

The Youth Desk

Fourth Grade Books

Animals

- Applegate **Crenshaw**
By Katherine Applegate
Not only is Jackson worried that his family may move into their minivan again, but his old imaginary friend keeps showing up making him wonder if he's losing his mind.
- Applegate **The One and Only Ivan**
By Katherine Applegate and illustrated by Patricia Castelao
After 27 years in captivity in a shopping mall, Ivan the gorilla gets a new companion who makes him see his home through new eyes.
- Jennings **Guinea Dog**
By Patrick Jennings
Rufus has been dreaming of getting a dog, but not a guinea pig that thinks she's a dog.
- Kelly **Skunked! Calpurnia Tate Girl Vet Book 1**
By Jacqueline Kelly
Calpurnia's little brother Travis stumbles upon a baby skunk trapped under a log. The pair bring the little creature home and attempt to nurse back to life while also keeping him a secret from their mother.
- Newman **Ketzel, the Cat Who Composed**
By Leslea Newman
Inspired by the true story of Ketzel the cat who walked across a piano and created a contest worthy tune. (Picture Book)

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Fantasy

- Banks **The Indian in the Cupboard**
By Lynne Reid Banks
Omri's life is changed forever after locking a toy Indian in his cupboard.
- Dahl **The BFG**
By Roald Dahl
Sophie is carried off in the middle of the night not by a bone-crunching giant, but one who is far too nice.
- Lewis **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**
By C.S. Lewis
Four siblings walk through a wardrobe and into the frozen land of Narnia which has been enslaved by the powerful White Witch.

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- Martin **The Doll People**
By Ann M. Martin and Laura Godwin
Annabelle Doll has been eight years old for more than a hundred years and is quite bored with her doll family until Funcraft family moves in.
- O'Hara **My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish**
By Mo O'Hara and Marek Jagucki
Tom's big brother decides to become an Evil Scientist and dunk their goldfish in toxic green gunk.
- Patterson **House of Robots**
By James Patterson
Sammy's mom makes him take his robot to school with him. Could anything be more embarrassing?
- Shurtliff **Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin**
By Liesl Shurtliff
Twelve-year-old Rump is the butt of everyone's jokes, but his luck changes when he finds an old spinning wheel.
- Vernon **Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible**
By Ursula Vernon
Being a princess is rather dull, until you find out you are cursed to prick your finger on a hamster wheel when you're twelve and fall into a deep sleep.

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Funny

- Burnham **Teddy Mars: Almost A World Record Holder**
By Molly B. Burnham
If you had 5 older sisters and a younger brother who pees in your bed, then you would move out and live in a tent in your backyard too.
- Griffiths **The 13-Story Treehouse**
By Andy Griffiths
Andy and Terry live in a treehouse with 13 stories, a bowling alley, swimming pool, secret underground laboratory, and marshmallow machine.
- Lowry **The Willoughbys**
By Lois Lowry
Timothy, his twin brothers, and little sister discover their awful parents are hatching an evil plan to get rid of them.
- Mabbitt **The Unlikely Adventures of Mabel Jones**
By Will Mabbitt
Mabel is kidnapped by pirates and forced to serve aboard *The Feroshus Maggot* and they won't let her go until she helps find the treasure they seek. A laugh out loud fun fantasy-adventure!

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Walliams **Demon Dentist**

By David Walliams

Instead of shiny coins from the tooth fairy, kids are waking up to find dead slugs, live Spiders, and even eyeballs under their pillows! Alfie is convinced the new town dentist, Miss Root, is behind the mayhem and evil.

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Mystery

Bertman **Book Scavenger**

By Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Emily and her new friend James discover an odd book that may include details about the latest game created by her hero Garrison Griswold.

Buckley **The Fairy Tale Detectives: Sisters Grimm Book 1**

By Michael Buckley

Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with their eccentric grandmother, Relda, who lives in a town that experiences an extraordinary number of unusual crimes.

Hale **The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse: A Chet Gecko Mystery**

By Bruce Hale

Chet's classmate asks him to look for her missing brother and promises him a stinkbug pie in return.

