

**Immaculate Conception School  
Library Gift Book List  
Fall 2009**

Each entry begins with the author's name and is followed by the title, the number of pages in the book, the price, a general grade level, and a very brief summary. An unpagged book suggests a picture book format.

All listed books have been purchased for the library and may be selected as gift books. The collected funds are used to purchase new books, which may appear on future lists.

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**Suggested Books  
Grades K-3:**

**Casanova, Mary.** *Some Dog!* Gr. K-2, 32 pp. \$12.00. A stray dog moves into George's formerly peaceful home, dazzling the man and woman of the house with lively tricks and antics that just leave George exhausted.

**Colfer, Eoin.** *Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth.* Gr. 2-4, 102 pp. \$12.00. Will's brother tries to scare Will with the story of Captain Crow, a ghostly pirate who haunts the nearby seashore. When the underwater rocks known as Captain Crow's teeth are glowing, it means that Captain Crow is searching for a cabin boy exactly Will's age to take away to his ghostly ship.

**Cox, Judy.** *One is a Feast for Mouse A Thanksgiving Tale,* Gr. K-2, 30 pp., \$12.00. The remains of a Thanksgiving dinner are irresistible to a little mouse, who creeps out of his hole to help himself to one small pea. But soon, greed gets the better of him and

before he knows it, he has taken one of every leftover tidbit, including the gravy boat and platter of turkey. Before he makes it safely back home, however, the cat spies him and pounces, knocking everything on the floor. The mouse escapes just in time, while the cat gets the blame, and to his delight he finds one "teensy-tiny, round and toothsome, green and luscious pea" for which he exclaims: "Give thanks! One is a feast for me!"

**DiCamillo, Kate,** *Mercy Watson Something Wonky This Way Comes,* Gr. 2 -3 96 pp., \$12.00. Some may find it wonky to take a pig to the movies. But not Mr. and Mrs. Watson, who think the title of the film, *WHEN PIGS FLY*, is inspirational and not their beloved Mercy, who is inspired by the fact that the drive-in proudly serves real butter on its Bottomless Bucket of popcorn. So when they pull up in their convertible, Mercy lifts her snout and becomes a pig on a mission — for what is more heavenly than being hot on the trail of a true butter smell?

**Foxworthy, Jeff,** *Silly Street,* Gr. K-2, 32 pp., \$12.00. Anything goes on Silly Street. There's a flying squirrel circus, pink elephant races, and even a pony that eats fried baloney. At the candy booth you can buy gummy yum noodles and rainbow jaw busters. At the hat store you can purchase a helmet, a tiara, or a halo—if you happen to be an angel.

**Gran, Julia.** *Big Bug Surprise.* Gr. K-2, 32 pp. \$12.00. Prunella knows so much about insects that people get bored listening to her talk, but when her classroom fills up with bees during show-and-tell, Prunella saves the day.

**Grogan, John,** *Marley Goes to School,* Gr. K-3, 40 pp., \$12.00. It's the first day of school, and Cassie is all set to go. So is her dog, Marley! Although he's told to stay, Marley digs a tunnel out of the backyard and sniffs his way to school. As he roams the halls looking for Cassie, he finds trouble instead. This lovable and rowdy dog may

not be much of an academic, but he's full of school spirit

**Harvey, Tom and Allie, *Tiger Pups*, Gr. K-3, 32pp, \$12.00.** This is the true story of Nasira, Anjika, and Sidani, three white Bengal tiger cubs whose mother stopped nursing them only fifteen hours after their birth. Luckily, two zookeepers, Tom and Allie Harvey, were keeping a close eye on them.

**Hopkinson, Deborah. *Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek, A Tale, Thin Tale*. Gr. K-3, 32 pp. \$12.00.** In Knob Creek, Kentucky, in 1816, seven-year-old Abe Lincoln falls into a creek and is rescued by his best friend, John Hendrix.

**Larson, Kirby, *Two Bobbies*, Gr. K-2, 32 pp. \$12.00.** A true story of a cat and dog named Bobbi and Bob Cat and how they survived during Hurricane Katrina.

**Manning, Peyton, Manning, Eli and Manning, Archie, *Family Huddle*, Gr. 1-3, 40 pp., \$12.00.** Huddle up with the most famous family in football—the Mannings! Peyton and Eli Manning are now NFL superstars, but they are still kids in Family Huddle. Follow along as Eli and Peyton pile into the car with older brother Cooper for a trip to visit their grandparents. Their dad, former NFL star Archie Manning, is at the wheel, with mom Olivia at his side. The boys joke around and play football at every opportunity, running fun plays like the buttonhook, the quarterback sneak, and the hook and ladder.

