

2015 4th Grade Summer Reading

Sorted by Author / Title.

- J F APP Applegate, Katherine. The one and only Ivan. 1st ed. New York : Harper, c2012.
When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.
- LS F BAK Baker, E. D. A question of magic.
Serafina is summoned from her village to the magical cottage of an aunt she has never heard of and learns she is meant to become the new Baba Yaga, whose role is answering the first question any stranger asks her with the truth.
- LS F BAU Bauer, Marion Dane. Little dog, lost. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2012.
A boy, a dog, and an old man are lonely before the boy plans a rally, the dog looks for a boy, and all the townspeople run to the old man's aid when lightning strikes his home and something miraculous happens.
- LS GN BELL Bell, Cece, author, artist. El deafo.
The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."
- LS F BOS Boston, L. M. (Lucy Maria), 1892-. The children of Green Knowe. San Diego : Harcourt, 2002.
Tolly comes to live with his great-grandmother at the ancient house of Green Knowe and becomes friends with three children who lived there in the seventeenth century.
- J F BUR Burnett, Frances Hodgson, 1849-1924. A little princess. Philadelphia, : Lippincott, [1963].
- J 629.8 CEC Ceceri, Kathy. Robotics : discover the science and technology of the future. White River Junction, VT : Nomad Press, c2012.
Offers an introduction to the field of robotics, looking at the history of the field and where it is going, as well as how robots are built, made to move, made to perform actions, and sense their surroundings.
- LS F CLE Cleary, Beverly. Ribsy. New York, : Morrow, 1964.
Separated from his owner, Henry Huggins, in a shopping center parking lot, an ordinary city dog begins a string of bewildering adventures.
- LS F COL Colfer, Chris, 1990-. The Land of Stories : the wishing spell. 1st ed. New York : Little, Brown, 2012.

Through the powers of a book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about.

LS 796.323 COY

Coy, John, 1958-. Hoop genius : how a desperate teacher and a rowdy gym class invented basketball. Minneapolis : Carolrhoda Books, c2013.

Reveals how James Naismith came to invent basketball at a Springfield, Massachusetts, high school in 1891 while teaching a rowdy gym class.

LS F DAV

Davies, Jacqueline, 1962-. The bell bandit. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2012.

Siblings Evan and Jessie must solve the mystery of a missing cherished family treasure while coming to terms with their beloved grandmother's unsettling behavior.

LS F DAV

Davies, Jacqueline, 1962-. Candy smash. Boston : Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.

Lemonade war competitors Jessie and Evan Treski learn about the power of poetry during a Valentine's Day holiday marked by a mysterious benefactor who leaves candy hearts for the students of Class 4-0.

LS F DAV

Davies, Jacqueline, 1962-. The magic trap.

A magic show, card tricks, and a disappearing rabbit named Professor Hoffmann--the Treski kids are at it again as they try to put on a show in the face of an approaching hurricane--but nothing prepares them for what blows into town next: their long-lost dad.

LS F DIC

DiCamillo, Kate, author. Flora & Ulysses : the illuminated adventures. First edition.

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.

LS F EAG

Eager, Edward. Half magic. 1st Harcourt Brace Young Classics ed. San Diego, Calif. : Harcourt Brace, c1999.

Four children spending their summer in a city apartment enjoy a series of fantastic adventures by double-wishing on an ancient coin.

LS F ENR

Enright, Elizabeth. Gone-away lake. New York : Harcourt, [1957].

LS F EST

Estes, Eleanor, 1906-. Miranda the great. [1st ed.]. New York : Harcourt, Brace & World, [1967].

LS F EST

Estes, Eleanor, 1906-. The Moffats. 60th anniversary ed. San Diego : Harcourt, 2001, c1941.

Relates the adventures and misadventures of the four Moffat

children living with their widowed mother in a yellow house on New Dollar Street in the small town of Cranbury, Connecticut.

