

Suggested Summer Reading Titles for Rising 4th graders



**** SUMMER READING REQUIREMENT: Brown, Peter- The Wild Robot****

Pick three or four (or more!) titles that look interesting to you, curl up in your favorite summer reading spot, and settle into a great new-to-you book. Stick to a genre you know and love, branch out and try something completely new, or head to your local library or bookstore and find your own great summer read. And don't forget about Summer Reading Bingo. Happy reading!

ACTION/ADVENTURE

Anderson, John David- Sidekicked (series)
Chandler, Matt- Alcatraz: a chilling interactive adventure ('You Choose' series)
Giles, Lamar- The Last, Last Days of Summer (series)
Grabenstein, Chris- The Smartest Kid in the Universe (series)
Haddix Margaret Peterson- The Strangers (series)
Hernandez, Carlos- Sal and Gabi Break the Universe
Hunter, Erin- Into the Wild (series); The Quest Begins (series); The Empty City (series)
Mass, Wendy- The Candymakers (series)
Olson, Tod- Lost in the Amazon (series)
Patterson, James- Max Einstein (series), Treasure Hunters (series)
Pennypacker, Sara- Pax; Pax, Journey Home
Ponti, James- City Spies
Rundell, Katherine- The Explorer
Stewart, Trenton Lee- The Mysterious Benedict Society (series)
Venkatraman, Padma- The Bridge Home

CLASSICS

Carroll, Lewis- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
DiCamillo, Kate- Because of Winn-Dixie*, The Tale of Despereaux*
Fitzhugh, Louise- Harriet the Spy
Juster, Norton- The Phantom Tollbooth
Konigsburg, E.L.- From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*
Taylor, Mildred D.- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
White, E. B.- Charlotte's Web*; Stuart Little; Trumpet of the Swan

FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION

Anna, James- The Bookwanderers (series)
Applegate, Katherine- Endling (series); The One and Only Ivan* (series); Odder
Chokshi, Roshani- Aru Shah and the End of Time (series)
Colfer, Chris- The Wishing Spell (series); A Tale of Magic (series)
Collins, Suzanne- Gregor the Overlander (series)
George, Jessica Day- The Rose Legacy (series); Tuesdays at the Castle (series)
Haddix, Margaret Peterson- Remarkables; Under Their Skin (series) Harris,
Harris, Neil Patrick- The Magic Misfits (series)

Kelly, Erin Entrada- Lalani of the Distant Sea
Mbalia, Kwame- Tristan Strong punches a hole in the sky* (series)
Messenger, Shannon- Keeper of the Lost Cities (series)
Mull, Brandon- Fablehaven (series)
Riley, James - Story Thieves
Snyder, Laurel- Orphan Island
Soontornvat, Christina- The Last Mapmaker
Townsend, Jessica- Nevermoor: the trials of Morrigan Crow (series)

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Craft, Jerry- New Kid, Class Act, School Trip
Goerz, Gillian- Shirley and Jamila save their summer
Hatke, Ben- Zita the Spacegirl (series), Mighty Jack (series)
Holm, Jennifer- Sunny Side Up (series)
Jamieson, Victoria- Roller Girl*; All's faire in middle school, When Stars are Scattered
Johnson, Cathy G.- The Breakaways
Larson, Hope- All Summer Long (series)
Libenson, Terri- Invisible Emmie (series)
Maihack, Mike- Cleopatra in Space (series)
Marsden, Mariah- Anne of Green Gables
Nicholas, Jamar- Leon the extraordinary
Siegel, Mark- 5 Worlds (series)

NON-FICTION

Brown, Don- Aaron and Alexander: the most famous duel in American history
Claybourne, Anna-Survival
Leonard, Dion- Finding Gobi: the true story of one little dog's big journey
Letts, Elizabeth- The perfect horse: the daring rescue of horses kidnapped by Hitler
MacLeod, Elizabeth- Top dogs: canines that made history
Markle, Sandra- The great penguin rescue: saving the African penguins
Nelson, Kadir- We are the Ship: the story of the Negro baseball league
Paquette, Ammi-Joan- Two Truths and a Lie
Scieska, Jon- True Stories
Soontornvat, Christina- All thirteen: the incredible cave rescue of the Thai boys' soccer team
Stewart, Amy- Wicked bugs: the meanest, deadliest, grossest bugs on Earth
Tougas, Michael- The Finest Hours: the true story of a heroic sea rescue
Wetzel, Dan- Epic Athletes (series)

