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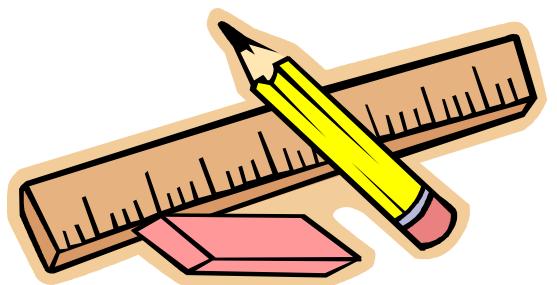
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Recommended Reading for 4th Graders



Dancing Home**Alama Ada**

When Margie's cousin Lupe comes from Mexico to live in California with Margie's family, Lupe must adapt to America, while Margie, who thought it would be fun to have her cousin there, finds that she is embarrassed by her in school and jealous of her at home.

Reading Level: Q**Darth Paper Strikes Back: an Origami Yoda book****Tom Angleberger****JFIC ANGLEBERGER**

Something amazing happened. A weird kid named Dwight made an origami finger puppet of Yoda. The amazing thing was that the origami Yoda gave great advice. He could predict the date of a pop quiz, tell a guy if a girl liked him or not, and keep kids from embarrassing themselves a dozen different ways. Most of the sixth graders were convinced he was using the Force.

Part of the Origami Yoda series*Reading Level: V****The One and Only Ivan****Katherine Applegate****JFIC APPLEGATE**

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.

Reading Level: S**Far From Fair****Elana K. Arnold****JFIC ARNOLD**

Feeling over-the-top unhappy about her family's road trip to visit her grandmother, Odette records all the things she finds unfair about the trip and struggles with the discovery that her grandmother is terminally ill

Reading Level: S**Mr. Popper's Penguins****Richard Atwater****JFIC ATWATER**

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

Reading Level: Q**Jacob Wonderbar and the Cosmic Space Kapow****Nathan Bransford****JFIC BRANSFORD**

When sixth-grade classroom terror Jacob Wonderbar and his friends Sarah and Dexter find a spaceship crashed in the woods near their suburban neighborhood, their discovery leads them to a series of adventures including space travel, substitute teachers, kidnapping, and more.

Reading Level: T**The Glitter Trap****Barbara Brauner****JFIC BRAUNER**

Lacey, a misfit, is forced to assume fairy godmother duties for popular girl Paige, a responsibility that tests her best friendship with Sunny and her ability to survive middle school.

Reading Level: P**A Dog's Way Home****Bobbie Pyron****JFIC PYRON**

After a car accident strands them at opposite ends of the Blue Ridge Parkway, eleven-year-old Abby and her beloved sheltie Tam overcome months filled with physical and emotional challenges to find their way back to each other.

Reading Level: T**Vordak the Incomprehensible: rule the school****Scott Seegert****JFIC SEEGERT**

When one of his experiments makes supervillain Vordak the Incomprehensible younger, he comes out of retirement to launch his latest attempt to defeat Commander Virtue and rule the world, starting with Farding Junior High School.

Reading Level: T**Bigger Than a Bread Box****Laurel Snyder****JFIC SNYDER**

Devastated when her parents separate, twelve-year-old Rebecca must move with her mother from Baltimore to Gran's house in Atlanta, where Rebecca discovers an old bread box with the power to grant any wish -- so long as the wished-for thing fits in the bread box.

Reading Level: T**Another Day As Emily****Eileen Spinelli****JFIC SPINELLI**

11 year old Suzy just can't win. Her brother is a local hero, and her best friend won a role in the play they both auditioned for. Feeling cast aside from all angles, Suzy decides to escape from her disappointments by living just like Emily Dickinson: no visitors or phone calls, no friends, and no outings. But being a recluse is harder than Suzy predicted. Will she find a way to fold Emily into her life while also remaining true to herself?

Reading Level: Q**Show time****Sue Stauffacher****JFIC STAUFFACHER**

Keisha's fighting her nerves as the annual jump rope competition approaches, Razi's tap-dancing around the house excited about his school performance, and the rampant squirrels at Mt. Mercy College are putting on a show of their own!

