

CDS Suggested Summer Reading 4th Grade (annotated)

Realistic Fiction

- ***The Terrible Two*** by Mac Barnett and Jory John

When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local, mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks but soon the two join forces to pull off the biggest prank ever seen.

- ***Red Zone*** by Tiki Barber

Identical twins Ronde and Tiki Barber's excitement over the approaching state championship football game turns to worry when there is a chickenpox outbreak at Hidden Valley Junior High.

- ***My Last Best Friend*** (*Friends for Keeps* series) by Julie Bowe

After her best friend moves away, fourth-grader Ida May is determined not to make another best friend, despite the efforts of a new girl in her class.

- ***Frindle*** by Andrew Clements

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control. Also by this author: *Lunch Money, No Talking,* and *A School Story*

- ***Saving Winslow*** by Sharon Creech

Through vignettes of sparse text, this story follows 10-year-old Louie as he takes on the challenge of saving a fragile, newborn mini-donkey that has been rejected by its mother.

- ***The Lemonade War*** (*series*) by Jacqueline Davies

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.

- ***Because of Winn Dixie*** by Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie. Also by this author: *The Flora & Ulysses: the Illuminated Adventures, The Magician's Elephant, The Tale of Despereaux* and *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

- ***Jasmine Toguchi: Mochi Queen*** by Debbi Machiko Florence

New chapter book series star, Jasmine Toguchi, wants to do something before her older sister for once. So when her family comes to visit for New Year's, she sets her sights on pounding mochi, traditionally a boys-only job.

- ***Just Grace*** by Charise Mericle Harper

Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

- ***Junonia*** by Kevin Henkes

The week of her tenth birthday, Alice and her parents go to Sanibel Island, Florida, just as they do every year, but this time some of the people who are always there are missing and some new people have come, which unsettles Alice, who wants things to be exactly the same as they always are.

- ***Diary of a Wimpy Kid*** by Jeff Kinney

Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

- ***The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher*** by Dana Alison Levy

Relates the adventures of a family with two fathers, four adopted boys, and a variety of pets as they make their way through a school year, Kindergarten through sixth grade, and deal with a grumpy new neighbor.

- ***Hot Hand*** by Mike Lupica (*Comeback Kids* series)

In the wake of his parents' separation, ten-year-old Billy seems to have continual conflicts with his father, who is also his basketball coach, but his quiet, younger brother Ben, a piano prodigy, is having even more trouble adjusting, and only Billy seems to notice.

- ***Waiting for the Magic*** by Patricia MacLachlan

When Papa goes away for a little while, his family tries to cope with the separation by adopting four dogs and a cat.

- ***Kelsey Green: Reading Queen*** (*Kelsey Green* series) by Claudia Mills

Kelsey is the best reader in her third grade class, and she is determined to lead her class to victory in the all-school reading contest.

- ***Mason Dixon Pet Disasters*** (series) Claudia Mills

Nine-year-old Mason's parents keep trying to get him a pet, but until he and his best friend Brody adopt a three-legged dog, he is not interested. Also by this author: *How Oliver Olson Changed the World* and *Fractions = Trouble*.

- ***The Fantastic Secrets of Owen Jester*** by Barbara O'Connor

Owen captures an enormous bullfrog, names it Tooley Graham, then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the Carter, Georgia, pond it came from, while avoiding nosy neighbor Viola.

- ***Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made*** (series) by Stephan Pastis

Resolving to earn so much money that his mother will no longer stress out over the bills, eleven-year-old Timmy Failure launches a detective business with a lazy polar bear partner named Total but finds their enterprise "Total Failure, Inc." challenged by a college-bound spy and a four-foot-tall girl whom Timmy refuses to acknowledge.

- ***Waylon: One Awesome Thing*** by Sarah Pennypacker

Waylon has lots of ideas for making life more awesome through science, like teleportation, human gills, and attracting cupcakes by controlling gravity. But it's impossible for him to concentrate on his inventions when he's experiencing his own personal Big Bang.

- ***Wild River*** by P.J. Peterson

Considered lazy and un-athletic, twelve-year-old Ryan discovers a heroic side of himself when a kayak trip with his older brother goes horribly awry.

- ***Big Nate: In a Class by Himself*** by Lincoln Peirce

Supremely confident middle-school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.

- ***Quinny & Hopper*** by Adrianna Schanen

Two polar-opposite eight year olds who become summer best friends find their friendship threatened by the uncertainties of a new school year.

- ***Cilla Lee Jenkins: Future Author Extraordinaire*** by Susan Tan

A half-Chinese, half-Caucasian girl's 'memoir' about a new sibling, being biracial, and her path to literary greatness.

- ***Justin Case: Shells, Smells and the Horrible Flip-flops of Doom***

(*Justin Case series*) by Rachel Vail

Justin worries his way through summer camp, where the requirements of the mess hall, swimming, and getting picked for teams are shaped by old and new friendships as well as a first crush.

- ***Oggie Cooder*** by Sarah Weeks

Quirky fourth-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to everyone's best

friend when his uncanny ability to chew slices of cheese into the shapes of states wins him a slot on a popular television talent show, but he soon learns the perils of being a celebrity--and having a neighbor girl as his manager. Also by this author: *Pie*, and *Honey*

- ***Love, Ruby Lavender*** by Deborah Wiles

When her quirky grandmother goes to Hawaii for the summer, nine-year-old Ruby learns to survive on her own in Mississippi by writing letters, befriending chickens as well as the new girl in town, and finally coping with her grandfather's death.

Mystery

- ***Didi Dodo: Future Spy in Recipe for Disaster*** by Tom Angleberger

When Koko Dodo's secret chocolate sauce is stolen just before an important cooking contest Didi, a dodo bird, devises a daring plan to help--whether he wants her to or not.

- ***Mac Undercover (Mac B. Kid Spy)*** by Mac Barnett

One day, Mac (smartest boy in his class in a small town in California) receives a telephone call from the Queen of England, recruiting him to find the crown jewels (well, actually just the Coronation Spoon) and so Mac embarks on his first adventure as a secret agent--with the assurance that the Queen will give him a note excusing him from school.

- ***The Hundred-Year-Old Secret*** by Tracy Barrett (*Sherlock Files* series)

Xena and Xander Holmes, an American brother and sister living in London for a year, discover that Sherlock Holmes was their great-great-great grandfather when they are inducted into the Society for the Preservation of Famous Detectives and given his unsolved casebook, from which they attempt to solve the case of a famous missing painting.

- ***Annie's Adventures*** (*The Sisters Eight* series) by Lauren Baratz-Logsted

On New Year's Eve, the octuplets Huit--Annie, Durinda, Georgia, Jackie, Marcia, Petal, Rebecca, and Zinnia--discover that their parents are missing, and then uncover a mysterious note instructing them that each must find her power and her gift if they want to know what happened to their parents.

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adventure as a secret agent--with the assurance that the Queen will give him a note excusing him from school.

