

4th Grade Summer Reading List

Pigs Ahoy

By: David McPhail

Summary: Stowaway pigs wreak hilarious havoc on a cruise ship.

Many Moons

By: James Thurber

Summary: When Princess Lenore becomes ill from too many raspberry tarts, she is sure that only the moon can cure her.

Henry and Ribsy

By: Beverly Cleary

Summary: Henry has to find a way to keep his dog, Ribsy, out of trouble.

The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto

By: Natalie Standiford

Summary: Balto, a sled dog, saved Nome, Alaska, from diphtheria by leading his team over fifty-three miles of snow and ice to deliver serum.

Thundercake

By: Patricia Polacco

Summary: A girl who is frightened of thunderstorms is confronted by her grandmother as they go to the kitchen to bake a thundercake.

Angel's Mother's Baby

By: Judy Delton

Summary: In this fifth book about Angel, misadventures abound as, Angel's family plans for a new baby

Banner in the Sky

By: James Ramsey Ullman

Summary: The exciting story of a 16-year-old boy who is determined to conquer the last unconquered summit in the Alps — the very mountain on which his father died fifteen years before.

Baseball Fever

By: Johanna Hurwitz

Summary: Ezra Feldman, almost ten, likes baseball more than anything else in the world. But his father cannot understand why his son would rather rot his brains watching men swinging big wooden sticks than read a book or play chess.

Because of Winn-Dixie

By: **Kate DiCamillo**

Summary: The summer Opal and her father, the preacher, move to Naomi, Florida, Opal goes into the Winn-Dixie supermarket -- and comes out with a dog.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

By: **Roald Dahl**

Summary: This full-color 40th anniversary edition of Roald Dahl's most popular novel features vibrant spot art by Quentin Blake on candy-colored pages enhanced by candy-filled borders. A scrumptious read-aloud edition of a classic!

Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator

By: **Roald Dahl**

Summary: Last seen flying through the sky in a giant elevator in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Charlie Bucket is back for another adventure. When the giant elevator picks up speed, Charlie, Willy Wonka, and the gang are sent hurtling through space and time. Visiting the world's first space hotel, battling the dreaded Vermicious Knids, and saving the world are only a few stops along this remarkable, intergalactic joyride.

Chocolate Fever

By: **Robert Kimmel Smith**

Summary: Henry Green eats so much chocolate he comes down with chocolate fever.

Chocolate Touch

By: **Patrick Skene Catling**

Summary: John Midas loves chocolate. He loves it so much that he'll eat it any hour of any day. He doesn't care if he ruins his appetite. He thinks chocolate is better than any other food! But one day, after wandering into a candy store and buying a piece of their best chocolate, John finds out that there might just be such a thing as too much chocolate.

Coffin on the Case

By: **Betsy Byars**

The Cold & Hot Winter

By: **Johanna Hurwitz**

Summary: What do you do when you think your best friend is a liar and a thief?

Cricket in Times Square

By: *George Selden*

Summary: Tucker is a streetwise city mouse. He thought he'd seen it all. But he's never met a cricket before, which really isn't surprising, because, along with his friend Harry Cat, Tucker lives in the very heart of New York City—the Times Square subway station.

Dear Mr. Henshaw

By: *Beverly Cleary*

Summary: Leigh Botts has been author Boyd Henshaw's number one fan ever since he was in second grade. Now in sixth grade, Leigh lives with his mother and is the new kid at school. He's lonely, troubled by the absence of his father, a cross-country trucker, and angry because a mysterious thief steals from his lunchbag. Then Leigh's teacher assigns a letter-writing project. Naturally Leigh chooses to write to Mr. Henshaw, whose surprising answer changes Leigh's life.

Egypt Game

By: *Zilpha Keatley Snyder*

Summary: The first time Melanie Ross meets April Hall, she's not sure they'll have anything in common. But she soon discovers that they both love anything to do with ancient Egypt.

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

By: *E. L. Konigsburg*

Summary: Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.

Hobie Hansom Greatest Hero of the Mall

By: *Jamie Gilson*

Summary: When his town is devastated by a flood, Hobie's fifth grade class is forced to meet every day in the shopping mall.

How To Eat Fried Worms

By: *Thomas Rockwell*

Summary: Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal.

Hot and Cold Summer

By: Johanna Hurwitz

Summary: Two inseparable ten-year-old boys discover there is room in their friendship for another person and it really doesn't matter that she is a girl.

