

Some Books You May Want to Check Out!!

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Hank Zipzer the World's Greatest Underachiever

#1 Niagra Falls, or Does It? (He's smart. He's creative. He's funny. His pencils are sharpened. His binders are bound. He wants to do well in school---he really does. He tries not to be lazy, like his parents claim he is. So why is he always getting into trouble?)

#2 I Got a "D" In Salami (It's report card day---the most dreaded day of Hank Zipzer's school year. And when Hank gets his grades, they're his worst nightmare come true: a D in spelling, a D in reading, a D in math. This is not going to make his parents happy. This will certainly get him grounded for life.)

#3 Day of the Iguana (It's science project time, which is bad news for Hank. He loves doing science experiments, but writing a whole report is another story. Finally, Hank comes up with a science project: he'll take apart the cable box to figure out how it works. But Hank wasn't counting on his sister Emily's iguana laying eighteen eggs inside the cable box.)

#4 The Zippity Zinger (It's time for PS87's annual Olympiad – the most anticipated day of the school year! But when Hank is chosen as his team's softball pitcher, the pressure is on. Can Hank lead his team to victory—even though he thinks he is the worst athlete in the history of the world?)

#5 The Night I Flunked My Field Trip (Have you ever heard of anyone flunking their field trip? I mean field trips are supposed to be fun—they're not something you get graded on, right? Well, wait until you hear my story. You're not going to believe it.)

#6 Holy Enchilada! (My class was putting on a Multi-Cultural Day lunch and I was so excited---no reading, no writing—just cooking! I decided to make enchiladas. But when my teacher took a bite of her food, her face looked like it was on fire! One of the dishes was super spicy. Holy enchilada-did I accidentally put in 3 cups of chili powder instead of 1/3? Couldn't be. Or could it?)

#7 Help! Somebody Get Me Out of Fourth Grade! (Help! Parent-teacher conferences are coming up and I am in a panic! I just know that Mr. Adolf is going to tell my parents some awful things, like—I'm going to have to repeat fourth grade. Oh, it's just too terrible to think about. What am I going to do? I know—I'll come up with a plan to keep my parents away from the conference. Okay, my mind is racing now....)

#8 Summer School! What Genius Thought That Up? (Summer and school are the two words in the English language Hank Zipzer does not want to learn. Will Hank have to spend the summer bored to death inside a sweltering classroom or will he actually learn a cool lesson or two?)

#9 My Secret Life as a Ping Pong Wizard (Psst! Wanna hear a secret? I play Ping-Pong. And I don't just play, I'm a regular Ping-Pong wizard! Look at me, world. I'm ping-ponging and ponging! Only, try to keep it a secret, okay?)

Author: Lynne Reid Banks

Harry the Poisonous Centipede's BIG Adventure (Harry the poisonous centipede is in big trouble. Despite his mother's warnings, he leaves his safe nest-tunnel and finds himself captured by a young Hoo-Min bug collector. Together with his friend, George, he's shut into a hard-air prison – a glass jar to you.)

Author: Jon Scieszka
Web Site: kidsreads.com

The Time Warp Trio

#1 Knights of the Kitchen Table (Fire breathing dragons, knights who want to make them shish-kabob, how did they end up in King Arthur's Court, anyway?)

#2 The Not-So-Jolly Roger (Will Joe, Sam, and Fred join the pirate crew of the fearsome Blackbeard-or end up as shark munchies?)

#3 The Good, the Bad, and the Goofy (It's a stampede, and guess who's in the path of all the cattle, as the trio discover the Wild West that the movies never show.)

#4 Your Mother Was a Neanderthal (Back in the Stone Age, there's no homework – just saber-toothed tigers and woolly mammoths.)

#5 2095 (When the trio get warped into the next century, they're on the run from flying robots, rampaging 3-D advertisements and – their own great granddaughters!)

#6 Tut, Tut (The intrepid time-warpers find themselves in the middle of hieroglyphic high jinks in Egypt.)

#7 Summer Reading is Killing Me (Summer vacation means no more books – that is until Joe, Sam, and Fred get mixed up in a battle between good and evil characters from the books on their summer reading list.)

#8 It's All Greek to Me (A school play about Greek mythology sends the trio to Mount Olympus with the gods and goddesses and a three-headed dog.)

#9 See You Later, Gladiator (One minute the trio are wrestling in their bedroom and the next they are in Rome face to face with a big old gladiator.)

