

# 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**

Brailer, Max- Last Kids on Earth (series)  
Giles, Lamar- The Last, Last Days of Summer (series)  
Grabenstein, Chris- The Smartest Kid in the Universe (series)  
Hunter, Erin- Into the Wild (series); The Quest Begins (series); The Empty City (series)  
Lin, Grace- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon  
Patterson, James- Max Einstein (series), Treasure Hunters (series)  
Pennypacker, Sara- Pax; Pax, Journey Home  
Ponti, James- City Spies  
Reynolds, Aaron- Fart Quest  
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)  
Elliott, Zetta- Dragons in a Bag (series)  
George, Jessica Day- The Rose Legacy (series); Tuesdays at the Castle (series)  
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)  
Gidwitz, Adam- A Tale Dark and Grim (series)  
Townsend, Jessica- Nevermoor: the trials of Morrigan Crow (series)

## **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

Abdo, Dan- Barb the Last Berzerker  
Craft, Jerry- New Kid, Class Act, School Trip  
Goerz, Gillian- Shirley and Jamila save their summer  
Harper, Charise Mericle- Bad Sister  
Hatke, Ben- Zita the Spacegirl (series), Mighty Jack (series)  
Holm, Jennifer- Sunny Side Up (series)  
Jamieson, Victoria- Roller Girl\*  
Libenson, Terri- Invisible Emmie (series)  
Maihack, Mike- Cleopatra in Space (series)  
Ogle, Rex- Four Eyes  
Sax, Sarah- Picture Day  
Scrivan, Maria- Nat Enough (series)

## **NON-FICTION**

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  
Messner, Kate- History Smashers (series)  
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  
Various authors- Science Comics (series)  
Wetzel, Dan- Epic Athletes (series)

## **HUMOR**

Banks, Steven- Middle School Bites (series)  
Emerson, Marcus- The Super Life of Ben Braver (series)  
Fry, Michael- How to be a supervillain (series)  
Swanson, Matthew- Ben Yokoyama and the cookie of doom (series)  
Kim, Jessica- Stand up, Yumi Chung!  
Korman, Gordon- Ungifted; Supergifted; Slacker  
Patterson, James- I funny: a middle school story (series), Middle School (series)  
Rodkey, Geoff- The Tapper Twins (series)  
Russell, Rachel Renee- Max Crumbly (series)  
Swanson, Matthew- Ben Yokoyama and the cookie of doom  
Walliams, David- The Beast of Buckingham Palace, The World's Worst Parents, Demon Dentist

## **REALISTIC FICTION**

Arnold, Elana- A Boy Called BAT (series)  
Barrows, Annie- The Best of Iggy  
Glaser, Karina- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street (series)  
Graff, Lisa- The great treehouse war  
Harrell, Rob- Wink  
Korman, Gordon- The Unteachables  
McDunn, Gillian- Caterpillar summer  
Medina, Meg- Merci Suarez Changes Gears\*; Merci Suarez Can't Dance  
Shephard, Sara- Penny Draws (series)

Watson, Renee- Ways to Make Sunshine; Ways to Grow Love  
Yang, Kelly- Front Desk (series)  
Mian, Zanib- Accidental Trouble Magnet

## **SPORTS**

Alexander, Kwame- Becoming Muhammad Ali; The Crossover  
Bildner, Phil- A whole new ballgame: a Rip and Red story  
Gutman, Dan- Jackie and Me (series)  
Jeter, Derek- The contract  
Klage, Ellen- Out of Left Field  
Layton, T.Z.- The Academy (series)  
Lupica, Mike- Travel Team, Heat; Fantasy League; The Underdogs  
Maddox, Jake- Sport Stories (series)  
Morgan, Alex- The Kicks (series)  
Scieszka, Jon- The Sports Pages  
Various Authors- Game Day: interactive sports stories

## **HISTORICAL FICTION**

Cline-Ransome, Lesa- Finding Langston  
Gratz, Alan- Refugee; Grenade; Allies  
Hale, Nathan- Hazardous Tales (series)  
Lai, Thanhha- Inside Out and Back Again  
Luqman-Dawson, Amina- Freewater  
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  
Tarshis, Lauren- I Survived the Great Chicago Fire (series)

## **MYSTERY**

Gibbs, Stuart- Spy School (series); Fun Jungle (series)  
Ginns, Russell- Samantha Spinner (series)  
Grabenstein, Chris- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (series)  
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)  
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.commonensemedia.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!