- ***Saxsby Smart: Private Detective*** by Simon Cheshire (series)

Within three mystery stories, ten-year-old Saxby Smart--the best detective in the world--tries to solve three cases, while the reader can peek at his casebook and search for clues alongside Saxby.

- ***The Trouble with Chickens*** (*A J. J. Tully Mystery*) by Doreen Cronin

A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.

- ***The Ghost of Fossil Glen*** (series) by Cynthia DeFelice

Allie Nichols' friend Karen doesn't want to hear the story of a ghost calling for Allie's help and then falling to her death. As Allie discovers that her role is to avenge a murder, she also learns something about friendship, false and true.

- ***Warren the 13th and the All-Seeing Eye*** by Tania Del Rio

Twelve-year-old orphan Warren's pride and joy is his family's hotel, but he's been miserable ever since his evil Aunt Anaconda took over the management.

Anaconda believes a mysterious treasure known as the All-Seeing-Eye is hidden somewhere on the grounds, and she'll do anything to find it

- ***The Doll in the Garden*** by Mary Downing Hahn

After Ashley and Kristi find an antique doll buried in old Miss Cooper's garden, they discover that they can enter a ghostly turn-of-the-century world by going through a hole in the hedge. Also by this author: *Wait Till Helen Comes* and *The Ghost of Crutchfield Hall*

- ***Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery*** (series) by James Howe

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

- ***The Curse of the Ancient Mask and Other Case Files*** (*Saxsby Smart Mysteries*) by Cheshire Simon

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- ***The Case of the Missing Carrot Cake*** (*Wilcox and Griswold Mysteries*) by Robin Newman

Detectives Wilcox and Griswold investigate the snatching of Miss Rabbit's carrot cake on Ed's farm.

- ***The First Case*** (*Detective Gordon* series) by Ulf Nilsson

When Vladimir the squirrel's stockpile of nuts disappears, the portly Detective Gordon deputizes his young, enthusiastic friend Buffy the mouse to help him discover the identity of the thieves.

- ***The Case of the Stolen Sixpence*** (*Mysteries of Maisie Hitchins*) by Holly Webb

Junior sleuth Maisie Hitchins, who lives in her grandmother's boarding house in Victorian London, uncovers an intriguing plot involving stolen sausages, pilfered halfpennies, and a fast-paced bicycle chase.

Historical Fiction

- ***The Secret School*** by Avi

In 1925, fourteen-year-old Ida Bidson secretly takes over as the teacher when the one-room schoolhouse in her remote Colorado area closes unexpectedly. Also by this author: *Ragweed* (*Poppy and Friends series*, *The Good Dog*, *The Fighting Ground* and *Who Stole the Wizard of Oz?*

- ***The Year of Miss Agnes*** by Kirpatrick Hill

Ten-year-old Fred (short for Frederika) narrates the story of school and village life among the Athapascans in Alaska during 1948 when Miss Agnes arrived as the new teacher.

- ***Turtle in Paradise*** by Jennifer Holm

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.

Also by this author: *Full of Beans*

- ***Skunked*** (*Calpurnia Tate*, *Girl Vet*) by Jacqueline Kelly

When Travis discovers an abandoned baby skunk, he can't help but bring it home and take care of it. Stinky, as Travis names him, settles in pretty well. But when Travis discovers Stinky's litter-mate, Winky, who is in need of some help, things get complicated around the Tate house. Also by this author: *Return to the Willows*, and *Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*

- ***American Girl Today: Lanie*** by Jane Kurtz (*American Girl series*)

Lanie Holland loves science and nature, and so she wants to go camping and have adventures in the wilderness, while her family wants to stay home, but Lanie finds someone else who loves the outdoors when her Aunt Hannah visits.

- ***Never Forgotten*** by Patricia McKissack

In eighteenth-century West Africa, a boy raised by his blacksmith father and the

Mother Elements--Wind, Fire, Water, and Earth--is captured and taken to America as a slave.

● ***When Mischief Came to Town*** by Katrina Nannestad

In 1911, when orphaned ten-year-old Inge comes to live with her stern grandmother in a remote island village in Bornholm, Denmark, she ends up changing the climate of the town, bringing joy and laughter to her grandmother's life and finding a new family for herself to help assuage her grief over losing her mother.

● ***Emily's Fortune*** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

While traveling to her aunt's home in Redbud by train and stagecoach, quiet young Emily and her turtle, Rufus, team up with Jackson, fellow orphan and troublemaker extraordinaire, to outsmart mean Uncle Victor, who is after Emily's inheritance. Also by this author: *Roxy and the Hooligans*, *Shiloh* and *Bernie Magruder and the Bats in the Belfry*

● ***Soup*** (Peck)

The adventures and misadventures of two boys growing up in a small Vermont town.

● ***Riding Freedom*** by Pam Munoz Ryan

A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, voted for President making her the first woman to vote in that state, and fooled everyone by her appearance. Also by this author: *Esperanza Rising*

● ***I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916*** (*I Survived* series) by Lauren Tarshis

In July, 1916, Chet Roscow is fascinated by news accounts of the great white shark said to be attacking people along the New Jersey shore not far from his home, but when he goes swimming in Matawan Creek he discovers the truth of the stories.

Also in this series: *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic*, *I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906*, *The Shark Attacks of 1916*, *The Bombing of Pearl Harbor 1941* and *The Japanese Tsunami 2011*

● ***Pie*** by Sarah Weeks

When Alice's Aunt Polly, the Pie Queen of Ipswich, passes away, she takes with her the secret to her world-famous pie-crust recipe. Or does she? In her will, Polly leaves the recipe to her extraordinarily fat, remarkably disagreeable cat, Lardo . . . and then leaves Lardo in the care of Alice.

- ***Little House in the Big Woods*** by Laura Ingalls Wilder

A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier, as they help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions when they get together with relatives or neighbors.

Fantasy

- ***Jack Plank Tells Tales*** by Natalie Babbitt

Jack Plank decides that he is not cut out to be a pirate and searches the town of Saltwash for another profession, but he finds something wrong with every suggested job.

- ***The Magic Half*** by Annie Barrows

Lanie Holland loves science and nature, and so she wants to go camping and have adventures in the wilderness, while her family wants to stay home, but Lanie finds someone else who loves the outdoors when her Aunt Hannah visits. Also by this author: *The Ivy and Bean* series

- ***Summer According to Humphrey*** by Betty Birney (*Humphrey* series)

When summer arrives, Humphrey, the pet hamster of Longfellow School's Room 26, is surprised and pleased to learn that he will be going to Camp Happy Hollow.

- ***Bad Kitty*** series by Nick Breul

When a kitty discovers there is no cat food in the house, she decides to become very, very bad.