Milford **Greenglass House**

By Kate Milford

At the smuggler's inn, known as the Greenglass House, the innkeeper's son hears strange stories from the guests leading him on an adventure in this classic whodunit.

Selznick **The Invention of Hugo Cabret**

By Brian Selznick

Hugo lives all alone in the walls of a busy Paris train station until he befriends a young girl and old man who runs a toy booth in the station. Between his new friends, a hidden message from Hugo's dead father, and a mechanical man, his secretive life is now in jeopardy.

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Realistic Fiction

Birdsall **The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy**

By Jeanne Birdsall

Summer adventures of four sisters on the beautiful estate of Arundel.

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- Blume **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**
By Judy Blume
Peter's little brother Fudge gets away with everything, but when he walks off with Peter's pet turtle, Dribble, it's the last straw.
- Gifford **Moxy Maxwell Does Not Like Stuart Little**
By Peggy Gifford
Moxy does everything she can to avoid reading her assigned summer reading book.
- Patron **The Higher Power of Lucky**
By Susan Patron
Fearing her guardian will abandon her, Lucky plans to run away with her dog, HMS Beagle, through the Mojave Desert.
- Tashjian **My Life as a Book**
By Janet Tashjian and illustrated by Jake Tashjian
Instead of spending his summer throwing water balloons at the UPS truck, Derek's mom forces the reluctant reader to attend Learning Camp.

Fourth Grade Reads

Graphic Novels

- Bell **El Deafo**
By Cece Bell
Going to school and making new friends is tough enough without a hearing aid strapped to your chest.
- Cammuso **Knights of the Lunch Table: The Dodgeball Chronicles**
By Frank Cammuso
Artie King is pulled into a do-or-die dodgeball game with the school's toughest kids.
- Krosoczka **Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute**
By Jarrett J. Krosoczka
This lunch lady doesn't just serve sloppy joes – she serves justice!
- Proimos **Apocalypse Bow Wow**
By James Proimos III
The end has come! The world is in shambles! Everyone is gone...except for the dogs.
- Reynolds **Caveboy Dave: More Scrawny Than Brawny**
By Aaron Reynolds
His grandpa invented fire. His dad invented the wheel. How will Caveboy Dave Leave his mark?
- Winick **Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth**
By Judd Winick
D.J. and Gina are normal kids until Hilo crashes down from the sky setting them on a path to save the planet from destruction.

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Nonfiction

031.02 Winterbottom **Frightlopedia: An Encyclopedia of Everything Scary, Creepy, and Spine-Chilling, from Arachnids to Zombies**

By Julie Winterbottom

Ghost stories, the origins of monsters, and creepy but true facts fill this collection with fright-o-meters to let you know just how scary each chapter may be.

394.264 Allegra

Sarah Gives Thanks

By Mike Allegra and illustrated by David Gardner

During the nineteenth century, groundbreaking writer, magazine editor, and mother Sarah Hale dedicated her life to making Thanksgiving a national holiday.

590 Sayre

The Slowest Book Ever

By April Pulley Sayre

Fascinating facts about all things slow, from sloths to birds that fly so slowly they fall out of the air midflight. If you think slowly enough the entire world is amazing.

597.3 Roy

Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands

By Katherine Roy

Learn about the life-cycle and hunting habits of these awesome creatures.

792.842 Greenberg

Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring

By Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan with illustrations by Brian Floca

Development of a modern dance piece from the score's composition to the dancers' rehearsals.

921 Douglass

Frederick's Journey: The Life of Frederick Douglass

By Doreen Rappaport and illustrated by London Ladd

Born into slavery, Frederick Douglass escaped to the North at twenty and spread his abolitionist beliefs.

921 Jackson

Action Jackson

By Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan and illustrated by Robert Andrew Parker

Introduction to Jackson Pollock's "Number 1, 1950" and the process of creating art.

921 Sagan

Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos

By Stephanie Roth Sisson

A curious boy brought the cosmos into homes across America.

973.757 Jerome

Civil War Sub: The Mystery of the Hunley

By Kate Boehm Jerome and illustrated by Frank Solo

The C.S.S. Hunley was the first submarine in history to sink an enemy ship.