**McCarthy, Meghan. *Seabiscuit the Wonder Horse*. Gr. K-3, 30 pp. \$12.00.** Seabiscuit was the grandson of one of the greatest racehorses of all time, but he's lost practically every race he's ever run. With a new trainer he began winning races. Could Seabiscuit really beat the Triple Crown Champion?

**Michelin, Linda, *Zuzu's Wishing Cake*. Gr. K-2, 28 pp., \$12.00.** What Zuzu wants,

Zuzu makes. In her happy hands, a paper bag becomes a flower or a hat. Zuzu makes everything into something else. But making a friend of the boy next door turns out to be harder than she thought.

**Minor, Wendell and Florence, *If You Were a Penguin* Gr. K-3, 32 pp., \$12.00.** If you were a penguin . . . You could swim really fast and toboggan on ice. Sing a happy duet, once or twice. You could live on land but dive under the sea. There's a lot penguins can do, just like you and me!

**Morris, Gerald. *Sir Lancelot the Great*. Gr. 2-4, 92 pp. \$10.00.** Relates to tales of Sir Lancelot, the bravest knight in King Arthur's court.

**Numeroff, Laura, *If You Give A Cat A Cupcake* Gr. K-3, 32 pages \$12.00.** A girl's granting of a cupcake leads to a request for sprinkles, which causes a mess; cleaning up gets the cat overheated, which prompts a trip to the beach, and so forth.

**Numeroff, Laura, *The Jellybeans and the Big Dance*, Gr. K-2, 32 pp., \$12.00.** Little Emily loves to dance anywhere, anytime, so she's disappointed when she enters a ballet class and discovers that her fellow students don't share her passion. Bitsy prefers to paint, Nicole loves soccer, and Anna likes to read. After many frustrations, Emily finds a way to unite her classmates, and making use of each girl's interest, the group puts together a routine and performs enthusiastically at the recital.

**Polacco, Patricia. *For the Love of Autumn*. Gr. K-2, 32 pp. \$12.00:** Miss Parks, a new teacher, is devastated when her cat, Autumn, disappears during a storm, but with the help of her students, she finds not only Autumn but also the man of her dreams.

**Spinelli, Eileen. *Do You Have a Hat?* Gr. K-3, 29 pp. \$12.00.** Rhyming text describes a great variety of hats worn by celebrities throughout history.

Stevens, Janet. *The Great Fuzz Frenzy*. Gr. K-2, 42 pp. \$12.00. When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.

**Stewart, Joel**, *Dexter Bexley and the Big Blue Beastie*, Gr. K-3, 32 pp., \$12.00. Dexter Bexley rides his scooter into a hungry Big Blue Beastie who thinks about eating him up. The boy appeases the monster numerous times with engrossing activities such as delivering flowers, solving crimes, and eating a Beastie-size sundae. When Dexter runs out of distractions and expects to be devoured, Beastie introduces his own surprises.

**Trine, Greg**. *Marvin Beederman Superhero The Curse of the Bologna Sandwich*. Gr. 2-4, 138 pp. \$12.00. Marvin Beederman is a pretty good superhero, his only weakness is bologna at the deli. Still, Melvin manages to keep the city of Los Angeles free of nasty villains, once he's airborne.

**Weinstock, Robert**. *Giant Meatball*, Gr. K-3, 30 pp, \$12.00. Who doesn't love meatballs? They're round and delicious, and spaghetti wouldn't be the same without them. But one snoozy little town is about to meet the biggest, baddest, rudest meatball who ever rolled.

**Wolff, Ashley**, *When Lucy Goes Out Walking* Gr. K-3, 32 pp., \$12.00. Meet Lucy, a little puppy full of bounce and curiosity. Lucy loves taking walks; it's especially fun to greet the neighborhood children and play with other dogs. Whether it's to race down a snowy hill in February or frolic in the grass in May, Lucy never says no to a stroll outdoors. Come December, Lucy's enjoyed every season, and she's almost all grown up!

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**Suggested Books**

**Grades 4-8:**

**Avi, *The Traitors Gate*, Gr. 5-8, 351 pp., \$12.00.** John Huffam's father works as a clerk in the Naval Ordinance Office in London, and he is suspected of trying to sell a secret about a new weapon to pay his gambling debts. When he is arrested as a debtor, 14-year-old John, must seek financial help from a distant relative, leave school for employment, and unravel the mystery surrounding his father and try to find out why so many people are spying on the Huffams.

