## Suggested Books and Authors for 2nd Graders

### Picture Books

- **Barnes, Derrick**
  - *I Am Every Good Thing*
  - You are special in every way.

- **Maclver, Juliette**
  - *That’s Not a Hippopotamus!*
  - A class searches for a missing hippo.

### Beginner

- **Blevins, Wiley**
  - *The Big Crunch (Ick and Crud)*
  - The woods can be a scary place.

- **Herman, Gail**
  - *The Color Day Coach (Makers Make It Work)*
  - Jake finds a different way to help his team.

- **Johnson, Princess Daazhraii**
  - *Molly of Denali: Crane Song (Molly of Denali)*
  - Molly helps her scientist friends find baby cranes.

### Easy Juvenile Fiction

- **Cronin, Doreen**
  - *The Chicken Squad (Chicken Squad)*
  - Brave chickens on a mission.

- **Deen, Natasha**
  - *Lark Holds the Key (Lark Ba Detective)*
  - Rookie detectives investigate cases.

- **Dillard, J.**
  - *J.D. and the Great Barber Battle (J.D. the Kid Barber)*
  - J.D.’s haircuts are cutting edge!

- **James, Laura**
  - *Captain Pug: The Dog Who Sailed the Seas (The Adventures of Pug)*
  - Can Pug set sail if he is afraid of water?

- **Jules, Jacqueline**
  - *My Family Adventure (Sofia Martinez)*
  - Happy family. Big adventures.

- **Roth, Jonathan**
  - *Too Much Space! (Beep and Bob)*
  - Bob and his alien friend get into trouble in space.

- **Szpirglas, Jeff**
  - *Shark Bait! (Orca Echoes)*
  - Orly’s eagerness to see a shark gets her into trouble.

### Series

- **Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta**
  - *Purrmaids*
  - Mermaid kittens explore Kittentail Cove.

- **Faruqi, Saadia**
  - *Yasmin*
  - She’s a creative problem solver.

- **Florence, Debbi Michiko**
  - *My Furry Foster Family* (Molly of Denali)
  - Kaita and Ollie help animals find homes.

- **González, Saraí**
  - *Sarai*
  - Sarai deals with obstacles tossed her way.

- **Miedoso, Andres**
  - *Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol* (Molly of Denali)
  - Andres and Desmond find spooky adventures in a haunted town.

- **Soontornvat, Christina**
  - *Diary of an Ice Princess* (Molly of Denali)
  - Can Pug set sail if he is afraid of water?

- **Clanton, Ben**
  - *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea (Narwhal and Jelly)*
  - Unlikely friends have silly undersea adventures.

- **Green, John**
  - *Kitten Construction Company: Meet the House Kittens* (Molly of Denali)
  - Marmalade and the other kittens love building things.

### Graphic Novel

- **Cammuso, Frank**
  - *Otto’s Backwards Day (Toon into Reading)*
  - Can Otto find the thief that stole his birthday?

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- **West, Kara**
  - *Mia Mayhem* (Molly of Denali)
  - Mia is a surprise superhero in training.

- **West, Tracey**
  - *Dragon Masters* (Molly of Denali)
  - How do you guide the power of your dragon?

### Non-Fiction

- **J 155.4182 Olson**
  - *Be Strong!: A Hero’s Guide to Being Resilient (Be Your Best You!)*

- **J 305.4 Hood**
  - *Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World*

- **J 510 Fishman**
  - *A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars*

- **J 594.5 Drimmer**
  - *Ink!: 100 Fun Facts About Octopuses, Squid, and More (National Geographic Kids Readers)*

- **J 613.7 Pajalunga**
  - *Yoga for Kids: Simple Animal Poses for Any Age*

- **J 940.4 Barton**
  - *Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion*

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