



Books a 4th Grader Can Fall in Love With!



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These suggested books represent a wide variety of genres, themes, and reading levels that may be right for a soon-to-be 4th grader. Ask your friendly librarian for more age-appropriate suggestions!

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda

by Tom Angleberger

Not so long ago, in a middle school not so far away, a sixth grader named Dwight folded an origami finger puppet of Yoda. **Read the whole series!**

Out of the Wild Night

by Blue Balliett

Ghosts are alive on the island of Nantucket and they have chosen a few local kids to save the island against the adults who would do it harm.

Older than Dirt: A Wild But True History of Earth

by Don Brown and Dr. Mike Perfit

A groundhog and a worm narrate this graphic novel look at the violent forces that created our planet and continue to shape it today.

Demon Dentist

by David Walliams

Something strange is happening in Alfie's town. Instead of shiny coins from the Tooth Fairy, kids are waking up to dead slugs, live spiders, and other dreadfully icky things under their pillows.

Lights, Camera, Middle School!

by Jennifer L. Holm

Babymouse is in Middle School! She is ready to stand out! **Read the whole series!**

Summer According to Humphrey

by Betty Birney

When Humphrey hears that school is ending, he panics. What's a hamster to do if he's not in school? **Read the whole series!**

Martin Rising: Requiem for a King

by Andrea and Brian Pinkney

The authors convey the final months of Martin Luther King's life -- and of his assassination -- through metaphor, spirituality, and multilayers of meaning.

Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom

by Eric Wight

What happens when Frankie's mom says he never has to clean his room again? **Read the whole series!**

What Would She Do?

by Kay Woodward

Read twenty-five incredible women's stories that educate and empower.

Secret Hero Society: Study Hall of Justice

by Derek Fridolfs

Secret Hero Society reimagines Batman, Superman and Wonder Woman as three students in the same school. The three band together to form a detective squad. **Read the whole series!**

Just Dance

by Patricia MacLachlan

Years ago, Sylvie's mother was a famous opera singer, but she gave it all up to marry Sylvie's father and move to small town Wyoming. Sylvie wonders -- does her mother ever miss her glamorous former life?

The Lonely Lion Cub

by Amelia Cobb

In the first book in the Zoe's Rescue Zoo series, a tiny lion named Rory arrives at the Rescue Zoo. Zoe has a bold plan to introduce Rory to Leonard, the grumpiest, growliest lion in the zoo.

Read the whole series!

Skinnybones

by Barbara Park

Alex Frankovitch is the smallest, second-worst kid on his team. But he has a MAJOR-LEAGUE-sized mouth. And it gets him into MAJOR-LEAGUE trouble!

The Magician's Boy by Susan Cooper
A boy meets various characters from fairy tales after being transported to the Land of Story by the magician for whom he works. In his quest, the boy finds himself inside a tale himself!

You Wouldn't Want to be an Egyptian Mummy by David Stewart
Interested in all things Ancient Egypt? Take a look at this entry in the fascinating *You Wouldn't Want* series. Full of gross and interesting facts, you won't be able to put it down. **Read the whole series!**

Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure by Torben Kuhlmann
When two unlikely friends build a vessel capable of taking them to the bottom of the ocean find a missing treasure—the truth turns out to be far more amazing. **Read the whole series!**

The Vanishing Coin by Kate Egan
with Magician Mike Lane
Mike and Nora discover an odd shop called the White Rabbit. Its owner is a magician and he believes Mike could be a magician, too. Has Mike finally found something he's good at? **Read the whole series!**

Stick Dog by Tom Watson
Follow Stick Dog as he goes on an epic quest for the perfect burger. With hilarious text and stick-figure drawings, reluctant readers will eat this one up! **Read the whole series!**

Shai & Emmie Star in Break an Egg
by Quvenzhané Wallis
Shai is shocked when she doesn't get the lead role in the 3rd grade musical. To make matters worse, she is asked to help the girl who did get the part. **Read the whole series!**

The Only Black Girls in Town
by Brandy Colbert
Alberta is sure she will be friends with the new girl Edie, but realizes they are from two different worlds. Alberta struggles to voice how her family and race dynamics make her feel but the two girls come together to discover a collection of hidden journals that reveal a secret to the past.

Mañanaland by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Max loves fútbol, although his hopes of joining a team are replaced by working with his Dad and eventually discovering that his family are secret guardians who take on refugees and deliver them to "Mananaland."

Lupe Wong Won't Dance
by Donna Barba Higuera
When a dance threatens her chance to meet pitching idol and fellow Mexinese/Chinacan, Fu Li Hernandez, Lupe takes up the cause against square dancing in gym.

Show Me a Sign by Ann Clare LeZotte
Mary Lambert never questioned her deafness until an unwelcome scientist seeks to explain the community's pervasive non-hearing. This historical fiction explores how perceptions can either separate people or bring them together.

The Brave by James Bird
Collin is different. He counts every letter spoken to him and is bullied relentlessly because of it. When he's sent to the Fond du Lac reservation to live with the mother he's never known, he learns how to embrace that which makes him unique.

Bringing Back the Wolves: How a Predator Restored An Ecosystem
By Jude Isabella
The elimination of gray wolves from Yellowstone National Park wreaked havoc on the park's ecosystem. When scientists reintroduced these predators to Yellowstone, they were amazed to see balance restored.

City Spies by James Ponti
Pre-teen hacker extraordinaire Sara is recruited by an all-kid division of the British spy agency, MI6. Her first mission? Stopping a crime syndicate from sabotaging a global environmental conference!