LS F EVA

Evans, Lissa. Horten's incredible illusions : magic, mystery & another very strange adventure. New York : Sterling Children's Books, 2012.
Stuart gets a job as a junior curator at the museum where his great-uncle Tony's magical workshop objects are on display and embarks on a new mystery that challenges him to find the great magician's hidden will.

LS 811 FLO

Florian, Douglas. Poem depot : aisles of smiles.
Presents an illustrated collection of silly nonsense poems about topics kids care about: talents, avoiding homework, and friends.

LS F FOX

Foxley, Janet. Muncle Trogg. 1st American ed. New York : Chicken House, 2012.
Bullied and despised for being human-sized, a young giant demonstrates his bravery and cleverness in a series of adventures.

LS F GAI

Gaiman, Neil. Fortunately, the milk. First edition.
While picking up milk for his children's cereal, a father is abducted by aliens and finds himself on a wild adventure through time and space.

J F GAN

Gantos, Jack. Jack Adrift : fourth grade without a clue. 1st ed. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003.
When his father rejoins the Navy and moves the family to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, ten-year-old Jack becomes confused by a crush on his teacher, contradictory advice from his parents, and a very strange neighbor.

LS F GID

Gidwitz, Adam. A tale dark & Grimm. 1st ed. New York : Dutton Children's Books, c2010.
Follows Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering witches, devils, warlocks, kindly strangers, and other helpful folk as they take charge of their own happily ever after.

LS F GRA

Grabenstein, Chris. Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's library. First edition.
Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

LS F GRA

Grabenstein, Chris. The island of Dr. Libris. First edition.
Spending a summer at a lakeside cabin belonging to the mysterious Dr. Libris, Billy is astonished when he hears sounds of adventures in progress whenever he opens one of Dr. Libris' books.

- LS F GRA Graff, Lisa (Lisa Colleen), 1981-. A tangle of knots. New York : Philomel Books, c2013.
Eleven-year-old orphan baker Cady embarks on a journey that leads her to a mysterious house, an old recipe, a family of Talent-seeking children, and a Talent Thief who changes her life forever.
- LS F HAN Hannigan, Kate. Cupcake cousins. First edition.
During a family vacation at Lake Michigan, nine-year-old cousins Willow and Delia, desperate to avoid being flower girls in their aunt's wedding, try to demonstrate that they would do better as chefs for the reception.
- LS F HAR Harper, Suzanne, author. A mischief of mermaids. First Edition.
Nearly-ten-year-old Poppy Malone finds her skepticism challenged again when she must deal with troublemakers at Lake Travis who look and act suspiciously like mermaids, which she knows do not exist.
- LS F IBB Ibbotson, Eva. One dog and his boy. 1st American ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2012, c2011.
When Hal learns that his parents only rented Fleck, the dog he always wanted, he and new friend Pippa take Fleck and four other dogs from the rental agency on a trek from London to Scotland, where Hal's grandparents live.
- LS F JEN Jennings, Patrick. Guinea dog. New York : Egmont USA, 2010.
When his mother brings home a guinea pig instead of the dog he has always wanted, fifth-grader Rufus is not happy--until the rodent starts acting exactly like a dog.
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- LS F JEN Jennings, Patrick. Guinea dog 2.
The laughs continue when Fido, the guinea pig that thinks she's a dog, has a pup that thinks she's a squirrel.
- LS F JEN Jennings, Patrick, author. Guinea dog 3.
While camping with their pets, Rufus, Murphy, and Lurena meet Pedro, who has fear of water, and his friends try to cheer him up with a pet guinea pig, but this new pet won't leave the water.
- LS FANTASY JOH Johnson, Sheri. The girl's guide to mermaids : everything alluring about these mythical beauties. Mankato, Minn. : Capstone Press, c2012.
Discusses characteristics of mermaids, such as physical features, homes, and accessories, and invites readers to take a

quiz to reveal their inner mermaid.