- ***The Wild Robot*** by Peter Brown

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

- ***Fenway and Hattie*** by Victoria Coe

Fenway is an excitable and endlessly energetic Jack Russell terrier. He lives in the city with Food Lady, Fetch Man, and—of course—his beloved short human and best-friend-in-the-world, Hattie. But when his family moves to the suburbs, Fenway faces a world of changes.

- ***How to Train Your Dragon*** by Cressida Cowell

Enjoy the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.

- ***The Field Guide (Spiderwick Chronicles)*** by Tony Diterlizzi

When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian

house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.

- ***James and the Giant Peach*** by Roald Dahl

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. Also by this author: *The BFG*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *The Fantastic Mr. Fox*

- ***Odd and the Frost Giant*** by Neil Gaiman

An unlucky twelve-year-old Norwegian boy named Odd leads the Norse gods Loki, Thor, and Odin in an attempt to outwit evil Frost Giants who have taken over Asgard.

- ***The 13 Story Treehouse*** by Andy Griffiths

Follows the efforts of Andy and Terry to meet a latest book deadline despite numerous distractions in their sophisticated tree house home, including flying cats, giant bananas, and sea monsters pretending to be mermaids.

- ***The Trolls*** by Polly Horvath

Eccentric Aunt Sally comes from Canada to babysit the Anderson children while their parents are on a trip to Paris and every night the bedtime story adds another piece to a very suspect family history.

- ***The Iron Giant*** by Ted Hughes

The fearsome iron giant becomes a hero when he challenges a huge space monster.

- ***Into the Wild*** (*The Warriors* series) by Erin Hunter

For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest. When their warrior code is threatened by mysterious deaths, a house cat named Rusty may turn out to be the bravest warrior of all.

Also by this author: *Seekers series*, *Survivors* and *Bravelands*

- ***The Water Horse*** by Dick King-Smith

In 1930, on the coast of Scotland, eight-year-old Kirstie finds a large egg which hatches into an unusual sea creature, and as he grows her family must decide what to do with him. Also by this author: *Funny Frank*, *Lady Lollipop*, and *Babe the Gallant Pig*

- ***Dying to Meet You*** (*43 Old Cemetery Road series*) by Kate Klise

In this story told mostly through letters, children's book author I. B. Grumply gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer.

- ***The Adventures of a South Pole Pig: A Novel of Snow and Courage***

by Chris Kurtz

Flora the pig ditches the sedentary life on the farm for an adventure in Antarctica, where she escapes the knife and lives her dream of pulling a sled with a team of dogs.

● ***Flight of the Phoenix*** (*Nathaniel Fludd: Beastologist series*) by

R.L.LaFevers

After his parents are lost at sea and further disaster strikes, Nathaniel Fludd is tasked with ensuring that a phoenix's egg is safely hatched, but he also must keep his pet gremlin out of trouble and rescue his cousin and guardian from the Bedouin or risk the extinction of all the world's mythical creatures.

● ***The Capture*** (*Guardian of Ga'Hoole series*) Kathryn Lasky

When Soren, a barn owl, arrives at St. Aggie's, a school for orphaned owls, he suspects trouble and with his new friend, a clever elf owl named Gylfie, embarks on a perilous journey to save all owls from the danger at St. Aggie's.

● ***They Didn't Teach This in Worm School*** by Simone Lia

A hungry chicken (who thinks he's a flamingo) and a quick-thinking worm set off on a madcap adventure and forge an unlikely friendship.

● ***The Birthday Ball*** by Lois Lowry

When a bored Princess Patricia Priscilla makes her chambermaid switch identities with her so she can attend the village school, her attitude changes and she plans a new way to celebrate her sixteenth birthday. Also by this author: *The Willoughbys*

● ***The Doll People*** Ann M. Martin

A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

● ***Missy Piggle Wiggle and the Whatever Cure*** by Ann M. Martin

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle has left her Upside-Down House and the animals that live there in the care of her twenty-something niece, Missy. Luckily for the town's families, Missy Piggle-Wiggle is capable of concocting the same sort of inventive cures for bad behavior that made her aunt an indispensable community resource

● ***The Ice Dragon*** by George R. R. Martin

Leaving in its wake desolate cold and frozen land, the legendary ice dragon has never been tamed until it meets Adara, a winter child who looks to the creature to help save her world from destruction.

● ***Bob*** by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead

Visiting her grandmother in Australia, Livy, ten, is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is.

- ***Rapunzel, the One with All the Hair*** (*Twice Upon a Time* series) by Wendy Mass

Rapunzel and Prince Benjamin are both trapped, one in a tower by an evil witch, the other by his royal duties, but when their paths cross, aided by friends and a little luck, conditions change for them both. Other books in this series: *Sleeping Beauty: the One that Took a really Long Nap* and *Beauty and the Beast: The Only One that Didn't Run Away*

- ***A Dash of Trouble*** (*Love Sugar Magic*) by Anna Meriano

Leonora Logrono's family owns the most beloved bakery in Rose Hill, Texas, spending their days conjuring delicious cookies and cakes for any occasion. And no occasion is more important than the annual Dia de los Muertos festival.

- ***Fairest of All*** (*Whatever After* series) by Sarah Mlynoski

After moving to a new house, ten-year-old Abby and her younger brother Jonah discover an antique mirror that transports them into the Snow White fairy tale. Other books in this series: *Genie in a Bottle*, *Dream On*, *If the Shoe Fits* and *Sink or Swim*

- ***Upside Down Magic*** (*series*) by Sarah Mlynoski

With their magic being unpredictable, Nory, Elliott, Andres, and Bax are sent to the upside-down magic room at Dunwiddle Magic School.

- ***The Adventures of Henry Whiskers*** by Gigi Priebe

Henry Whiskers' family lives peacefully in the dollhouse in Windsor Castle, but when his younger sister Isabel goes missing, he faces scary rats, evil cats, and a tail-curling car ride in order to bring his sister back home.

- ***The Forests of Silence*** (*Deltora Quest* series) by Emily Rodda

When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen.

Also by this author: *Rowan of Rin* series

- ***The Night Fairy*** by Laura Amy Schlitz

When Flory the night fairy's wings are accidentally broken and she cannot fly, she has to learn to do everything differently.

- ***Spaceheadz*** by Jon Scieszka

On his first day at Brooklyn's P.S. 858, fifth-grader Michael K. is teamed with two

very strange students, and while he gradually comes to believe they are aliens who need his help, he has trouble convincing anyone else of the truth. Also by this author: *Frank Einstein* series and *The Time Warp Trio* series

- ***Wedgie and Gizmo*** by Suzanne Selfors

An exuberant little dog and a disdainful guinea pig who become housemates in a newly blended family are challenged to overcome respective differences in a first entry of a new series told from alternating perspectives.

- ***The Invention of Hugo Cabret*** by Brian Selznick

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

Also by this author: *Wonderstruck* and *Marvels*

- ***Lost Treasure of the Emerald Island*** (*Geronimo Stilton* series) by Geronimo Stilton

The discovery of an old map by his sister Thea leads Geronimo and his family to search for buried treasure on a faraway island.

