

Dear Grade 3s and your Parents

#1. I follow Harper Collins publishers online, as they produce and share excellent content about their children's books.

I was excited to see this post, right, about the series of picture books – **The Bad Seed**, **The Cool Bean** and **The Good Egg** – all three of which were on the **New York Times bestseller** list at the same time!

Children's books do not become bestsellers unless they have something special to offer, which I believe these do. They are charming and engaging and help us to think about our values – so even though they may be easy for you chapter book readers in grade 3 to read, I hope that you will enjoy the three stories, which you can listen to on YouTube using my links below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhRbnmI2UAQ>

**The Bad Seed**, written by **Jory John** and illustrated by **Pete Oswald**.

*"With Jory John's charming and endearing text and bold expressive illustrations by Pete Oswald, here is The Bad Seed: a funny yet touching tale that reminds us of the remarkably transformative power of will, acceptance, and just being you. Perfect for readers young and old, The Bad Seed proves that positive change is possible for each and every one of us."*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqsGoiz-ufg>

**The Cool Bean**, written by **Jory John** and illustrated by **Pete Oswald**.

*"Always on the sidelines, one bean unsuccessfully tries everything he can to fit in with the crowd—until one day the cool beans show him how it's done. With equal measures of humour, wit, and charm, the #1 New York Times bestselling duo Jory John and Pete Oswald craft another incredible picture book, reminding us that it's cooler to be kind."*

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**The Good Egg**, written by **Jory John** and illustrated by **Pete Oswald**.

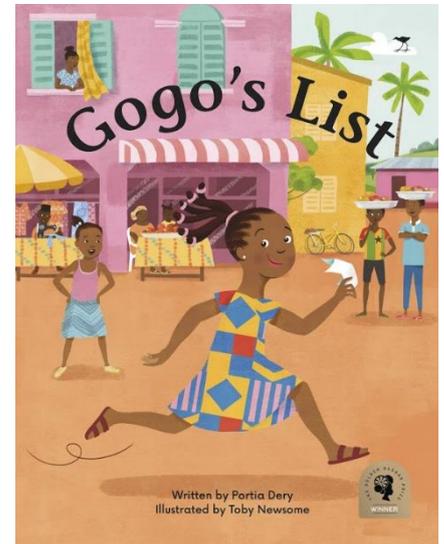
*"Meet the good egg. He's a verrrrry good egg indeed. But trying to be so good is hard when everyone else is plain ol' rotten. As the other eggs in the dozen behave badly, the good egg starts to crack from all the pressure of feeling like he has to be perfect. So, he decides enough is enough! It's time for him to make a change... Jory John and Pete Oswald hatch a funny and charming story that reminds us of the importance of balance, self-care, and accepting those we love (even if they are sometimes a bit rotten)."*



#2. My second choice for you this week is a **Twinkl story** which I downloaded (thanks, Twinkl, for opening up your website during lockdown).

The story is called: **Treasures in the Garden** and is a lovely one about finding treasures and using your imagination. I hope that you have been playing in your garden each day after completing your schoolwork, Grade 3s. It is very good for all of us to get into nature and to take time to enjoy it, especially at this time when you cannot visit your friends.

#3. Thirdly, I was so excited to be allowed to go back to work in our beautiful library recently and came home with a school iPad, loaned to me by Mrs Peltenburg, and some books to read to the Foundation Phase girls. I chose a truly South African story to read to you. It is called, "**Gogo's list**", is written by **Portia Dery** and illustrated by Toby Newsome. The publisher is **Jacana**.



#4. My last recommendation for the week is a newly released story from the website **Vooks**. It's called "**The day Punctuation came to Town.**"

In a fun, story context, it teaches the value and purpose of **punctuation**.

In South Africa, we call the dot at the end of a sentence a **full stop**, but in America they call it a period. So whenever the period is referred to in the story, think of it as our full stop and then the story will make perfect sense.

<https://watch.vooks.com/top-storybooks/videos/the-day-punctuation-came-to-town>

After watching it, you may like to try the **Twinkl punctuation worksheet** I downloaded. Please don't print it out – just try for the answers in your head or by jotting them down, before scrolling to the next page to mark yourself.

Have fun reading from these recommendations, or from whatever wonderful books you have at home at this time, Grade 3s.

I am missing you.

Mrs Bentley