LS F JON

Jones, Allan Frewin, 1954-. Trundle's quest. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, 2011.
Trundle Boldoak's simple life as the town lamplighter is turned upside-down the night he meets Esmeralda, a Roamany hedgehog, who whisks him away on a quest to find six fabled crowns and fulfill his role in an ancient prophecy.

LS B U.S. LEADER JEFFERSON

Kalman, Maira. Thomas Jefferson : life, liberty and the pursuit of everything.
An introduction to the achievements of the third president also explores his lesser-known contributions as an architect, naturalist, diplomat, and archeologist while revealing his vegetarian diet and his founding of the Library of Congress.

LS F KEL

Kelly, Katy, 1955-. Melonhead. 1st ed. New York : Delacorte Press, c2009.
In Washington, D.C., Lucy Rose's friend Adam "Melonhead" Melon, a budding inventor with a knack for getting into trouble, enters a science contest that challenges students to recycle an older invention into a new invention.

LS F KLI

Klimo, Kate. Ginger. 1st ed. New York : Random House, 2013.
Ginger the golden retriever narrates the story of her life, from her birth in a puppy mill through the various people who have "owned" her.

LS F KRI

Krishnaswami, Uma, 1956-. The grand plan to fix everything. 1st ed. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, c2011.
Eleven-year-old Dini loves movies, and so when she learns that her family is moving to India for two years, her devastation over leaving her best friend in Maryland is tempered by the possibility of meeting her favorite actress, Dolly Singh.

LS F LAS

Lasky, Kathryn. The rise of a legend. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2013.
In this prequel, Ezylyrb the Screech owl recounts the story of his life in the Northern Kingdoms--his rise through the ranks of the Killian Army, his brother's betrayal, and his friendship with Octavia the snake, to finally become a Guardian of Ga'Hoole.

LS F LEA

Lean, Sarah. A hundred horses. First U.S. edition.
Eleven-year-old Nell must spend spring break in the country with an aunt and cousins she has never met, but while there she meets a mysterious, wild girl with a strange connection to horses and an uncanny understanding of Nell.

J F LEW

Lewis, C. S. (Clive Staples), 1898-1963. The lion, the witch and the wardrobe : a story for children. New York, : Macmillan, 1950.
Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed

the land with eternal winter.

LS F LIN

Lin, Grace. Starry River of the Sky. 1st ed. New York : Little, Brown, 2012.

Discovering that the moon has disappeared from the sky above a Chinese village where he works, runaway Rendi wonders about strange local behaviors until a mysterious storyteller arrives at the town's inn and astonishing transformations begin to happen.

LS F LOF

Lofting, Hugh, 1886-1947. The voyages of Doctor Dolittle. New York : Grosset & Dunlap, c1998.

When his colleague Long Arrow disappears, Dr. Dolittle sets off with his assistant, Tommy Stubbins, his dog, Jip, and Polynesia the parrot on an adventurous voyage over tropical seas to floating Spidermonkey Island.

LS F LOW

Lowe, Natasha. The power of Poppy Pendle. 1st ed. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2012.

Ten-year-old Poppy will do anything to realize her dream of becoming a baker, although her parents insist she attend Ruthersfield, the exclusive girls school for witchcraft, where she excels despite her dislike of magic.

LS F LUB

Lubar, David. Hyde and shriek : a monsterrific tale. 1st ed. New York : Starscape, 2013.

Science teacher Ms. Clevis, one of the most popular teachers at Washington Irving Elementary School, splits into mean substitute Ms. Hyde and sweet sixth-grader Jackie after accidentally putting some chemicals into her breakfast smoothie.

LS F LUB

Lubar, David. Numbed! Minneapolis : Millbrook Press, [2013].

When a robot at the math museum zaps their math skills, sixth-grader Logan and his mischievous friend, Benedict, must pass a series of math challenges to retrieve their knowledge.

LS F MAC

MacDonald, Betty Bard. Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle. New York : HarperCollins, 1985.