- ***Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invisible*** by Ursula Vernon

Sleeping Beauty gets a feisty, furry twist in this hilarious new comic series from the creator of *Dragonbreath*

Also by this author: *Dragonbreath Attack of the Ninja Frogs*

- ***Stick Dog*** (*Stick Dog* series) by Tom Watson

Stick Dog and his four friends - Stripes, Mutt, Poo-Poo and Karen - will do anything to steal some sweet-smelling hamburgers from a family at Picasso Park!

Also by this author: *Stick Cat*

- ***The Adventurer's Guide to Successful Escapes*** by Wade Albert White

In a magical world of floating tiers, mischievous dragons, and endless bureaucracy, Anne and her friends embark on a Rightful Heir Quest to claim her place in the Hierarchy and escape horrible consequences.

Classics

- ***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*** by Judy Blume

A fourth grade boy tries to deal with his very active brother

- ***A Bear Called Paddington*** by Michael Bond

A very small bear found by Mr. and Mrs. Brown at Paddington station becomes one of the family.

- ***Ramona and Beezus*** (*Ramona Quimby* series) by Beverly Cleary

Beezus worries because sometimes she doesn't like her little sister Ramona, but then her mother and Aunt Beatrice tell Beezus what they were like while growing up.

- ***From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*** by E.L. Konigsburg

Claudia and her brother run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where she sees a statue so beautiful, she must identify its sculptor. To find out, she must visit the statue's former owner, the elderly Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler.

- ***Pippi Longstocking*** by Astrid Lindgren

Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey--but without any parents--at the edge of a Swedish village.

- ***Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle Won't-Take-a-Bath Cure*** (*Mrs. Piggle Wiggle* series) by Betty Bard MacDonald

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle suggests the radish cure for Patsy's bad habit of not taking a bath.

- ***The House at Pooh Corner*** by A. A. Milne

Ten adventures featuring Pooh, Eeyore, Tigger, Piglet, Owl and other animal friends of Christopher Robin.

- ***Mrs. Frisbee and the Rats of NIMH*** (O'Brien)

When a little field mouse falls ill, his mother, Mrs. Frisby, seeks help from the other animals and discovers a secret laboratory.

- ***The Cricket in Times Square*** (Selden)

A country cricket falls into a picnic basket and ends up in New York City.

- ***Ballet Shoes*** by Noel Streatfield

In this story, three orphan girls vow to make a name for themselves and find their own special talents. With hard work, fame just may be in the stars!

- ***The Trumpet of the Swan*** by E. B. White

Knowing how to read and write is not enough for Louis, a voiceless Trumpeter Swan; his determination to learn to play a stolen trumpet takes him far from his wilderness home. Also by this author: *Charlotte's Web* and *Stuart Little*

Non-fiction

- ***13 Planets: The Latest View of the Solar System*** by David Aguilar

Using simple text and spectacular photorealistic computer art by the author, this book profiles all 13 planets in their newly created categories—plus the sun, the

Oort Cloud, comets, and other worlds being discovered. Back-of-the-book activities offer hands-on fun for budding astronomers.

● ***Frozen Wild: How Animals Survive in the Coldest Places on Earth***

by Jim Arnosky

Describes how some animals survive in frigid regions, including muskrats, walruses, and the Arctic fox.

Also by this author: *Thunderbirds, Monster Hunt* and *Hidden Wildlife*

● ***Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington*** by Jabari

Asim

Born into slavery, young Booker T. Washington could only dream of learning to read and write. After emancipation, Booker began a five-hundred-mile journey, mostly on foot, to Hampton Institute, taking his first of many steps towards a college degree. When he arrived, he had just fifty cents in his pocket and a dream about to come true.

● ***The New Ocean: How Life Is Changing in Tomorrow's Seas*** by Bryn

Barnard

The Earth—our home—is covered mostly with water: the wide, deep, salty, and very blue ocean. It regulates our climate in a way that makes life as we know it possible. This huge ocean is full of an amazing amount of life, most of which is too small to see.

● ***What Was the Alamo?*** (*What Was?* series) by Meg Belviso

Remember the Alamo! is still a rallying cry more than 175 years after the siege in Texas, where a small band of men held off about two thousand soldiers of the Mexican Army for twelve days.

● ***Marsupials*** by Nic Bishop

Most people know about lions, zebras, monkeys, and bears, but what about bettongs and bilbies? Or quolls and quokkas? And potoroos and pademelons? These animals live on the continent of Australia, along with kangaroos, koalas, and many other marsupials.

Also by this author: *Snakes, Lizards, Spiders, Butterflies* and *Frogs*

● ***Gold! Gold from the American River!: January 24, 1848: The Day the Gold Rush Began*** (*Actual Times* series) by Don Brown

When James Marshall found a small, soft shiny stone in a California stream, he knew it could only be one thing: Gold! His cry of discovery would be heard around the world.

● ***Aaron and Alexander, The Most Famous Duel in American History***
by Don Brown

Explains how political differences between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton escalated their Revolutionary War-era rivalry and culminated in the most famous duel in American history.

● ***Crazy Horse's Vision*** by Robert Bruchac

Joseph Bruchac's excellent picture book about the brave Lakota warrior presents information about his youth (SLJ)

● ***The Girl Who Helped Thunder and Other Native American Folk Tales*** by Joseph Bruchac

The Bruchacs retell Native North American folktales in a clear yet bold voice.

● ***The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus*** by Jen Bryant

For shy young Peter Mark Roget, books were the best companions -- and it wasn't long before Peter began writing his own book. But he didn't write stories; he wrote lists.

● ***Jason and the Argonauts*** by Robert Byrd

Retells the story of Jason and his quest for the golden fleece, from his training as a child by Chiron the centaur and his gathering of famous Greek heroes for his journey to his battles with harpies, Stymphalian birds, and the sirens.

● ***Island: the Story of the Galapagos*** by Jason Chin

A fine introduction to the Galápagos will surely stimulate readers' interest. (SLJ)

Also by this author: *The Grand Canyon* and *The Redwoods*

● ***Just the Right Size: Why Big Animals Are Big and Little Animals Are Little*** by Nicola Davies

● ***14 Cows for America*** by Carmen Agra Deedy

Kimeli Naiyomah returned home to his Maasai village from New York City with news of 9/11 terrorist attacks. His story prompted the villagers to give a heartfelt gift to help America heal. (SLJ)

● ***What Was D-Day?*** (*What Was* series) by Patricia Demuth

Presents the events leading to and during the Allied invasion of Normandy, France, during World War II, describing the importance of the campaign and its effect on the outcome of the war.

● ***Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine and a Miracle*** by Brian Dennis

Nubs, an Iraqi dog of war, never had a home or a person of his own. He was the leader of a pack of wild dogs living off the land and barely surviving. But Nubs's

life changed when he met Marine Major Brian Dennis.