Reading Level: S**Hound Dog True****Linda Urban****JFIC URBAN**

Mattie, a shy fifth-grader, wants to hide out at her new school by acting as apprentice to her Uncle Potluck, the custodian, but her plan falls apart when she summons the courage to speak about what matters most and finds a true friend.

Reading Level: R**Nerd Camp 2.0****Elissa Weissman****JFIC WEISSMAN**

Last year was amazing, and this summer will be even better. At least, that's what Gabe thinks until he finds out Zack, his cool step-brother, will be sharing same camp. As these two very different worlds collide, will both camps survive the summer?

Reading Level: S

The Fires Beneath the Sea

Lydia Millet

JFIC MILLET

Cara, Max and Jackson's mother has disappeared, possibly because of her oceanographic research. Now Cara is receiving messages from marine animals.

Reading Level: V

The Adventures of Sir Gawain the True

Gerald Morris

JFIC MORRIS

Relates the adventures of Sir Gawain, the only undefeated knight in King Arthur's court, who eventually learns the value of friendship, courtliness, and courtesy after a challenge from the Green Knight.

Reading Level: V

Ten

Lauren Myracle

JFIC MYRACLE

Winnie celebrates her unique style through her first year with a double-digit age as she has many new experiences, from the high of spending time in New York City with her aunt and big sister, to the low of her two best friends suddenly becoming interested in boys.

**Part of the Winnie Years series*

Reading Level: T

Lights on the Nile

Donna Napoli

JFIC NAPOLI

Kepi didn't want to go to Ineb Hedj. She wanted to go home. That was the right thing for her. But it wasn't the right thing for her father. She'd promised herself that if she ever got the chance to talk to Pharaoh Khufu, she'd take it. What was the point of a promise if you didn't keep it?

Reading Level: S

Mimi

John Newman

JFIC NEWMAN

Mimi is determined not to give up on anyone or anything, but since Mammy died, her father never smiles, her sister Sally is in a bad mood, brother Conor keeps to himself, and even Sparkler the dog does not want to go for walks.

Reading Level: V

Agnes Parker... Happy Camper?

Kathleen O'Dell

JFIC ODELL

When the girls are separated at science camp and the rumors about Prejean's incredible beauty begin to take over the general conversation, Agnes fears that all the attention may give Prejean a big head and make her impossible to deal with when the summer is over.

Reading Level: O

Bird in a Box

Andrea Pinkney

JFIC PINKNEY

In 1936, three children meet at the Mercy Home for Negro Orphans in New York State, and while not all three are orphans, they are all dealing with grief and loss which together, along with the help of a sympathetic staff member and the boxing matches of Joe Louis, they manage to overcome.

Reading Level: Q

Boys of Wartime: Will at the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863

Laurie Calkhoven

JFIC CALKHOVEN

In 1863, twelve-year-old Will, who longs to be a drummer in the Union army, is stuck in his sleepy hometown of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, but when the Union and Confederate armies meet right there in his town, he and his family are caught up in the fight. Includes historical notes, glossary, and a timeline of events.

Reading Level: S

Things That Go Bump In The Night

Patrick Carman

JFIC CARMAN

A collection of 10 spooky stories that each include web addresses and passwords to access the online audio introductions and the online video conclusions.

Reading Level: T

Rumors From the Boys' Room: a blogtastic! novel

Rose Cooper

JFIC COOPER

A comic misadventure presented from the viewpoints of sixth-grader Sofia Becker's male counterparts who consider their respective challenges with friendship, popularity and girls.

Reading Level: U

Cosmic

Frank Cottrell Boyce

JFIC COTTRELL BOYCE

12-year old Liam looks like he's thirty. Sometimes it's not bad; for example on the first day of school the principal mistakes Liam for a teacher or when he convinces a car dealer to let him test drive a Porsche. Liam cons his way into being the adult chaperone on the first space ship to take civilians into space. But when the ship is stuck 230,000 miles from home, being mistaken for an adult is not good.

Reading Level: Y

Flora and Ulysses: the illuminated adventures

Kate DiCamillo

JFIC DICAMILLO

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.

Reading Level: U

Raymie Nightingale

Kate DiCamillo

JFIC DICAMILLO

Hoping that if she wins the local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur.