From her upside-down house, the eccentric Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle issues to parents her marvelous cures for such common children's diseases as Won't-Put-Away-Toys-itis, Answerbackism, and Fighter-Quarrelitis.

LS B PERFORMER BEATLES

Manning, Mick, author. The Beatles.

An introduction to The Beatles includes coverage of Lennon's Liverpool childhood, the friendship between McCartney and Harrison, the contributions of manager Brian Epstein and record label boss George Martin, and the group's famous tour to the USA.

LS F MCC

McCloskey, Robert, 1914-. Homer Price. New York, : The Viking Press, 1943.

Six episodes in the life of Homer Price including one in which he and his pet skunk capture four bandits and another about a donut machine on the rampage.

LS F MES

Messner, Kate. Marty McGuire. 1st ed. New York : Scholastic Press, 2011.

When tomboy Marty is cast as the princess in the third-grade play, she learns about improvisation, which helps her become more adaptable.

LS 537 MUL

Mullins, Matt. Electricity. New York : Children's Press, 2012.

Introduces electricity and its properties, including how a circuit works, where static electricity comes from, and how electricity works in the home.

LS MYTHS NAM

Namm, Diane. Greek myths. New York : Sterling, c2011.

War among the gods -- Demeter and Persephone -- Heracles -- Pandora -- Echo and Narcissus -- Orpheus and Eurydice -- Pygmalion and Galatea -- Jason and the golden fleece -- Perseus -- Theseus and the Minotaur -- Daedalus and Icarus -- Phaeton and Apollo -- King Midas -- Atalanta -- Pegasus and Bellerophon. Retells fifteen classic Greek myths, from Icarus's legendary flight to Orpheus's trip to the underworld.

J F NES

Nesbit, E. (Edith), 1858-1924. Five children and it ; : The phoenix and the carpet ; and, The story of the amulet. London : Octopus, c1979.

J 599 NOR

North, Sterling, 1906-. Rascal, : a memoir of a better era. [1st ed.]. New York, : Dutton, 1963.

The author's carefree life in a small midwestern town at the close of World War I, and his adventures with his pet raccoon, Rascal.

J F NOR

Norton, Mary. The borrowers;. [1st American ed.]. New York, : Harcourt, Brace, [1953].

J F O'BR

O'Brien, Robert C. Mrs. Frisby and the rats of Nimh. [1st ed.]. New York, : Atheneum, 1971.

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

LS F OLA

Olander, Johan. My robots : the robotic genius of Lady Regina Bonquers III. 1st ed. Las Vegas, NV : Amazon Children's Pub., c2012.

Depicts robotic inventions designed by a Scottish recluse and described in sketchbooks recently found in her abandoned castle.

LS F OLI

Oliver, Lauren, 1982-. The spindlers. 1st ed. New York : Harper, c2012.

Accompanied by an eccentric, human-sized rat, Liza embarks

on a perilous quest through an underground realm to save her brother Patrick, whose soul has been stolen by the vilest of creatures--the spider-like spindlers.

J F PAR

Park, Linda Sue. A long walk to water : a novel. Boston : Clarion Books, 2010.

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven.

LS F PER

Perl, Erica S. When life gives you O.J. 1st ed. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 2011.

When her grandfather suggests Zelly Fried show her parents she's ready for the responsibility of taking care of a dog by making a "practice dog" out of an orange juice jug, she is not entirely sure about the idea.

LS F PIN

Pinkwater, Daniel Manus, 1941-. Lizard music. New York : Dodd, Mead, c1976.

When left to take care of himself, a young boy becomes involved with a community of intelligent lizards who tell him of a little known invasion from outer space.

LS 811 PRE

Prelutsky, Jack. Pizza, pigs, and poetry : how to write a poem. 1st ed. New York : Greenwillow Books, c2008.

Featuring personal anecdotes and an abundance of information, a humorous guide, filled with poetry exercises, ideas, projects, and pointers, teaches readers how to write poetry.

