

### NOVEL APPROACH BOOKS – Grade 3

| #  | Title                                               | Author               | Grade | Special      | Codes     | Summary                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 24 | Owls in the Family                                  | Mowat, Farley        | 3     | RL4; IL 4-7  | TG        | A young boy decides to raise two owlets as pets. Wol and Weeps provide fun and excitement for the boy in Saskatoon.                                                                           |
| 11 | 26 Fairmount Avenue                                 | DePaola, Tomie       | 3     | RL5; IL3-6   | * &       | Children's author/illustrator Tomie DePaola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy.                                                                                |
| 7  | See You Around Sam!                                 | Lowry, Lois          | 3     | RL4; IL 3-6  | +         | Sam Krupnik, mad at his mother because she won't let him wear his new plastic fangs in the house, decides to run away to Alaska.                                                              |
| 14 | Deborah Sampson Goes to War                         | Stevens, Bryna       | 3     | RL4.3;ILK-3  |           | A biography of the woman who served in the army during the Revolutionary War under the name Robert Shurtleff and who later lectured about her experiences.                                    |
| 8  | You Can't Eat Your Chicken Pox<br>Amber Brown       | Danziger, Paula      | 3     | RL3; IL 2-6  | +         | At the end of third grade, Amber is excited about her trip with her aunt to London and Paris, where she will see her father again, but her plans change when she comes down with chicken pox. |
| 22 | Because of Winn-Dixie                               | DiCamillo, Kate      | 3     | RL5.8;IL 3-6 | *         | Ten-year-old India describes her first summer in Naomi, Florida and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.                                            |
| 9  | Gooseberry Park                                     | Rylant, Cynthia      | 3     | RL4; IL3-6   |           | When a storm separates Stumpy the squirrel from her newborn babies, her animal friends Kona the dog, Murray the bat, and Gwendolyn the hermit crab come to the rescue.                        |
| 10 | Poppy                                               | Avi                  | 3     | RL5; IL 3-6  | +         | Poppy, a deer mouse, urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.                                   |
| 8  | Night Crossing                                      | Ackerman, Karen      | 3     | RL7; IL 3-6  |           | In 1938, having begun to feel the persecution that all Jews are experiencing in their Austrian city, Clara and her family escape over the mountains into Switzerland.                         |
| 36 | Sarah, Plain and Tall                               | MacLachlan, Patricia | 3     | RL4; IL 3-6  | * &<br>TG | When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.                     |
| 10 | Jonah the Whale and How He Became Incredibly Famous | Shreve, Susan        | 3     | RL5.8;IL 3-6 |           | After moving to a new town, 11-year-old Jonah reinvents himself as a talk show host, hoping this will somehow bring his absent father back.                                                   |
| 4  | Staying Nine                                        | Conrad, Pam          | 3     | RL3.5;IL2-   |           | Nine-year-old Heather doesn't want to                                                                                                                                                         |

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|    |                                              |                        |   | 6           |      | turn ten until wacky Rosa Rita shows her that growing up isn't so bad.                                                                                                                                                |
| 30 | Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes         | Coerr, Eleanor         | 3 | RL5; IL 2-5 | TG   | Hospitalized with the dreaded atom bomb disease, leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy.         |
| 6  | Case of the Secret Message                   | Hintor, Parker         | 3 | RL4; IL 3-6 |      | "Based on characters from the Parker Brothers game.";"A Creative Media Applications production." Presents eight mini-mysteries, each with a picture that contains clues to solving the case.                          |
| 15 | Frindle                                      | Clements, Andrew       | 3 | RL5; IL 3-6 |      | When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.                      |
| 6  | Spray-Paint Mystery                          | Medearis, Angela Shelf | 3 | RL4; IL 3-6 |      | Third-grader Cameron, anxious to prove that he can be a great detective like his dad, sets out with the help of his friend Tarann, to discover who has been painting graffiti on the school walls.                    |
| 5  | Runaway Ralph                                | Cleary, Beverly        | 3 | RL6; IL 2-6 | + TG | Ralph runs away looking for freedom but winds up a prisoner at a summer camp.                                                                                                                                         |
| 4  | There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom         | Sachar, Louis          | 3 | RL5; IL 3-6 |      | An unmanageable, but lovable, eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit too.                                                         |
| 12 | Snake That Went to School                    | Moore, Lilian          | 3 | RL4; IL 3-6 |      | An amusing mystery begins when Hank takes his pet to school to become part of a science collection.                                                                                                                   |
| 3  | Just Juice                                   | Hesse, Karen           | 3 | RL4; IL 3-6 |      | Realizing that her father's lack of work has endangered her family, nine-year-old Juice decides that she must return to school and learn to read in order to help their chances of surviving and keeping their house. |
| 10 | Skylark                                      | MacLachlan, Patricia   | 3 | RL3; IL 3-6 | + &  | Sequel to: Sarah, Plain and Tall. When a drought tests the commitment of a mail-order bride from Maine to her new home on the prairie, her stepchildren hope they will be able to remain a family.                    |
| 7  | Secret Soldier: the Story of Deborah Sampson | McGovern, Ann          | 3 | RL4; IL 3-6 |      | A brief biography of the woman who disguised herself as a man and joined the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.                                                                                           |
| 15 | Shark Lady                                   | McGovern, Ann          | 3 | RL4; IL 3-6 |      | A biography of the ichthyologist whose interest in fish began at the age of nine during weekly trips to the Aquarium in                                                                                               |

