



4th GRADE BOOKLIST

Updated: by Leslie Schow 03/08

The books on this list were selected for their appeal to 4th graders and include nonfiction, a variety of fiction genres, some new books, and some old favorites.



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The Seven Wonders of Sassafra Springs

By Betty Birney

Call #: JF Bir

Eben McAllister searches his small town to see if he can find anything comparable to the real Seven Wonders of the World.



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The Mouse and the Motorcycle

By Beverly Cleary

Call #: JF Cle

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.



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Frindle

By Andrew Clements

Call #: JF Cle

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.



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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

By Roald Dahl

Call #: JF Dah

Each of the five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.



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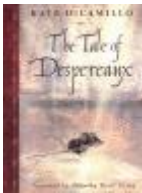
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

By Kate DiCamillo

Call #: JF DiC

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.





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The Tale of Despereaux

By Kate DiCamillo

Call #: JF DiC

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



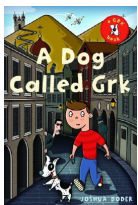
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The Field Guide

By Tony DiTerlizzi

Call #: JF DiT

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. First in the "Spiderwick Chronicles."



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A Dog Called Grk

By Joshua Doder

Call #: JF Dod

A British schoolboy finds adventure when he travels to a dangerous foreign country to return a small dog to its rightful owner.



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The Great Brain

By John Fitzgerald

Call #: JF Fit

The exploits of the Great Brain of Adenville, Utah, are described by his younger brother, frequently the victim of the Great Brain's schemes for gaining prestige or money.



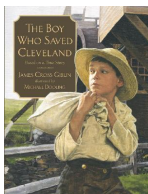
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The Whipping Boy

By Sid Fleischman

Call #: JF Fle

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



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The Boy Who Saved Cleveland: Based on a True Story

By James Giblin

Call #: JF Gib

During a malaria epidemic in late 18th century Cleveland, Ohio, ten-year-old Seth Doan surprises his family, his neighbors, and himself by having the strength to carry and grind enough corn to feed everyone.



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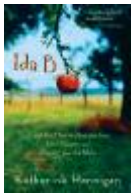
Among the Hidden

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

Call #: JF Had

Since the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. First in the "Shadow Children" series.





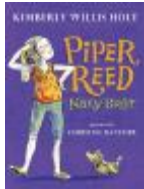
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Ida B...and Her Plan to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World

By Katherine Hannigan

Call #: JF Han

In Wisconsin, fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.



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Piper Reed, Navy Brat

By Kimberly Willis Holt

Call #: JF Hol

Piper is sad about leaving her home and friends behind when her father, a Navy aircraft mechanic, is transferred yet again, but with help from her often-annoying sisters and a surprise from their parents, she finds happiness in their new home in Pensacola, Florida.



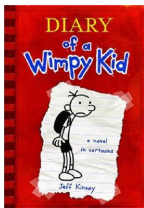
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It Came From Beneath the Bed

By James Howe

Call #: JF How

With help from his Uncle Harold, who wrote books about Bunnacula, Howie the wire-haired dachshund writes a story in which he saves the world from a science experiment gone awry. First in the "Tales From the House of Bunnacula" series.



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Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal

By Jeff Kinney

Call #: JF Kin

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.



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A Wizard Named Nell

By Jackie French Koller

Call #: JF Kol

Princess Arenelle, a promising young witch, undertakes the quest to become the new Apprentice Keeper. First in "The Keepers" series.



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From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

By E.L. Konigsburg

Call #: JF Kon

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. A Newbery Award winner.



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The Discovery

By Gordon Korman

Call #: JF Kor

Four kids on a summer marine expedition find a treasure while diving. Now all they have to do is survive the sharks, and each other, to salvage it. First in the "Dive" trilogy.





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The Forging of the Blade

By R.L. La Fevers

Call #: JF LaF

Ten-year-old Kenric leaves the village of Penrith to look for his father, who recently has gone missing, and discovers that the evil Lord Mordig is plotting to take over the kingdom. First in the “Lowthar’s Blade” series.



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Fame and Glory In Freedom, Georgia

By Barbara O'Connor

Call #: JF O'Co

Unpopular sixth-grader Burdette “Bird” Weaver persuades the new boy at school, whom everyone thinks is mean and dumb, to be her partner for a spelling bee that might win her everything she’s ever wanted.



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A Single Shard

By Linda Sue Park

Call #: JF Par

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters’ village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself. A Newbery Award winner.



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Kathleen: The Celtic Knot

By Siobhán Parkinson

Call #: JF Par

Twelve-year-old Dubliner Kathleen Delaney is given the chance to take Irish dancing lessons in 1937 and discovers she has a talent for it.



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A Long Way From Chicago: A Novel in Stories

By Richard Peck

Call #: JF Pec

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.



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The Forests of Silence

By Emily Rodda

Call #: JF Rod

The evil Shadow Lord is plotting to invade the land of Deltora and enslave its people. First in the “Deltora Quest” series.



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The Invention of Hugo Cabret

By Brian Selznick

Call #: JF Sel

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



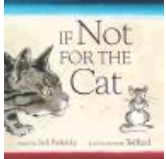
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Each Little Bird That Sings

By Deborah Wiles

Call #: JF Wil

Even though Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in her small southern town, she is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that begins with the death of her great-uncle Edisto.



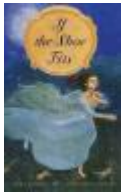
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If Not for the Cat: Haiku

By Jack Prelutsky

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Haiku-like poems describe a variety of animals.



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If the Shoe Fits: Voices From Cinderella

By Laura Whipple

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In thirty-three poems the characters in the story of Cinderella are brought to life.



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The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins

By Barbara Kerley

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The true story of Victorian artist Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, who built life-sized models of dinosaurs in the hope of educating the world about these awe-inspiring ancient animals and what they were like.