LS F REI

Reinhardt, Dana. Odessa again. 1st ed. New York : Wendy Lamb Books, c2013.

When nine-year-old Odessa Green-Light stomps out her frustration at being sent to her room after shoving her annoying little brother, one particularly big stomp sends Odessa flying through the floorboards and mysteriously twenty-four hours back in time.

LS 633.1 REY

Reynolds, Jan, 1956-. Cycle of rice, cycle of life. 1st ed. New York : Lee & Low Books, c2009.

Explores the cultural and environmental aspects of traditional Balinese rice farming, a model of sustainable food production.

J 292 RIO

Riordan, Rick. Percy Jackson's Greek gods. 1st ed. Los Angeles : Disney/Hyperion Books, [2014].

"Percy Jackson, a modern-day demigod, tells the origin stories of the gods of Olympus and provides an insider's point of view--with plenty of attitude--in this illustrated collection"--Provided by publisher.

LS 597.3 ROY

Roy, Katherine, author. Neighborhood sharks : hunting with great whites of California's Farallon Islands. First edition.

An up close look at the ocean's most fearsome and famous predator and the scientists who study them--just twenty-six

miles from the Golden Gate Bridge.

- LS F SCH Schanen, Adriana Brad. Quinny & Hopper. First edition.
Two polar-opposite eight year olds who become summer best friends find their friendship threatened by the uncertainties of a new school year.
- LS 811 FIR Firefly July : a year of very short poems. First edition, reinforced trade edition.
Presents a collection of short poems about each season written to demonstrate how a few carefully chosen words and images can invoke powerful messages.
- LS F SPI Spinelli, Jerry. Jake and Lily. 1st ed. New York : Balzer + Bray, c2012.
Jake and Lily are twins and have always felt the same--like two halves of one person--but the year they turn eleven and Jake begins hanging out with Bump Stubbins, everything changes.
- J F SPY Spyri, Johanna, 1827-1901. Heidi. Shirley Temple ed. New York, : Random House, [1959].
Heidi is sent from her happy mountain home to a big city where she can go to school and be a companion for Clara, a wealthy, gentle girl who cannot walk. But the goats and the Grandfather are Heidi's only happiness and when she returns home, Clara soon follows to find health in the clean Alpine air.
- LS F STO Stout, Shawn K. Penelope Crumb. New York : Philomel Books, c2012.
Carrying her late father's toolbox while documenting her brother's transformation into an alien and helping a homeschooled neighbor with various projects, young Penelope learns an astonishing fact about her nose and embarks on a search for her missing grandpa.
- J F TRA Travers, P. L. (Pamela L.), 1906-. Mary Poppins. New York, : Harcourt, Brace & World, [c1962].
Two English children's new nanny arrives on the East Wind, slides up the bannister, carries an empty carpet bag with all kinds of things in it, and introduces Jane and Michael to some delightful people and experiences.
- LS F VAN Van Vleet, Carmella. Eliza Bing is (not) a big, fat quitter. First edition.
After learning she cannot take a cake decorating class with her best friend, partly because her parents consider her a quitter, eleven-year-old Eliza tries to prove herself by sticking with a taekwondo class all summer.
- LS F VAN Vande Velde, Vivian. Smart dog. 1st ed. San Diego : Harcourt Brace, c1998.
Fifth grader Amy finds her life growing complicated when she meets and tries to hide an intelligent, talking dog who has

escaped from a university lab.

LS F WOO

Wood, Maryrose. The mysterious howling. 1st ed. New York : Balzer + Bray, c2010.
Fifteen-year-old Miss Penelope Lumley, a recent graduate of the Swanburne Academy for Poor Bright Females, is hired as governess to three young children who have been raised by wolves and must teach them to behave in a civilized manner quickly, in preparation for a Christmas ball.

J 031.02 ULT

Ultimate weird but true. Washington, D.C. : National Geographic, c2011.
Collects wacky facts, strange statistics, and weird but true stories, as well as photographs, charts, and illustrations.