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| 12 | Centerburg Tales :<br>More Adventures<br>of Homer Price | McCloskey,<br>Robert            | 3 | RL6.5;IL3-<br>6 | &    | Further adventures of Homer Price, including those in which a juke box sets the whole town singing against its will and in which a mad scientist develops weeds that overrun the town.                                                       |
| 11 | Flying Solo                                             | Fletcher,<br>Ralph              | 3 | RL6; IL5-8      |      | Rachel, having chosen to be mute following the sudden death of a classmate, shares responsibility with the other sixth-graders who decide not to report that the substitute teacher failed to show up.                                       |
| 10 | Dolphin Freedom                                         | Grover,<br>Wayne                | 3 | RL3; IL 3-6     |      | A diver and his friends rescue a family of dolphins from Bahamian poachers who are selling the dolphins to marine parks.                                                                                                                     |
| 10 | Dolphin<br>Adventures: a True<br>Story                  | Grover,<br>Wayne                | 3 | RL5; IL3-6      |      | A diver describes how he encounters and gains the trust of a family of dolphins and saves the life of their baby.                                                                                                                            |
| 11 | Ten True Animal<br>Rescues                              | Betancourt,<br>Jeanne           | 3 | RL6; IL 3-6     |      | Ten accounts concerning animals who have saved the lives of people.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 13 | Ben and Me                                              | Lawson,<br>Robert               | 3 | RL4; IL 3-6     | TG   | Benjamin Franklin's companion, Amos the mouse, recounts how he was responsible for Franklin's inventions and discoveries.                                                                                                                    |
| 11 | Horrible Harry<br>Moves Up to Third<br>Grade            | Kline, Suzy                     | 3 | RL2; IL3-6      | &    | Horrible Harry and friends start off third grade with a new room and a field trip to an old copper mine to study rocks.                                                                                                                      |
| 32 | Mr. Popper's<br>Penguins                                | Atwater,<br>Richard             | 3 | RL4; IL 3-5     | * TG | The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.                                                               |
| 12 | Ida Early Comes<br>Over the Mountain                    | Burch, Robert                   | 3 | RL4; IL 3-6     | +    | Tough times in rural Georgia during the Depression take a lively turn when spirited Ida Early arrives to keep house for the Suttons.                                                                                                         |
| 15 | Fairy Rebel                                             | Banks, Lynne<br>Reid            | 3 | RL4; IL 3-6     |      | A rebellious fairy named Tiki, already in trouble for breaking the rule against wearing jeans, risks the further wrath of the Fairy Queen by trying to fulfill a human's special request for help.                                           |
| 15 | Girl with 500<br>Middle Names                           | Haddix,<br>Margaret<br>Peterson | 3 | RL5; IL 3-6     |      | Janie's parents move to the suburbs so she can go to a better school, but when she discovers that all the other students are richer than she is, she feels out of place--until she realizes that there are more important things than money. |
| 11 | Indian School                                           | Whelan,<br>Gloria               | 3 | RL4; IL 3-6     |      | In 1839, newly orphaned eleven-year-old Mary goes to live with her                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|    |                                           |                         |   |              |      | missionary aunt and uncle who run a school for Indian children in northern Michigan.                                                                                                                                   |
| 10 | Jim Ugly                                  | Fleischman, Sid         | 3 | RL5; IL 3-6  |      | The adventures of twelve-year-old Jake and Jim Ugly, his father's part-mongrel, part-wolf dog, as they travel through the Old West trying to find out what really happened to Jake's actor father.                     |
| 13 | Bully of Barkham Street                   | Stolz, Mary             | 3 | RL5; IL 4-7  | TG   | An eleven-year-old bully learns that he must change himself if he wants people to like him.                                                                                                                            |
| 14 | Bunnacula                                 | Howe, James and Deborah | 3 | RL4; IL 2-6  | + TG | Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.                                                                                 |
| 28 | American Tall Tales                       | Stoutenburg, Adrien     | 3 | RL4; IL 1-5  | TG   | Features eight American folk heroes: Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill, Stormalong, Mike Fink, Davy Crockett, Johnny Appleseed, John Henry, and Joe Magarac.                                                                     |
| 15 | Loser                                     | Spinelli, Jerry         | 3 | RL5; IL 3-6  |      | Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself. |
| 15 | My Name Is Maria Isabel                   | Ada, Alma Flor          | 3 | RL4.2;IL3-6  |      | Third grader Maria Isabel, born in Puerto Rico and now living in the United States, wants badly to fit in at school; and the teacher's writing assignment "My Greatest Wish" gives her that opportunity.               |
| 15 | Mary on Horseback: Three Mountain Stories | Wells, Rosemay          | 3 | RL5.5;IL 3-6 |      | Tells the stories, based on fact, of three families who were helped by the work of Mary Breckinridge, the first nurse to go into the Appalachian Mountains and give medical care to the isolated inhabitants.          |
| 19 | Lion to Guard Us                          | Bulla, Clyde Robert     | 3 | RL4; IL3-6   |      | Left on their own in London, three impoverished children draw upon all their resources to stay together and make their way to the Virginia colony in search of their father.                                           |
| 10 | Christina's Ghost                         | Wright, Betty Ren       | 3 | RL5: IL 2-6  |      | Christina's summer in a spooky, isolated Victorian house with her grumpy uncle turns into a ghostly adventure.                                                                                                         |
| 12 | Children of Green Knowe                   | Boston, L. M.           | 3 | RL4; IL 2-6  | +    | Tolly comes to live with his great-grandmother at the ancient house of Green Knowe and becomes friends with three children who lived there in the seventeenth century.                                                 |
| 9  | Cat Who Went to Heaven                    | Coatworth, Elizabeth    | 3 | RL6.6;IL5-8  | *    | A little cat comes to the home of a poor Japanese artist and, by humility and                                                                                                                                          |