- ***Memphis, Martin and the Mountaintop: The Sanitation Strike of 1968*** by Alice Duncan

This historical fiction picture book presents the story of 9-year-old Lorraine Jackson, who in 1968 witnessed the Memphis sanitation strike--Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s final stand for justice before his assassination--when her father, a sanitation worker, participated in the protest.

- ***Koala Hospital*** by Suzi Eszterhas

Koala Hospital features a koala rescue center in Australia. It shows why koalas are in danger, how they come to be in the sanctuary, and the process of healing and rehabilitating koalas for return to the wild. Also in this series: *Orangutan Orphanage*

- ***Poem Depot: Aisles of Smiles*** by Douglas Florian

An illustrated collection of silly nonsense poems about topics kids care about: talents, avoiding homework, friends, and more.

- ***Locomotive*** by Brian Floca

Traces the advent of cross-country train travel, focusing on an early trip from Omaha to Sacramento. (*SLJ*)

Also by this author: *Moonshot: the Flight of Apollo 11*

- ***The Wolves Are Back*** by Jean Craighead George

In 1995, wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone Park—first time they had been part of the park's ecosystem for many years. Although George follows one wolf's growth from pup to adult, the emphasis here is not as much on the wolves and their habits, but on how their presence has changed the ecosystem and returned its natural balance.

- ***The Great Migration: Journey to the North*** by Eloise Greenfield

Between 1915 and 1930, more than a million African Americans left their homes in the South and moved to the North, says Greenfield in an introduction to this stirring collection of poems that honors those who took part in the Great Migration, including the poet herself. (*Booklist*)

- ***Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and the True Story of an American Feud*** by Suzanne Tripp Jurmain

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were good friends with very different personalities. But their differing views on how to run the newly created United States turned them into the worst of friends.

- ***Who Was Wayne Gretzky?*** (*Who Was* series) by Gail Herman

Known for his love for family and as a truly decent human being, Wayne Gretzky is revealed as more than a sports legend in this easy-to-read biography. Also in this series: *Who Was Roberto Clemente?*, *Who Was Henry Ford?*, *Who Was Walt Disney?*, *Who Was Eleanor Roosevelt?*, and *Who Was Malala Yousafzai?* And many more by various authors

• ***The Animal Book: A Collection of the Fastest, Fiercest, Toughest, Cleverest, Shyest--and Most Surprising--Animals on Earth*** by Steve Jenkins

The author of more than 30 books about the natural world offers here a compendium of the animal kingdom arranged in thematic chapters touching on family, senses, predators, defenses, extremes, and evolution. (*Booklist*)

• ***Those Rebels, Tom and John*** by Barbara Kerley

A Blend of biography and history to create a brilliant portrait of two American heroes who bravely set aside their differences to join forces in the fight for our country's freedom.

• ***What To Do About Alice? How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy!*** By Barbara Kerley

Theodore Roosevelt had a small problem. Her name was Alice. Brimming with affection and wit, this spirited biography gives readers a peek family life inside the White House.

• ***John Muir: America's First Environmentalist*** (*Candlewick Biographies*) by Kathryn Lasky

Quoting from John Muir's diaries, Kathryn Lasky tells the inspiring tale of one of America's most dedicated environmentalists, aided by Stan Fellows's evocative, dramatic acrylic paintings. Also in this series: *One Beetle Too Many:*

Extraordinary Adventures of Charles Darwin, *Vision of Beauty: Sarah Breedlove Walker* and *Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World*

• ***Snowy Owl Invasion: Tracking an Unusual Migrations*** by Sandra Markle

A historically large irruption of snowy owls during the winter of 2013-2014 brought them across the eastern US, and farther south than usual. Scientists used this opportunity to attach GPS tracking devices to some snowy owls to increase understanding of their winter behavior and migration.

• ***Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor*** by

Emily Arnold McCully

With her sketchbook labeled *My Inventions* and her father's toolbox, Mattie could make almost anything – toys, sleds, and a foot warmer. When she was just twelve years old, Mattie designed a metal guard to prevent shuttles from shooting off textile looms and injuring workers. As an adult, Mattie invented the machine that makes the square-bottom paper bags we still use today.

● ***Nurse, Soldier, Spy: The Story of Sarah Edmonds, a Civil War Hero*** by Marissa Moss

The true story of Sarah Emma Edmonds, who at age nineteen disguised herself as a man in order to fight in the Civil War.

● ***Barbed Wire Baseball*** by Marissa Moss

As a boy, Kenichi “Zeni” Zenimura dreams of playing professional baseball, but everyone tells him he is too small. Yet he grows up to be a successful player, playing with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig! When the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor in 1941, Zeni and his family are sent to one of ten internment camps where more than 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry are imprisoned without trials.

● ***Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph*** by Roxanne Orgill

A collection of poems recounts the efforts of Esquire magazine graphic designer Art Kane to photograph a group of famous jazz artists in front of a Harlem brownstone.

● ***A Voyage in the Clouds: The (Mostly) True Story of the First International Flight by Balloon in 1785*** by Matthew Olshan

A picture book inspired by the true story of how the first international flight was an Englishman and a French man who rode in a balloon across the English Channel

● ***Made for Each Other: Why Dogs and People Are Perfect Partners*** by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

Celebrates of the bond between humans and their canine companions, discussing scientific insights that demonstrate how sharing one's life with a dog reduces stress, provides companionship, and increases safety.

● ***Red Bird Sings: The Story of Zitkala-Sa, Native American Author, Musician, and Activist*** by O. L. Pearce

Born in 1876 on the Yankton Sioux reservation in South Dakota, Zitkala-Sa willingly left her home at age eight to go to a boarding school in Indiana. But she soon found herself caught between two worlds--white and Native American.

● ***Lemonade and Other Poems Squeezed from a Single Word*** (Raczka)

An accessible, playful poetry collection. (SLJ)

- ***Ruth and the Green Book*** by Calvin Ramsey

When Ruth and her parents take a motor trip from Chicago to Alabama to visit her grandma, they rely on a pamphlet called "The Negro Motorist Green Book" to find places that will serve them. Includes facts about "The Green Book."

- ***Abe's Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln*** by Doreen Rappaport

Written in prose as elegant and spare as that of its subject, this distinguished book takes readers from Abe's backwoods boyhood in Kentucky to his first harrowing witnessing of slavery in New Orleans, on to the Illinois legislature and the presidency. (SLJ)

- ***Dinosaur Mountain: Digging into the Jurassic Age*** by Deborah Cogan Ray

When 165,000 people flocked to see the first exhibited dinosaur, in 1868, it commenced the "Bone Wars"—a race by rival paleontologists to turn up and identify the most spectacular of extinct giants (*Booklist*)

- ***Mesmerized: How Benjamin Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France*** by Mara Rockliff

Discover how Benjamin Franklin's scientific method challenged a certain Dr. Mesmer's mysterious powers in a whimsical look at a true moment in history.