Reading Level: M

The Midnight Tunnel

Angie Frazier

JFIC FRAZIER

In 1905, Suzanna is in training to be a well-mannered hostess at a Loch Harbor, New Brunswick, hotel, but her dream of being a detective gets a boost when a seven-year-old guest goes missing and Suzanna's uncle, a famous detective, comes to solve the case.

Reading Level: U



The Black Heart Crypt: a haunted mystery**Chris Grabenstein****JFIC GRABENSTEIN**

A 200-year-old ghost inhabits a living ancestor in order to take revenge on eleven-year-old Zack and his family.

Reading Level: T**Absolutely Almost****Lisa Graff****JFIC GRAFF**

Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.

Reading Level: T**Fantasy Baseball****Alan Gratz****JFIC GRATZ**

A twelve-year-old boy wakes up in Ever After, where he is recruited by Dorothy to play first base for the Oz Cyclones in the Ever After Baseball Tournament.

Reading Level: R**The Million Dollar Goal****Dan Gutman****JFIC GUTMAN**

When their father gets the family tickets to a Montreal Canadiens hockey game, twins Dawn and Dusk--who love hockey AND the Canadiens--are even more excited when they hear about the million dollar goal contest that will be held during the game.

Reading Level: T**You Only Die Twice****Dan Gutman****JFIC GUTMAN**

Genius twins Coke and Pepsi McDonald embark on a trip to Graceland and are horrified by the reappearance of their supposedly deceased arch nemesis Dr. Herman Warsaw, who marries their aunt Judy.

Part of the Genius Files series*Reading Level: S****A Gaggle of Goblins****Suzanne Harper****JFIC HARPER**

Nine-year-old Poppy's parents are paranormal investigators who have never actually found anything, but that may change when they move to Austin, Texas, and Poppy meets a goblin in the attic of their new house.

Reading Level: T**Maggie and Oliver, or, a bone of one's own****Valerie Hobbs****JFIC HOBBS**

A dog whose beloved owner has died and an orphaned ten-year-old girl find each other while enduring poverty and homelessness in early-twentieth-century Boston.

Reading Level: T**One Dog and His Boy****Eva Ibbotson****JFIC IBBOTSON**

When lonely, ten-year-old Hal learns that his wealthy but neglectful 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

Scary School**Derek Kent****JFIC KENT**

Charles Nukid struggles to adjust to the bizarre and scary teachers and students at the Scary School, including an 850-year-old vampire, Dr. Dragonbreath, Frankenstein's monster, and other surprising residents.

Part of the Scary School series*Reading Level: P****Icefall****Matthew Kirby****JFIC KIRBY**

Princess Solveig and her siblings are trapped in a hidden fortress tucked between towering mountains and a frozen fjord, along with her best friend and an army of restless soldiers, all awaiting news of the king's victory in battle, but as they wait for winter's end and the all-encompassing ice to break, acts of treachery make it clear that a traitor lurks in their midst.

Reading Level: S**Till Death Do Us Bark****Kate Klise****JFIC KLISE**

In this story told mostly through letters, Noah Breth's feuding children come to Ghastly, Illinois, to follow a trail of limericks to their inheritance, while Seymour tries to convince Iggy and Olive to let him keep Mr. Breth's dog.

Part of the 43 Old Cemetery Road series*Reading Level: S****Rules****Cynthia Lord****JFIC LORD**

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

Reading Level: R**Ten Rules for Living With My Sister****Ann Martin****JFIC MARTIN**

Nine-year-old Pearl and her popular, thirteen-year-old sister, Lexie, do not get along very well, but when their grandfather moves in and the girls have to share a room, they must find common ground.

Reading Level: T**13 Gifts****Wendy Mass****JFIC MASS**

Shortly before her thirteenth birthday, shy and withdrawn Tara is sent to stay with her aunt, uncle, and cousin in her parents' hometown of Willow Falls, where she makes friends and becomes involved with an elderly buyer and seller of collectibles, who seems to be trying to give Tara some kind of mysterious message.

Reading Level: X**Cloudy with a Chance of Boys****Megan McDonald****JFIC MCDONALD**

While older sister Alex is trying to orchestrate a perfect first kiss with her heartthrob and younger sister Joey prefers frogs to boys, Stevie Reel wonders if she is ready for a boyfriend while being pursued by a new boy in her class.

Reading Level: V