



2017 SSYRA First Line of the Books Grades 3-5

Allie, First At Last: “Blame it on Junko Tabei. Or blame my teacher, Mrs. Wendy. She’s the one who puts up a new poster of a famous person each month on our classroom wall.”

Castle Hangnail: “It was a marvelously dark and dour twilight at the castle.”

A Dragon’s Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans: “It was a lovely funeral for Fluffy, the best pet I ever had.”

Framed: “My name’s Florian Bates.”

The Hero Two Doors Down: “December 5, 1959, turned out to be the worst day of my life.”

Maxi’s Secrets: “Let’s get this part over with - it’s no secret. My dog, Maxi, dies.”

My Brother is a Superhero: “My brother is a superhero, and I could have been one too, except that I needed to go pee.”

Night of the Living Worms: “A little bird tweeting in the window at the top of the large Sycamore tree woke Speed Bump from a restless sleep.”

Pugs of the Frozen North: “Winter came in the night, like a white sheet laid over the world.”

Save Me a Seat: “Most people in America cannot pronounce my name.”

Teddy Mars: Almost a World Record Breaker: “The day my brother climbed into the cat box was the day I knew my life would never be normal again.”

The Vanishing Coin: “Nine-year old Mike Weiss slumped in a hard chair outside the principal’s office.”

A Whole New Ballgame: “I bolted toward the chain-link fence.”

The Wild Robot: “Our story begins on the ocean, with wind and rain and thunder and lightning and waves.”

Willy Maykit in Space: “When Willy Maykit was three years old, his father went on an African safari and came home with amazing stories of lions, tigers, and bears.”