- ***Volcano Rising*** by Susan Rusch

Rusch offers a twin-sided look at the power of volcanoes—their capability for destruction, and, surprisingly, of creation. (SLJ)

- ***So You Want to Be an Inventor*** by Judith St. George

The creators of the Caldecott Medalist *So You Want to Be President?* mirror that successful format in this enthusiastic, fact-filled picture-book tribute to predominantly American and European inventors. Kids may be inspired to make history themselves when they learn that Benjamin Franklin was concocting new inventions by age 12 (SLJ)

- ***Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night*** by Joyce Kilmer

Also by this author: *Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow*, *Red Sings from the Treetops* and *Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors*.

- ***Black Jack: The Ballad of Jack Smith*** by Charles Smith

Tells the story of the first black heavyweight champion of the world, Jack Johnson, who rose through the ranks in the early twentieth century.

- ***Some Writer: The Story of E. B. White*** by Melissa Sweet

In this stunning, first-ever fully-illustrated biography of legendary author E.B. White, Sibert medalist and Caldecott Honor winner Melissa Sweet uses White's letters, photos, and mementos, as well as her original collaged art, to tell the true story of one of the most beloved authors of all time.

• ***Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras*** by Duncan Tonatiuh

Presents the life of the Mexican artist, who became famous for his drawings of skeletons in multiple everyday poses which have become identified with the Mexican Day of the Dead. Also by this author: *Danza!: Amalia Hernández and El Ballet Folklórico de México*

• ***Parrots Over Puerto Rico*** by Cindy Trumbore

Above the treetops of Puerto Rico flies a flock of parrots as green as their island home. . . . These are Puerto Rican parrots. They lived on this island for millions of years, and then they nearly vanished from the earth forever. (Amazon)

• ***My Name is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth*** by Ann Warren Turner
Presents an introduction to the abolitionist and women's rights activist, narrating her rise from former slave to preacher and orator a century before the Civil Rights Movement.

• ***Freedom in Congo Square*** by Carole Boston Weatherford

A poetic tribute to a lesser-known event in African-American history describes how after working relentlessly for more than six days, slaves in 19th-century New Orleans were permitted to congregate in Congo Square to sing, dance and put aside their troubles for a few hours.

• ***Harry Houdini the Legend of the World's Greatest Escape Artist*** by Janice Weaver

A beautifully illustrated biography of this most fascinating man...With entertaining sidebars on metamorphosis tricks and dime bars, Harry Houdini is sure to enchant aspiring magicians, offbeat history buffs and anyone who, in our own straitened times, appreciates a good rag-to-riches tale. (*New York Times*)

• ***Who Was series*** (*George Washington, Walt Disney, The Beatles, etc...*)

Accessible biographies about interesting people.

Graphic Novels

• ***The Last Kids on Earth*** by Max Brallier

After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg

● ***Tower of Treasure*** (*Three Thieves*) by Scott Chandler

Fourteen-year-old orphaned acrobat Dessa, who is searching for her long-lost twin brother, reluctantly agrees to help Topper, the juggler of the circus she works for, and Fisk, the strongman, rob the royal treasury.

● ***Real Friends*** by Shannon Hale

Shannon and Adrienne have been best friends ever since they were little. But one day, Adrienne starts hanging out with Jen, the most popular girl in class and the leader of a circle of friends called The Group. Everyone in The Group wants to be Jen's #1, and some girls would do anything to stay on top . . . even if it means bullying others.

● ***Fashion Kitty*** (*Fashion Kitty* series) by Cherise Mericle Harper

After a stack of fashion magazines falls on Kiki Kitty's head while she is blowing out the candles on her birthday cake, Kiki turns into Fashion Kitty, a feline superhero who saves other kitties from fashion disaster.

● ***Zita the Spacegirl: Far from Home*** by Ben Hatke

When young Zita discovers a device that opens a portal to another place, and her best friend is abducted, she is compelled to set out on a strange journey from star to star in order to get back home.

● ***Chi's Sweet Home*** by Kanata Konami

Follows the adventures of Chi, a mischievous kitten who is adopted by Yohei and his family, the Yamadas, even though their lease explicitly states pets are not allowed in their building.

● ***Pokemon Adventures*** vol. 1 by Hidenori Kusaka

Red doesn't want to train Pokemon, he wants to be their friend too. Bulbasaur and Poliwhirl seem game, but independent Pikachu won't be so easy to win over! And watch out for Team Rocket, Red!

● ***The Witch Boy*** by Molly Ostertag

In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn't shifted . . . and he's still fascinated by witchery, no matter how forbidden it might be. When a mysterious danger threatens the other boys, Aster knows he can help -- as a witch.

● ***Around the World*** by Matt Phelan

The stories encompass such national ideals as dogged can-do spirit, exploration, enterprise, and commercialism...the very essence of determination and adventure. (*Booklist*)

- ***Cardboard Kingdom*** by Chad Sell

Welcome to a neighborhood of kids who transform ordinary boxes into colorful costumes, and their ordinary block into cardboard kingdom. This is the summer when sixteen kids encounter knights and rogues, robots and monsters--and their own inner demons--on one last quest before school starts again.

- ***To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel*** by Siena Cherson Siegel and Mark Siegel

A husband and wife team up to provide an insightful, accessible, and aesthetically engaging graphic novel that follows the latter's dance career.

- ***The Discovery of America*** (Geronimo Stilton)

Traveling through time to defend history from his arch nemeses, the Pirate Cats, Geronimo and friends join Christopher Columbus on his voyage from Italy to the New World in 1492 in order to stop the Pirate Cats and save all of the mice on Mouse Island.

- ***Lost & Found*** by Shaun Tan

Three stories explore how we lose and find what matters most to us, as a girl finds a bright spot in a dark world, a boy leads a strange, lost being home, and a group of peaceful creatures loses its home to cruel invaders.

- ***Kristy's Great Idea*** (Baby-sitter's Club Graphic Novel) by Raina Telgemeier) Follows the adventures of Kristy and the other members of the Baby-sitters Club as they deal with crank calls, uncontrollable two-year-olds, wild pets, and parents who do not always tell the truth. A graphic novel based on the 1988 book by the same name. Also by this author: *Ghosts, Smile*)

- ***Robot Dreams*** by Sara Varon

The enduring friendship between a dog and a robot is portrayed in this wordless graphic novel.

- ***Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom*** by Eric Wight

Fourth-grader Frankie Piccolini has a vivid imagination when it comes to cleaning his disastrously messy room, but eventually even he decides that it is just too dirty.

- ***Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth*** (Winick) When a mysterious boy falls from the sky, friends D.J. and Gina must discover the secrets of his identity and help him save the world.

- ***Scratch 9*** by Rob Worley

Mad science gives an ordinary cat named Scratch the ability to summon any of his nine lives. He must use his powers to save his pet friends from the Cruel

corporation.

