

## Literary Genre Bibliography: Humorous Fiction

### Grades K-2

Burach, Ross. **The Very Impatient Caterpillar**. Scholastic Press, 2019. ISBN: 9781338289411.

**Summary:** A caterpillar struggles to be patient while he waits inside his chrysalis to transform into a butterfly. He learns that patience is hard, but also extremely rewarding. - Mackin Annotation

**Curricular use:** The obvious tie-in here is with a science unit on butterflies or really any insect that goes through complete metamorphosis. This could also be an excellent resource for a fun paired reading activity where reading with expression is the emphasis, although the text will be complex for emerging readers. The social-emotional theme of tempering excitement with patience could make it useful to a variety of classroom discussions as well.

**Audience:** Just about anyone, since most people have some kind of personal or school experience with caterpillars and butterflies, as well as the difficulty of being patient when something exciting is afoot! Kids who love Elephant and Piggie books or other stories told with expressive speech bubbles will connect with this one too. Adults will find it as humorous as kids, making it a great choice for storytime.

Bernstein, Ariel. **Where is my Balloon?** Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2019. ISBN: 9781534414518.

**Summary:** While holding his friend Owl's red balloon, Monkey accidentally pops it then tries to substitute other objects before confessing his deed. -Mackin Annotation

**Curricular use:** This book could be used to discuss messages of friendship, being responsible, and forgiveness. It's a great early-grade read aloud, and it's repetitive structure makes it a good choice for practicing simple predictions.

**Audience:** PK-2 students would find this book especially appealing. It would also work wonderfully for a buddy read with an older student reading to a younger one. *This is a follow-up story to the previously released I Have a Balloon, so fans of that book will be a natural audience.*

### Grades 3-4

ANGLEBERGER, TOM. **Recipe for Disaster (Didi Dodo, Future Spy. Book 1)** . Amulet Books, 2019. ISBN: 9781419733703.

**Summary:** In this series opener, Koko Dodo the cookie chef has a big problem. Today is the day of the royal cookie contest, and someone has stolen his top-secret fudge sauce! Luckily, a spy enters the scene just in time (or rather, crashes in on her roller skates): Didi Dodo! This might be Didi's first case ever, but she has a daring plan to help Koko. Koko would prefer a safe, simple, sure-to-work plan, but without another option, he and the amateur sleuth take off on a wacky caper full of high-speed chases and big belly laughs that could only come from the mind of the inimitable Tom Angleberger. Each book in the series will focus on a food-related mystery. -Publisher Description

**Curricular use:**

**Audience:** Grades 1-4, students looking for silly stories or mysteries

## Grades 5-6

Peirce, Lincoln. **Max and the Midknights**. Crown Books for Young Readers, 2019. ISBN: 9781101931097.

**Summary:** Max wants to be a knight! Too bad that dream is about as likely as finding a friendly dragon. But when Max's uncle Budrick is kidnapped by the cruel King Gastley, Max has to act...and fast! Joined by a band of brave adventurers--the Midknights--Max sets out on a thrilling quest: to save Uncle Budrick and restore the realm of Byjovia to its former high spirits! -From the Publisher's Description

**Curricular use:** Could fit in to a discussion about gender roles/identity

**Audience:** Grades 3-6, fans of Big Nate are sure to like this newer series from the same author, as might fans of the Wimpy Kid blend of regular text with graphics, readers looking for non gender-conforming main characters, students seeking a mix of fantasy or adventure combined with humor.

## Additional Considerations

Rash, Andy. **The Happy Book**. Viking Juvenile, 2019

Bell, Cece. **Chick and Brain: Smell My Foot**. Candlewick Press, 2019

Benton, Jim. **Clyde**. Yoe Books, 2019.

Battle, Craig. **Camp Average**. Owlkids, 2020???

Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug???