

Kindergarten/First Grade

A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams

After a fire destroys their home and possessions, Rosa, her mother, and grandmother save and save until they can afford to buy one big, comfortable chair that all three of them can enjoy. After their home is destroyed by a fire, Rosa, her mother and grandmother save their coins to buy a really comfortable chair for all to enjoy.

A Dollar for Penny by Julie Glass

On a beautiful summer day a young girl sets up a lemonade stand and sells enough cups of refreshment to add up to a dollar. Told in rhyme, this delightful story combines the teaching of addition with a traditional rite of childhood entrepreneurship!

Arthur's Pet Business by Marc Brown

Arthur's determination to prove he is responsible enough to have a puppy brings him a menagerie of animals to care for.

Bunny Money by Rosemary Wells

It's Grandma's birthday, and Ruby knows exactly what Grandma would love—a beautiful ballerina box. Max also knows what she'd love—a scary pair of ooey-gooey vampire teeth. Ruby has saved up a walletful of bills, but as unexpected mishap after mishap occurs, money starts running through the bunnies' fingers.... Will they have enough left for the perfect present? Wells' adorable story is also a fun and lively introduction to early math.

If You Made a Million by David M. Schwartz

Have you ever wanted to make a million dollars? Marvelosissimo the Mathematical Magician is ready, willing, and able to explain the nuts and bolts -- as well as the mystery and wonder -- of earning money, investing it, accruing dividends and interest, and watching savings grow. Hey, you never know!

Jelly Bean's for Sale by Bruce McMillan

Yum! Brilliantly colored jellybeans selling for a penny apiece provide the scheme for McMillan's wonderfully clever concept book about money. Beginning with monetary values and clear photos of pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, the book follows a happy group of kids across full-color pages as they buy those delectable treats.

Lemonade for Sale by Stuart J. Murphy

Four kids and their sidekick, Petey the parrot, run a sometimes thriving lemonade stand whose patrons include all kinds of wacky neighbors—even a juggler. They create a bar graph to track the rise and fall of their lemonade sales.

Money Trouble by Bill Cosby

While trying to raise enough money for a telescope, Little Bill makes a discovery about generosity and the needs of others.

Monster Money Book by Loreen Leedy

The members of the Monster Club discuss money and how to manage it.

My Rows and Piles of Coins by Tololwa Mollel

The market is full of wonderful things, but Saruni is saving his precious coins for a red and blue bicycle. How happy he will be when he can help his mother carry heavy loads to market on his very own bicycle--and how disappointed he is to discover that he hasn't saved nearly enough! Determination and generosity are at the heart of this satisfying tale, set in Tanzania and illustrated with glowing watercolors that capture the warmth of Saruni's family and the excitement of market day.

Pig Pig Gets a Job by David M. McPhail

Pig Pig is looking for spending money and is surprised when his mother suggests that he earn it.

The Go-Around Dollar by Barbara Johnston Adams

Every dollar travels from person to person in a different way. Matt finds a dollar on his way home from school and uses it to buy shoelaces from Eric. Eric spends the dollar on bubble gum at the corner store. Jennifer, who happens to be the next customer, receives the dollar as part of her change.

A dollar bill is something we all see and use every day of our lives. But do we know how it's made? The meaning of the symbols that are shown on the front and back of the dollar? How long the average dollar stays in circulation?

In this fascinating and informative book, Barbara Johnston Adams weaves together a fictional narrative about the travels of a single dollar with facts and anecdotes that are sure to delight young readers.

The Story of Money by Betsy Maestro

Explore the many forms money has taken around the world and through history, from doubloons of ages past to contemporary credit cards.

Second Grade/Third Grade

Henry and Beezus by Beverly Cleary

Henry Huggins is friends with Beezus Quimby --even though she's a girl and has a pesky little sister. When Henry finds a bonanza of gumballs, Beezus helps him take them to school to sell. She knows he's trying to earn money for a bike.

Henry's best chance to get one comes when there's an auction for lost bikes at the police station. He sets off to buy a red one, but Beezus and Ramona tag along -- and Ramona brings a fat slimy garden slug.

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Owl in the Office by Ben M. Baglio

The Welford Animal Shelter has always been a place for homeless and hurt animals. What will happen to the animals if the shelter has to close? Mandy and James organize a huge pet show to raise enough money to keep the shelter open.

Rent Party Jazz by William Miller

When Sonny Comeaux's mother is laid off from work, he wants to quit school and earn their rent money. She refuses, but Sonny finds a solution. With help from a jazz musician, he throws a rent party, where music raises the needed money. With colorful images, Rent Party Jazz tells of family, friendship, and the bonds that unite people.

Willie Wins by Almira Astudillo Gilles

Willie is worried. He's already struck out in his Little League baseball game, and now he needs to find a savings bank to bring to school for a project tomorrow. His dad gives him a bank made from a coconut shell, a gift he's been saving for Willie. It's from the Philippines, where his father grew up, and it has, his dad promises, a treasure inside, from when Dad was a kid. The day arrives and the bank is broken open. Inside, hidden among all the play money, is a valuable Willie Mays baseball card!

Fourth Grade/Fifth Grade/Sixth Grade

A Garden Carried IN The Pocket A Magic Button to Wall Street by Edith Nisberg

The story is about two teenagers brother and sister, Russ and Joy who have an exciting adventure. One day they walk to New York City and enter an elevator in a huge office building. They press a magic button and find themselves in a strange place and discover an unusual brokerage house on Wall Street. They invest \$100 in a stock, when a shocking news bulletin changed their fantasy into

reality. Read to find out how Russ and Joy followed their dreams and turned a loss into a profit.

Germie Blew It- Again by Rebecca Jones

In order to pay off a school debt, Germie goes into the gerbil breeding business.

Make Four Million Dollars by Next Thursday by Stephen Manes

Jason attracts a lot of attention when he starts following the zany advice in a get-rich-quick book by the bizarre Dr. Silverfish.

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The Big Buck Adventure by Shelley Gill and Deborah Tobola

One little girl and one very big dollar set out on a great adventure at the store. However, what seems like a pleasant afternoon of shopping soon turns perplexing as the challenge of her buying options becomes overwhelming. She doesn't know what to do. There are so many choices, but she only has one buck. A fun and perfect example of how we use math in our daily lives.

Seventh Grade and up

Credit-Card Carole by Sheila Solomon Klass

When her father's decision to quit his lucrative job to "find himself" as an actor changes their family's finances, pampered sixteen-year-old Carole is dismayed that she must give up her credit card and get a job herself.

Good-Bye Millions by Michael J. Pellowski

A funny account of how Veronica handles her new "situation in life". When Veronica's father loses part of his vast fortune, Veronica has to adjust to a radically different lifestyle.

Hello...This is My Father Speaking by Mitchell Sharmat

Jeff Whitty hopes to make a fortune in the stock market so his father won't have to clean offices for a living (although the man is doing quite well and has no complaints).

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Money Hungry by Sharon G. Flake

Raspberry Hill, 13, loves money. She sells clearance holiday candy and pencils, and keeps her lunch money rather than eat. She hoards every dime she can gather and hides her cash in her room. Greed drives her and is more important than friends, boys, or her mother's love.

The Whole Kitt and Caboodle: A Painless Journey to Investment Enlightenment
by Susan Laubach

Promises to enlighten on the basics of successful investing.