Geronimo Stilton--editor of "The Rodent's Gazette"--his adventurous sister Thea, a correspondent for the paper, and their cousin Trap travel to a distant island to search for the treasure shown on an old map Thea discovers.

Nearly Fearless Monkey Pirates
by Michael Anthony Steele
When the Nearly Fearless Monkey Pirates land on an island in search of treasure, they find themselves surrounded by monkey pirate ghosts who are determined to protect it--and only Mr. Pickles, the youngest of Captain Banana Beard's crew, can save them from being dropped into a volcano.

The Bad Guys
by Aaron Blabey
The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound--but their plan soon goes awry.

Stick dog
by Tom Watson
Stick Dog and his four friends - Stripes, Mutt, Poo-Poo and Karen - will do anything to steal some sweet-smelling hamburgers from a family at Picasso Park!

Inspector Flytrap
by Tom Angleberger
A debut entry in a series starring a disabled mystery-solving Venus flytrap, who investigates a mysterious glob on a recently discovered da Vinci painting.

Notebook of Doom
by Troy Cummings
Having just moved into Stermont, Alexander finds a notebook in his hospital morgue classroom that is full of information about monsters--and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him.
Ballerina Dreams: From Orphan to Dancer  
by Michaela DePrince  
A skill-building introduction to the life of the principal dancer from the Dance Theatre of Harlem. DePrince describes her early years as an orphan in Sierra Leone, her adoption by an American family, the photograph that inspired her dreams and her rise to becoming one of the world’s most accomplished ballerinas.

Moto and Me: My Year as a Wildcat’s Foster Mom  
by Suzi Eszterhas  
Traces the firsthand story of a wildlife photographer who cared for an orphaned serval wildcat that was separated from his family by a wildfire, describing how she helped him survive and learn to hunt for six months before he was able to return to the wild.

Pink is for Blobfish: Discovering the World’s Perfectly Pink Animals  
by Jess Keating  
The zoologist author of How to Outrun a Crocodile When Your Shoes Are Untied presents an introduction to some of the world’s pink-colored creatures, from monster slugs and ultra-intelligent dolphins to naked mole rats and bloated blobfish.

Who Would Win? Whale vs. Giant Squid  
by Jerry Pallotta  
Shares facts about whales and giant squids, comparing their behavior and physical characteristics to determine who would win in a fight. This is one in a series of awesome “battle” books between wildlife.

Fly Guy Presents: Dinosaurs  
by Tedd Arnold  
During a visit to a natural history museum, Fly Guy and Buzz learn all about dinosaurs.

Some Writer! The Story of E.B. White  
by Melissa Sweet  
Presents an account of E.B. White’s life and career through personal letters, photographs, family ephemera, and original artwork, while offering glimpses into the origins of his iconic works.