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Additional Resources

- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh- Kids Link for digital books using Tumble Books and Bookflix
<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/>
- Cooper Siegel Library <http://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org/>
- ALASC Summer Reading List:
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2017-summer-reading-list>
- ALSC 2019 Notable Books
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>
- Hoopla: Digital Books, audio books, movies and more (available through clpgh.org) <https://www.carnegielibrary.org/?s=hoopla&search-location=Website>

CDS Suggested Summer Reading 4th Grade

Realistic Fiction

- ***The Terrible Two*** by Mac Barnett and Jory John
- ***Red Zone*** by Tiki Barber
- ***My Last Best Friend*** (*Friends for Keeps* series) by Julie Bowe
- ***Frindle*** by Andrew Clements Also by this author: *Lunch Money, No Talking,* and *A School Story*
- ***Saving Winslow*** by Sharon Creech
- ***The Lemonade War*** (*series*) by Jacqueline Davies
- ***Because of Winn Dixie*** by Kate DiCamillo Also by this author: *The Flora & Ulysses: the Illuminated Adventures, The Magician's Elephant, The Tale of Despereaux* and *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*
- ***Jasmine Toguchi: Mochi Queen*** by Debbi Machiko Florence
- ***Just Grace*** by Charise Mericle Harper
- ***Junonia*** by Kevin Henkes
- ***Diary of a Wimpy Kid*** by Jeff Kinney
- ***The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher*** by Dana Alison Levy
- ***Hot Hand*** by Mike Lupica (*Comeback Kids* series)
- ***Waiting for the Magic*** by Patricia MacLachlan
- ***Kelsey Green: Reading Queen*** (*Franklin School Friends* series) by Claudia Mills
- ***Mason Dixon Pet Disasters*** (*Mason Dixon* series) Claudia Mills
Also by this author: *How Oliver Olson Changed the World* and *Fractions = Trouble*.
- ***The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis*** by Barbara O'Connor
Also by this author: *How to Steal a Dog* and *The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester*.
- ***Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made*** (*series*) by Stephan Pastis
- ***Waylon: One Awesome Thing*** by Sarah Pennypacker
- ***Wild River*** by P.J. Peterson
- ***Big Nate: In a Class by Himself*** by Lincoln Peirce
- ***Quinny & Hopper*** by Adrianna Schanen
- ***Cilla Lee Jenkins: Future Author Extraordinaire*** by Susan Tan
- ***Justin Case: Shells, Smells and the Horrible Flip-flops of Doom*** (*Justin Case* series) by Rachel Vail
- ***Oggie Cooder*** by Sarah Weeks

Also by this author: *Pie*, and *Honey*

- ***Love, Ruby Lavender*** by Deborah Wiles

Mystery

- ***Didi Dodo: Future Spy in Recipe for Disaster*** by Tom Angleberger
- ***Mac Undercover (Mac B. Kid Spy)*** by Mac Barnett
- ***The Hundred-Year-Old Secret*** by Tracy Barrett (*Sherlock Files* series)
- ***Annie's Adventures (The Sisters Eight)*** series by Lauren Baratz-Logsted
- ***Saxsby Smart: Private Detective*** by Simon Cheshire (series)
- ***The Trouble with Chickens (A J. J. Tully Mystery)*** by Doreen Cronin
- ***The Ghost of Fossil Glen*** (series) by Cynthia DeFelice
- ***Warren the 13th and the All-Seeing Eye*** by Tania Del Rio
- ***The Doll in the Garden*** by Mary Downing Hahn

Also by this author: *Wait Till Helen Comes* and *The Ghost of Crutchfield Hall*

- ***Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery*** (series) by James Howe
- ***The Case of the Missing Carrot Cake (Wilcox and Griswold Mysteries)*** by Robin Newman
- ***The First Case (Detective Gordon)*** series by Ulf Nilsson
- ***Mudshark*** by Gary Paulsen

Also by this author: *Lawn Boy* and *Molly McGinty Had a Really Bad Day*

- ***The Case of the Stolen Sixpence (Mysteries of Maisie Hitchins)*** by Holly Webb

Historical Fiction

- ***The Secret School*** by Avi

Also by this author: *Ragweed (Poppy and Friends series)*, *The Good Dog*, *The Fighting Ground* and *Who Stole the Wizard of Oz?*

- ***The Year of Miss Agnes*** by Kirpatrick Hill
- ***Turtle in Paradise*** by Jennifer Holm

Also by this author: *Full of Beans*

- ***Skunked (Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet)*** by Jacqueline Kelly

Also by this author: *Return to the Willows*, and *Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*

- ***American Girl Today: Lanie*** by Jane Kurtz (*American Girl* series)
- ***Never Forgotten*** by Patricia McKissack
- ***When Mischievous Came to Town*** by Katrina Nannestad
- ***Emily's Fortune*** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Also by this author: *Roxy and the Hooligans*, *Shiloh* and *Bernie Magruder and the Bats in the Belfry*

- **Soup** (Peck)
- **Riding Freedom** by Pam Munoz Ryan

Also by this author: *Esperanza Rising* and *Echo*

- **I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916** (*I Survived* series) by Lauren Tarshis

Also in this series: *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic*, *I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906*, *The Shark Attacks of 1916*, *The Bombing of Pearl Harbor 1941* and *The Japanese Tsunami 2011*

- **Pie** by Sarah Weeks
- **Little House in the Big Woods** by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Fantasy

- **Jack Plank Tells Tales** by Natalie Babbitt
- **The Magic Half** by Annie Barrows

Also by this author: *The Ivy and Bean* series

- **Summer According to Humphrey** by Betty Birney (*Humphrey* series)
- **Bad Kitty** series by Nick Breul
- **The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown
- **Fenway and Hattie** by Victoria Coe
- **How to Train Your Dragon** by Cressida Cowell
- **The Field Guide** (*Spiderwick Chronicles*) by Tony Diterlizzi
- **James and the Giant Peach** by Roald Dahl

Also by this author: *The BFG*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *The Fantastic Mr. Fox*

- **The 13 Story Treehouse** by Andy Griffiths
- **The Trolls** by Polly Horvath
- **The Iron Giant** by Ted Hughes
- **Into the Wild** (*The Warriors* series) by Erin Hunter

Also by this author: *Seekers* series, *Survivors* and *Bravelands*

- **Dying to Meet You** (*43 Old Cemetery Road* series) by Kate Klise
- **The Adventures of a South Pole Pig: A Novel of Snow and Courage** by Chris Kurtz

- **Flight of the Phoenix** (*Nathaniel Fludd: Beastologist* series) by

R.L.LaFevers

- ***They Didn't Teach This in Worm School*** by Simone Lia
- ***The Capture*** (*Guardian of Ga'Hoole* series) Kathryn Lasky
- ***The Birthday Ball*** by Lois Lowry

