



**2016-17 SSYRA Grades 3-5  
First Lines of the Books**

Use these first lines as a fun trivia game with the students!

**Absolutely Almost**

"Not everybody can be the rock at the top of the rock pile."

**All Four Stars**

"Gladys Gatsby stood at the counter with the spout of her father's heavy blowtorch poised over the ceramic cup."

**Circus Mirandus**

"Four small words. That was all it took to set things in motion."

**Dinosaur Boy**

"It all started with a bump. A little one. Right on the back of my neck."

**Eddie Red Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile**

"State your name."

**Fish Finelli: Seagulls Don't Eat Pickles**

"It all started the morning I broke into my lobster piggy bank. I had chosen a basin wrench for the job. It's a good tool for a delicate job."

**Fish in a Tree**

"It's always there. Like the ground underneath my feet."

**Gabby Duran and the Unsittables**

"The day that changed Gabby's life started out just like any other... with a small pitcher of water poured on her head."

**Half a Chance**

"'Lucy, we're going to love this place!' Dad called to me from the porch of the faded, red-shingled cottage with white trim."

**The Pet War**

"I stood at the bottom of the driveway in my pajamas with a serious case of bed head."

**Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures**

"The Unicorns arrived right after the buses."

**Prairie Evers**

“Just exactly one year ago, right after midnight on New Year’s Eve, my grammy told me, ‘Prairie, I have ushered in the new year with you, and that is all I can do.’”

**Serafina’s Promise**

“Under my bare feet,  
brown brittle grass  
prickles and stings.”

**The Terrible Two**

“Welcome to Yawnee Valley, an idyllic place with rolling green hills that slope down to creeks, and cows as far as the eye can see.”

**The Worm Whisperer**

“Ellis liked everything about his obituary, even if it wasn’t true.”