In the Year of the Boar & Jackie Robinson

By: Bette Bao Lord

Summary: In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.

James and the Giant Peach

By: Roald Dahl

Summary: A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach.

Julie of the Wolves

By: Jean Craighead George

Summary: While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

Key to the Indian

By: Lynne Reid Banks

Summary: As Omri, his father, and other members of his family learn more about the cupboard in his room, together and separately they are caught up in several dangerous adventures that reveal more about its powers.

Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

By: Kate DiCamillo

Mr. Popper's Penguins

By: Richard Atwater

Summary: 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.

Muggie Maggie

By: Beverly Cleary

Summary: Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade, until she discovers that knowing how to read and write cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge for her.

My Side of the Mountain

By: *Jean Craighead George*

Summary: A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship

Mystery of the Cupboard

By: *Lynne Reid Banks*

Summary: After the family moves to the country to a house recently inherited by his mother, Omri finds many secrets revealed to him when he accidentally discovers the link between the house and the magic cupboard. Sequel to "The Secret of the Indian."

Never Hit a Ghost with a Baseball Hat

By: *Eth Clifford*

Summary: Mary Rose and Joe-Beth are off on an adventure with their father to a trolley museum which they soon find is haunted.

Night Swimmers

By: *Betsy Byars*

Summary: With their mother dead and their father working nights, Retta tries to be mother to her two younger brothers.

Nory Ryan's Song

By: *Patricia Reilly Giff*

Summary: When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.

Nothing but the Truth

By: *Avi*

Summary: A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.

On My Honor

By: *Marion Dane Bauer*

Summary: When his best friend drowns while they are both swimming in a treacherous river that they had promised never to go near, Joel is devastated and terrified at having to tell both sets of parents the terrible consequences of their disobedience.

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On the Far Side of the Mountain

By: *Jean Craighead George*

Summary: Sam is joined in the Catskill Mountains by his younger sister, Alice, who is quietly living in a tree house of her own. Their peaceful life is shattered when a conservation officer confiscates Sam's falcon, Frightful, and Alice suddenly vanishes.

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes

By: *Eleanor Coerr*

Summary: 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.

Sarah, Plain and Tall

By: *Patricia MacLachlan*

Summary: A widowed man with children finds a mother for them.

School's Out

By: *Johanna Hurwitz*

Summary: Lucas thinks his summer vacation is ruined when Mom hires a French au pair to watch over Lucas and his two-year-old twin brothers.

Sign of the Beaver

By: *Elizabeth George Speare*

Summary: Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.

Skylark

By: *Patricia MacLachlan*

Summary: Sequel to Sarah, Plain and Tall

Snow Treasure

By: *Marie McSwigan*

Summary: In the bleak winter of 1940, Nazi troops parachuted into Peter Lindstrom's tiny Norwegian village and held it captive.

Tale of Despereaux

By: *Kate DiCamillo*

Summary: The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Teacher's Pet

By: Francine Pascal

Summary: This fourth grader is the teacher's pet.

There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom

By: *Louis Sachar*

Summary: 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.

True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

By: Avi

Summary: As the only passenger, and the only female, on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, thirteen-year-old Charlotte finds herself caught between a murderous captain and a mutinous crew.

Wanted Mud Blossoms

By: Betsy Byars

Summary: A hamster gets lost.

Whipping Boy

By: *Sid Fleischman*

Summary: A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.

Who Was That Masked Man Anyway?

By: Avi

Summary: In the early forties when nearly everyone else is thinking about World War II, sixth-grader Frankie Wattleson gets in trouble at home and at school because of his preoccupation with his favorite radio programs.

Windcatcher

By: *Avi*

Summary: While learning to sail during a visit to his grandmother's at the Connecticut shore, eleven-year-old Tony becomes excited about the rumors of sunken treasure in the area and starts following a couple who seem to be making a mysterious search for something.

Series and Authors:

Henry and Ribsy Series- By: Beverly Cleary

Anastasia Krupnik Series- By: Lois Lowry

Boxcar Children Series- By: Lois Lowry

Dear America Series

Encyclopedia Brown Series- By: Sabol

Hank Zipzer Series

Magic Tree House Series

Royal Diary Series

Any books age-appropriate by Beverly Cleary.

Any books age-appropriate by Patricia Polacco.