#10 Sam Samurai (Sam was trying out his karate moves and the boys end up meeting a Japanese Samurai warrior.)

Some Other Time Warp Trio Books by Jon Scieszka

#11 **Hey Kid, Want to Buy a Bridge**

#12 **Viking It, and Liking it**

#13 **Me Oh Maya**

#14 **Da Wild, Da Crazy, Da Vinci**

#15 **Oh Say, I Can't See**

Some Other Books by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith:

- The True Story of the Three Little Pigs (You never heard this tale told this way!)
- Stinky Cheese Man
- Math Curse
- Squids Will Be Squids
- Baloney, Henry P.

Author: Andrew Clements

Web site: **andrewclements.com**

Frindle (When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever...the frindle. Who says a pen has to be called a pen? Why not call it a *frindle*. Nick gets his friends to use the word and it soon spreads, the new word is spreading across the country, and there's nothing Nick can do to stop it.)

The Report Card (Nora Rose Rowley is a genius. Being so smart, Nora noticed early on, makes you stand out, and standing out was not something she wanted. She's made it to fifth grade with everyone thinking she is just an ordinary kid. But then she gets fed up with everyone being so hung up on test scores and grades, so she purposely gets a terrible report card to prove a point. Things start to get very complicated after that.)

The Janitor's Boy (Jack Rankin committed the perfect crime at school and unfortunately, that led to the perfect punishment. But, "doing time" in the school basement after hours reveals some pretty surprising things: about the school, about Jack's father, and about Jack himself.)

A Week In the Woods (Mark didn't ask to move to New Hampshire or to go to a hick school like Hardy Elementary. And he certainly didn't request Mr. Maxwell as his teacher. Now the whole fifth grade is headed out for a week of camping---Hardy's famous Week in the Woods. At first it sounds dumb, but then Mark decides it might be OK to learn something new. But things go all wrong. This Week in the Woods is not what anyone planned.)

The Landry News (Fifth grader Cara Landry has not had a smooth school experience since her parents divorced, and now she has the worst teacher in the school. Mr. Larson hands out worksheets each morning and then sits back to read the paper. Cara is a contained, bright, creative loner whose goal is to become a journalist. When she publishes her own newspaper, The Landry News, and editorializes on the absence of teaching in her classroom, her days of anonymity are over.)

The Jacket (When Phil sees another kid wearing his brother's jacket, he assumes the jacket was stolen. It turns out he was wrong, and Phil has to ask himself the question: Would he have made the same assumption if the boy wearing the jacket hadn't been African American? And that question leads to others that reveal some unsettling truths about Phil's neighborhood, his family, and even himself.)

Jake Drake, Bully Buster (Ever since preschool, Jake Drake has been a magnet for bullies. He is the perfect size for them. He doesn't have a big brother or sister to protect him. But, he has a good head on his shoulders, and in the second grade he finally figures out how to use it to his advantage.)

Jake Drake, Class Clown (Miss Bruce is the new student teacher in Jake's second-grade class, and she never smiles. Never. But when Jake cracks up the class during a spelling bee, he sees the tiniest hint of a smile at the corner of her mouth. Suddenly, Jake has a new mission in life: to be so funny that even Miss Bruce will laugh.)

Jake Drake, Teacher's Pet (Jake remembers the terrible days in third grade when everybody thought he was the teacher's pet.)

Jake Drake, Know-it-all (Jake Drake is excited about Depres Elementary School's first science fair. He wants to win the grand prize. And he really wants to beat the third grade know-it-alls, Marsha McCall and Kevin Young. The trouble is, to beat the know-it-alls, Jake has to become one himself. And he may just lose more than he wins.)

Author: Louis Sachar

Holes (Holes tells the story of how a single event – a pair of sneakers falling out of the sky – changes the course of a person's life.)

Where's Johnny? (Johnny's in the basement where his parents won't bother him, sitting on top of The World's Greatest Bottle Cap Collection. He's just turned eleven and his parents have decided that its time for him to grow up. Suddenly, he has to wash the dishes and take out the garbage. And get rid of his bottle caps!)

There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom (Bradley Chalkers is the oldest kid in fifth grade. He tells enormous lies. He picks fights with the girls, and the teachers say he has "serious behavior problems." No one likes him – except Carla, the new school counselor. Carla knows that Bradley could change, if only he weren't afraid to try. Sometimes the hardest thing in the world is believing in yourself.)