HUMOR

Banks, Steven- Middle School Bites (series)
Bird, Betsy- Funny Girl: Funniest. Stories. Ever.
Emerson, Marcus- The Super Life of Ben Braver (series)
Fry, Michael- How to be a supervillain (series)
Ignatow, Amy- The popularity papers (series)
Kim, Jessica- Stand up, Yumi Chung!
Korman, Gordon- Ungifted; Supergifted; Slacker
Patterson, James- I funny: a middle school story (series), Middle School (series)

Reynolds, Aaron- Fart Quest (series)
Rodkey, Geoff- The Tapper Twins (series)
Russell, Rachel Renee- Max Crumbly (series)
Walliams, David- The Beast of Buckingham Palace, The World's Worst Parents, Gangster
Granny

REALISTIC FICTION

Arnold, Elana- A Boy Called BAT (series)
Creech, Sharon- Moo; Saving Winslow
Glaser, Karina- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street (series)
Graff, Lisa- The great treehouse war
Harrell, Rob- Wink
Hunt, Lynda Mullaly- Shouting at the Rain
Korman, Gordon- The Unteachables
Martin, Ann- Rain Reign
McDunn, Gillian- Caterpillar summer
Medina, Meg- Merci Suarez Changes Gears*; Merci Suarez Can't Dance
Murphy, Julie- Dear Sweet Pea
Ogle, Rex- Free lunch
Shevah, Emma- Dara Palmer's major drama
Watson, Renee- Ways to Make Sunshine; Ways to Grow Love
Yang, Kelly- Front Desk (series)

SPORTS

Alexander, Kwame- Becoming Muhammad Ali; The Crossover
Asher, Diana Harmon- Side Tracked
Bildner, Phil- A whole new ballgame: a Rip and Red story
Gutman, Dan- Roberto and Me (series)
Klage, Ellen- Out of Left Field
Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem- Sasquatch in the paint
Gutman, Dan- Jackie and Me (series)
Jeter, Derek- The contract
Lupica, Mike- Travel Team, Heat; Fantasy League; The Underdogs
Scieszka, Jon- The Sports Pages
Shovan, Laura- Takedown
Wallace, Matt- Bump

HISTORICAL FICTION

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker- The War that Saved My Life*; The War I Finally Won
Gratz, Alan- Refugee; Grenade; Allies
Gidwitz, Adam- The Inquisitor's Tale
Hale, Nathan- Hazardous Tales (series)
Hitchcock, Shannon- Ruby Lee & Me
Larson, Kirby- Hattie Big Sky
Luqman-Dawson, Amina- Freewater
Miller, Sarah- Miss Spitfire: reaching Helen Keller
Park, Linda Sue- Prairie Lotus
Parsons, Karyn- How High the Moon

Ryan, Pam Munoz- Esperanza Rising; Echo; Riding Freedom
Shabazz, Ilyasah- Betty Before X
Shepherd, Megan- Dog Star
Wolk, Lauren- Beyond the Bright Sea; Echo Mountain
Zoboi, Ibi- My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich
Tarshis, Lauren- I Survived the Great Chicago Fire (series)

MYSTERY

Beatty, Robert- Serafina and the Black Cloak (series)
Frederick, Heather V.- Absolutely Truly (series)
Gibbs, Stuart- Spy School (series); Fun Jungle (series)
Ginns, Russell- Samantha Spinner (series)
Grabenstein, Chris- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (series)
Johnson, Varian- The Parker Inheritance
Korman, Gordon- Masterminds (series)
Magaziner, Lauren- Mystery in the Mansion (series)
Pastis, Stephan- Timmy Failure (series)
Smith, Steven K.- Virginia mysteries (series)
Spratt, R.A.- Friday Barnes, Girl Detective (series)
Swanson, Matthew- The Real McCoys (series)
Thompson, John- The Girl from Felony Bay
Watson, Jude- Loot; Sting

OTHER SOURCES FOR GREAT BOOKS

A Mighty Girl- <https://www.amightygirl.com/books>
Brightly- <https://www.readbrightly.com/>
Common Sense Media- <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-lists>
Reading Middle Grade- <https://readingmiddlegrade.com/>
Bbgb bookstore- <https://www.bbgbbooks.com/>; their staff is very knowledgeable!
Your local library- librarians have read everything and love to give suggestions!