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|    |                           |                       |   |              |        | devotion, brings him good fortune.<br>(Newbery medal winner)                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 24 | Dog on Barkham Street     | Stolz, Mary           | 3 | RL5; IL 4-7  | +      | Edward dearly wants a dog, and he and his friend Rod survive various adventures before the right dog arrives permanently.                                                                                                                     |
| 15 | Mouse Called Wolf         | King-Smith, Dick      | 3 | RL4; IL 2-6  |        | A mouse with an unusual name shares his musical gift with a widowed concert pianist.                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11 | Cricket in Times Square   | Selden, George        | 3 | RL5; IL 3-6  | * + TG | The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.                                                                                                                  |
| 10 | Mystery at Wolf River     | Shura, Mary Francis   | 3 | RL5; IL 3-6  |        | Kate and her friend Bugs rescue a dog from a boat in the flooded Wolf River. Trying to find the dog's owner was a real mystery.                                                                                                               |
| 14 | Marvin and the Mean Words | Kline, Suzy           | 3 | RL3; IL K-3  |        | Marvin overhears remarks made by his second-grade teacher and is sure she hates him.                                                                                                                                                          |
| 7  | Not My Dog                | Rodowsky, Colby       | 3 | RL6.2;IL 3-6 |        | Eight-year-old Ellie has to give up her life-long dream of getting a puppy after her parents agree to take in the dog that Great-aunt Margaret can no longer keep.                                                                            |
| 7  | It Goes Eeeeeeeeeeeee!    | Gilson, Jamie         | 3 | RL3.1;IL 3-6 |        | Patrick, the new boy in Richard's class, is always causing trouble, but his work on a science project about bats helps him make new friends.                                                                                                  |
| 14 | Aldo Applesauce           | Hurwitz, Johanna      | 3 | RL4; IL 2-6  | +      | Aldo Sossi has a new home, school, friends, and a new nickname!                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 15 | Taste of Blackberries     | Smith, Doris Buchanan | 3 | RL4; IL 3-5  | TG     | A young boy recounts his efforts to adjust to the accidental death of his best friend.                                                                                                                                                        |
| 30 | Chocolate Fever           | Smith, Robert Kimmel  | 3 | RL5; IL3-5   |        | From eating too much chocolate, Henry breaks out in brown bumps that help him foil some hijackers and teach him a valuable lesson about self-indulgence.                                                                                      |
| 9  | Forgotten Door            | Key, Alexander        | 3 | RL5; IL 2-6  |        | John has fallen through a forgotten door to the strange planet Earth and is in great danger. Soon the family who befriends him is in great danger too. Time is running out. He must find the secret passage quickly or he may never get home. |
| 15 | Llama in the Family       | Hurwitz, Johanna      | 3 | RL5; IL 2-6  |        | Because Adam hopes that the "big surprise" awaiting him at home has two wheels and pedals, he is unprepared for the unusual addition to his Vermont family.                                                                                   |