Also by this author: *The Willoughbys*

- ***The Doll People*** Ann M. Martin
- ***Missy Piggle Wiggle and the Whatever Cure*** by Ann M. Martin
- ***The Ice Dragon*** by George R. R. Martin
- ***Rapunzel, the One with All the Hair*** (*Twice Upon a Time* series) by Wendy Mass

Other books in this series: *Sleeping Beauty: the One that Took a really Long Nap* and *Beauty and the Beast: The Only One that Didn't Run Away*

- ***A Dash of Trouble*** (*Love Sugar Magic*) by Anna Meriano
- ***Fairest of All*** (*Whatever After* series) by Sarah Mlynoski

Other books in this series: *Genie in a Bottle*, *Dream On*, *If the Shoe Fits* and *Sink or Swim*

- ***Upside Down Magic*** (*series*) by Sarah Mlynoski
- ***The Adventures of Henry Whiskers*** by Gigi Priebe
- ***The Forests of Silence*** (*Deltora Quest* series) by Emily Rodda

Also by this author: *Rowan of Rin* series

- ***The Night Fairy*** by Laura Amy Schlitz
- ***Spaceheadz*** by Jon Scieszka

Also by this author: *Frank Einstein* series and *The Time Warp Trio* series

- ***The Invention of Hugo Cabret*** by Brian Selznick

Also by this author: *Wonderstruck* and *Marvels*

- ***The Bad Beginning*** (*A Series of Unfortunate Events* series) by Lemony Snicket

- ***Bob*** by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead

- ***Lost Treasure of the Emerald Island*** (*Geronimo Stilton* series) by Geronimo Stilton

- ***Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invisible*** by Ursula Vernon

Also by this author: *Dragonbreath Attack of the Ninja Frogs*

- ***Stick Dog*** (*Stick Dog* series) by Tom Watson Also by this author: *Stick Cat*
- ***The Adventurer's Guide to Successful Escapes*** by Wade Albert White

Classics

- ***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*** by Judy Blume

- ***A Bear Called Paddington*** by Michael Bond
 - ***Ramona and Beezus*** (*Ramona Quimby* series) by Beverly Cleary
 - ***A Wrinkle in Time*** by Madeline L'Engle
 - ***From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*** by E.L. Konigsburg
 - ***Pippi Longstocking*** by Astrid Lindgren
 - ***Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle Won't-Take-a-Bath Cure*** (*Mrs. Piggle Wiggle* series) by Betty Bard MacDonald
 - ***The House at Pooh Corner*** by A. A. Milne
 - ***Mrs. Frisbee and the Rats of NIMH*** (O'Brien)
 - ***The Cricket in Times Square*** (Selden)
- Also by this author: *Wonderstruck* and *Marvels*
- ***Ballet Shoes*** by Noel Streatfield
 - ***The Trumpet of the Swan*** by E. B. White
- Also by this author: *Charlotte's Web* and *Stuart Little*

Non-fiction

- ***13 Planets: The Latest View of the Solar System*** by David Aguilar
 - ***Frozen Wild: How Animals Survive in the Coldest Places on Earth*** by Jim Arnosky
- Also by this author: *Thunderbirds*, *Monster Hunt* and *Hidden Wildlife*
- ***Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington*** by Jabari Asim
 - ***The New Ocean: How Life Is Changing in Tomorrow's Seas*** by Bryn Barnard
 - ***What Was the Alamo?*** (*What Was?* series) by Meg Belviso
 - ***Marsupials*** by Nic Bishop
- Also by this author: *Snakes, Lizards, Spiders, Butterflies* and *Frogs*
- ***Gold! Gold from the American River!: January 24, 1848: The Day the Gold Rush Began*** (*Actual Times* series) by Don Brown
 - ***Aaron and Alexander, The Most Famous Duel in American History*** by Don Brown
 - ***Crazy Horse's Vision*** by Robert Bruchac
 - ***The Girl Who Helped Thunder and Other Native American Folk***

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● **Red Bird Sings: The Story of Zitkala-Sa, Native American Author, Musician, and Activist** by O. L. Pearce

● **Celebritrees: Historic and Famous Trees of the World** by Margi Preus

● **Lemonade and Other Poems Squeezed from a Single Word** (Raczka)

● **Ruth and the Green Book** by Calvin Ramsey

● **Abe's Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln** by Doreen Rappaport

● **Dinosaur Mountain: Digging into the Jurassic Age** by Deborah Cogan Ray

● **Mesmerized: How Benjamin Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France** by Mara Rockliff

● **Volcano Rising** by Susan Rusch

● **The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families** (Roth)

● **So You Want to Be an Inventor** by Judith St. George

● **Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night** by Joyce Sidman
(Booklist) Also by this author: *Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow*, *Red Sings from the Treetops* and *Ubiquitous: Celebrating Nature's Survivors*.

● **Black Jack: The Ballad of Jack Smith** by Charles Smith

● **Some Writer: The Story of E. B. White** by Melissa Sweet

● **Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras** by Duncan Tonatiuh Also by this author: *Danza! Amalia Hernández and El Ballet*

Folklórico de México

- ***Parrots Over Puerto Rico*** by Cindy Trumbore
- ***My Name is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth***
- ***Freedom in Congo Square*** by Carole Boston Weatherford
- ***Harry Houdini the Legend of the World's Greatest Escape Artist*** by Janice Weaver
- ***Who Was series*** (*George Washington, Walt Disney, The Beatles, etc...*)

Graphic Novels

- ***The Last Kids on Earth*** by Max Brallier
- ***Tower of Treasure (Three Thieves)*** by Scott Chandler
- ***Real Friends*** by Shannon Hale
- ***Fashion Kitty (Fashion Kitty series)*** by Cherise Mericle Harper
- ***Zita the Spacegirl: Far from Home*** by Ben Hatke
- ***Chi's Sweet Home*** by Kanata Konami
- ***Pokemon Adventures*** vol. 1 by Hidenori Kusaka
- ***The Witch Boy*** by Molly Ostertag
- ***Around the World*** by Matt Phelan
- ***Cardboard Kingdom*** by Chad Sell
- ***To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel*** by Siena Cherson Siegel and Mark Siegel
- ***The Discovery of America*** (Geronimo Stilton)
- ***Lost & Found*** by Shaun Tan
- ***Kristy's Great Idea*** (Baby-sitter's Club Graphic Novel) by Raina Telgemeier
Also by this author: *Ghosts, Smile*
- ***Robot Dreams*** by Sara Varon
- ***Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom*** by Eric Wight
- ***Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth*** (Winick)
- ***Scratch 9*** by Rob Worley

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Additional Resources

- Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh
<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/>

- Cooper Siegel Library <http://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org/>
- ALASC Summer Reading List:
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2017-summer-reading-list>
- ALSC 2010 Notable Books
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>
- Hoopla: Digital Books, audio books, movies and more (available through clpgh.org) <https://www.carnegielibrary.org/?s=hoopla&search-location=Website>