**Berry, Julie. *The Amaranth Enchantment*.** Gr. 6-8, 302 pp. \$12.00, Orphaned at age five, Lucinda, now fifteen, stands with courage against the man who took everything from her, aided by a thief, a clever goat, and a mysterious woman called the Witch of Amaranth, while the prince she knew as a child prepares to marry, unaware that he, too, is in danger.

**Choldenko, Gennifer, *Al Capone Shines My Shoes*, Gr. 5-8, 288 pp., \$12.00.** It's 1935. Moose Flanagan lives on Alcatraz with his family, the other families of the guards, and a few hundred no-name hit men, con men, mad dog murderers and a handful of bank robbers too. And one of those cons has just done him a big favor.

**Feinstein, John, *Change Up Mystery at the World Series*, Gr. 4-8, 320 pp., \$12.00.** Teen reporters Stevie Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson are covering baseball's World Series, and during the course of an interview with a new hot pitcher, they discover more than a few contradictions in his life story. What's he hiding? An embarrassing secret or a possible crime? Let the investigation begin!

**French, Vivian, *The Robe of Skulls*, Gr. 5-7, 200 pp., \$12.00.** High above the mountain village of Fracture, trouble is brewing. The sorceress Lady Lamorna wants a skull-studded gown of deep black velvet, but her treasure chest is empty of gold. That doesn't stop her, however from kidnapping, blackmailing, and using more than a little magic to get what she needs. Will her plans be foiled by the heroic Gracie Gillypot, two chatty bats, a gallant (if scruffy) prince, the wickedest stepsister ever, a troll with a grudge, and some very ancient crones?

**Paulsen, Gary, *Notes from the Dog*, Gr. 7-8, 128 pp., \$12.00** "Sometimes having company is not all it's cracked up to be." Fifteen-year-old Finn is a loner, living with his dad and his amazing dog, Dylan. This summer he's hoping for a job where he doesn't have to talk to anyone except his pal Matthew. Then Johanna moves in next door. She's 10 years older, cool, funny, and she treats Finn as an equal. Johanna's dealing with breast cancer, and Matthew and Finn learn to care for her, emotionally and physically. When she hires Finn to create a garden, his gardening ideas backfire comically. But Johanna and the

garden help Finn discover his talents for connecting with people.

**Peterson, Katherine.** *Bread and Roses, Too*, Gr. 5-8, 266 pp., \$12.00. Rosa's mother is singing again, for the first time since Papa died in an accident in the mills. But instead of filling their cramped apartment with Italian lullabies, Mama is out on the streets singing union songs. Rosa is terrified that her mother and older sister, Anna, are endangering their lives by marching against the corrupt mill owners.

**Reynolds Naylor Phyllis,** *Faith Hope and Ivy June*, Gr. 6-8, 288 pp., \$12.00. Two schools, two families, two girls, and two ways of life. The mountain girl Ivy June is chosen for a program in which a girl from the mountains of Harlan goes to live with a girl from Lexington, Ky. Both girls experience a way of life that they couldn't imagine. Unexpected events such as a family member having heart surgery and a mining cave in makes the girls appreciate each other

**Sage, Angie.** *My Haunted House*. Gr. 3-5, 133 pp. \$12.00. Araminta enlists the help of several ghosts in an attempt to stop her Aunt Tabby from selling Spook House.

**Stones, Phoebe** *Deep Down Popular*. Gr. 5-8, 280 pp. \$12.00. In a small, Virginia town, sixth-grader Jessie Lou Ferguson has a crush on the hugely popular Conrad Parker Smith, and when he suddenly develops a medical problem and the teacher asks Jessie Lou to help him, they become friends, to her surprise.

**Swanson, James,** *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*, Gr. 5-8, 208 pp., \$12.00. This account of Lincoln's assassination and the 12-day search for his killer reads like a historical thriller, no matter that the narrative jumps among its locations and characters.

**White, Ruth.** *The Search for Belle Prater*. Gr. 4-7, 170 pp. \$12.00. In 1955, Woodrow and his cousin Gypsy befriend a new girl in their seventh-grade class in rural Virginia, and the three of them set off to find Woodrow's missing mother, encountering unlikely and intriguing coincidences along the way.

*Sharkpedia* Gr. 4-8, 128 pp., \$12.00. Learn where sharks lurk, what they eat, who they hang out with, and why they do what they do. Also, hear from scientists about why some sharks attack, and hear first-hand from survivors what an attack is like. Grab your bucket o' chum and climb aboard!