



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.”