

For readers in grades 2 - 4

Unless otherwise noted, all books may be found in juvenile fiction under the author's last name.

Butterfly Buddies / Judy Cox

Third grader Robin learns about honesty in her efforts to become best friends with her science partner.

Big Whopper / Patricia Reilly Giff

When Destiny Washington cannot think of a discovery during Discovery Week at school, she makes up a story, but finds that she cannot keep pretending it is true.

Princess Posey and the Christmas Magic / Stephanie Greene

Posey has asked Santa for a real magic wand, but when an accident leads her to tell a white lie, she begins to wonder if Santa will come at all.

Horrible Harry and the Mud Gremlins / Suzy Kline

In order to look at some fascinating fungi with Harry's miniature microscope, will he and his friends have to fib to their nice teacher?

Mary Marony and the Chocolate Surprise / Suzy Kline

Mary decides to cheat in order to win a special lunch with her favorite teacher.

Julie Tells Her Story / Megan McDonald (j AMERICAN GIRLS)

In 1974 at her new San Francisco school a nine-year-old girl realizes the importance of telling the truth.

The Tangled Web: A Julie Mystery / Kathryn Reiss (j AMERICAN GIRL)

In 1977 San Francisco, Julie wants to be just like her new friend Carla, until she discovers that Carla is either in big danger or telling big lies.

Fancy Nancy, My Family History / Jane O'Connor

Nancy writes a report for school about her great-grandfather, making things up so he seems less ordinary, but when she learns that Grandpa will be there to hear her read the report aloud she realizes she was dishonest.

Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook / Barbara Park

When Junie loses her mittens, she decides it's only fair to take something that doesn't belong to her in return.

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*Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library
for children in preschool through fourth grade*

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the picture book section under the author's last name.*

Picture books

The Show-and-Tell Lion / Barbara Abercrombie

At show-and-tell one day Matthew tells his class that he has a lion living at his house, but then his classmates want to come see it!

Franklin Fibs / Paulette Bourgeois

Franklin lies in order to keep up with his friends.

Edwurd Fudwupper Fibbed Big / Berkeley Breathed

Edwurd's huge lie gets him into trouble with an alien.

Arthur and the True Francine / Marc Brown

Even though they are good friends, Muffy lets Francine take the blame for cheating in school.

I Did It, I'm Sorry / Caralyn Buehner

Ollie Octopus and his friends face moral dilemmas that the reader must help them solve.

A Day's Work / Eve Bunting

Francisco lies to help his grandfather find work, but when that results badly, his grandfather insists they rectify their mistakes the next day.

Arnie and the Stolen Markers / Nancy Carlson

When Arnie steals a set of markers he must deal with the consequences of his actions.

Harriet and the Garden / Nancy Carlson

Harriet accidentally ruins her neighbor's prize flower and feels terrible until she confesses.

Princess Kim and the Lie That Grew / Maryann Cocca-Leffler

After new girl Kim tells her classmates she is from a royal family, her lie grows and grows.

Princess Kim and Too Much Truth / Maryann Cocca-Leffler

Young Kim discovers that there is a difference between being honest and always speaking the truth.

My Big Lie / Bill Cosby (*easy reader* - j Er COSBY)

Little Bill lies when he has to explain why he is late for dinner.

Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire / Diane deGroat

Gilbert is playing George Washington in the class play, so he decides that he too "cannot tell a lie," until he misplaces George's hat.

The Missing Cupcake Mystery / Tony Dungy (j Er DUNGY)

Justin, Jordan, and Jade's mother agrees to buy cupcakes if the trio will wait until after dinner to eat them, but one cupcake goes missing and until the mystery is solved, no one will get dessert.

Being Frank / Donna Earnhardt

Frank struggles to learn the art of being tactful when he observes that his friend has freckles resembling the Big Dipper, his teacher has breath that smells like onions, and his principal's toupee looks like a weasel.

Doug-Dennis and the Flyaway Fib / Darren Farrell

Having fibbed about stealing his best friend's popcorn at the circus, Doug-Dennis the sheep finds himself carried far away to a place filled with lies and liars of all sorts and must discover a way to return.

The Big Fib / Tim Hamilton (j Er PRIMER Hamilton)

After playing with Miss Finn's discarded boxes and making a mess, her young neighbors first lie about their misdeed and then make things right.

Freya's Fantastic Surprise / Libby Hathorn

Jealous of a friend's surprise, Freya begins inventing fantastic surprises too.

Betty Bunny Didn't Do It / Michael Kaplan

When a young rabbit breaks a table lamp and blames the Tooth Fairy, her family explains the importance of honesty.

That's Mine, Horace / Holly Keller

Horace finds a little yellow truck in the schoolyard, so he takes it home.

The Boy Who Cried Ninja / Alex Latimer

A young boy named Tim is accused of lying when he tells his parents that a ninja ate the last piece of cake and a sunburned crocodile landed on the roof, so he figures out a way to prove that he is telling the truth.

Theodore and the Talking Mushroom / Leo Lionni

Unable to think of an impressive skill to share with his friends lizard, frog, and turtle, Theodore the mouse tells a wild lie about a talking mushroom that makes everyone respect him.

The Boy Who Cried Bigfoot / Scott Magoon

Ben has so often tried to convince people he has seen Bigfoot that when a real yeti arrives and borrows his bicycle, no one comes to see if Ben is telling the truth.

Herbie's Secret Santa / Petra Mathers

The temptation of a Christmas cookie is too much for Lottie's friend, Herbie.

The Honest-to-Goodness Truth / Patricia C. McKissack

Libby learns the difference between never lying and not always telling the whole truth either.

Ruthie and the (Not So) Teeny Tiny Lie / Laura Rankin

When Ruthie lies to keep a camera she finds on the playground, nothing seems to go quite right for her.

Sarah's Little Ghosts / Thierry Robberecht

Which is scarier: the little ghosts that pop out every time Sarah lies or telling the truth?

Sam Tells Stories / Thierry Robberecht

After telling some pretty amazing stories about himself Sam finally confesses that he is just boring, regular Sam, and he finds that his new friends still like him!

A Big Fat Enormous Lie / Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

A boy's lie about an empty jar of cookies turns into a big fat monster that never leaves.

Tell the Truth, B.B. Wolf / Judy Sierra

When Big Bad Wolf, who now lives at the Villain Villa Retirement Residence, is invited to tell his story at the library, he faces the truth about what he did to the three little pigs and decides to make amends.

Jackalope / Janet Stevens & Susan Stevens Crummel

When a jackrabbit wishes for horns he becomes the first jackalope, but there's one condition: he must not lie.

"It Was Me, Mom!" / Brigitte Weninger

Miko breaks his mother's favorite vase.