

Second Grade Reading Practice

Truthfully, the easiest thing is to keep them reading through the *Faith and Freedom Readers*. However, mine rebel after the first one or two. I can generally get them to read the real-life-story-filled *Book of Sanctity* (2-3), but never before the end of second grade.

The syllabus recommends quite a few books beyond the FFRs, but many of the series are out-of-print now or just too doggone hard for any of my kids reading ON GRADE LEVEL. Use everything else on that list for ABOVE level kids. In fact, I use the easy readers on this list (italicized) and then go off on my own. My kids can't read the COFA or Betsy books until MUCH later. But, here are the ones from the list that are in print and under a 3.7 difficulty level.

<i>Kiss for Little Bear</i>	1.7
<i>Father Bear Comes Home</i>	2.1
<i>A Friend for Little Bear</i>	2.2
<i>Little Bear's Visit</i>	2.3
<i>Little Bear</i>	2.4
<i>Days With Frog and Toad</i>	2.5
<i>House is a House for Me</i>	2.6
<i>Frog and Toad All Year</i>	2.6
<i>Frog and Toad Are Friends</i>	2.9
<i>Frog and Toad Together</i>	2.9
Blue Bay Mystery	2.9
Mike's Mystery	3
Bicycle Mystery, Caboose Mystery, Lighthouse Mystery, Mystery in San Francisco, Yellow House Mystery	3.2
Sitting Bull: Dakota Boy	3.3
The Camp-Out Mystery, Mystery in the Snow, Mystery Ranch, Pumpkin Head Mystery, Schoolhouse Mystery, Treehouse Mystery, Windy City Mystery	3.3
Molly Pitcher: Young Patriot	3.4
Houseboat Mystery, Snowbound Mystery, Superstar Mystery	3.4
Abraham Lincoln: The Great Emancipator, Babe Ruth: One of Baseball's Greatest, Knute Rockne: Young Athlete, Teddy Roosevelt: Young Rough Rider	3.5
The Dog-Gone Mystery, Mystery Behind the Wall, Mystery Gril, Mystery of the Hot Air Balloon, Mystery of the Lost Mine	3.5
Buffalo Bill: Frontier Daredevil	3.6
Bus Station Mystery, Mountain Top Mystery, The Mystery of the Singing Ghost, The Mystery of the Stolen Boxcar, The Vampire Mystery	3.6
Back to School with Betsy, Betsy and the Boys	3.7