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Great Books for Fourth Graders

The following is a list of suggested books for Fourth Grade readers. Many of these authors will have additional titles appropriate for this age level. Call numbers can be found in parenthesis ()

Fiction

[El Deafo](#) by Cece Bell

In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful--and very awkward--hearing aid (J GRAPHIC BEL)

[Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing](#) by Judy Blume

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem (J BLU)

[Dear Mr. Henshaw](#) by Beverly Cleary

In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world (J CLE)

[Frindle](#) by Andrew Clements

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control (J CLE)



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[The Janitor's Boy](#) by Andrew Clements

Fifth grader Jack finds himself the target of ridicule at school when it becomes known that his father is one of the janitors, and he turns his anger onto his father (J CLE)

[James and the Giant Peach](#) by Roald Dahl

Wonderful adventures abound after James escapes from his fearful aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach (J DAH)

[The Lemonade War](#) by Jacqueline Davies

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn one hundred dollars (J DAV)

[Because of Winn Dixie](#) by Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie (J DIC)

[Spiderwick Chronicles: The Field Guide](#) by Tony DiTerlizzi

When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences (J SPI)

[Shiloh](#) by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs (J NAY)



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[How to Eat Fried Worms](#) by Thomas Rockwell

Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal (J ROC)

[Gooseberry Park](#) by Cynthia Rylant

When a storm separates Stumpy the squirrel from her newborn babies, her animal friends come to the rescue (J RYL)

[Little House in the Big Woods](#) by Laura Ingalls Wilder

A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier, as they help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions when they get together with relatives or neighbors (J WIL)

Paperback Series

[How to Train Your Dragon: the Heroic Misadventures of Hiccup the Viking](#) by Cressida Cowell

This story chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon (J PB How to Train Your Dragon)

[Fang of the Vampire](#) by Tommy Bonvaband

When Luke Watson turns into a werewolf for the third time, he and his parents are moved to Scream Street, where they and other "unusual lifeforms" are trapped unless Luke and his friends can find six powerful relics hidden by the founding fathers before sinister landlord, Sir Otto does (J PB Scream Street)



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[George Brown, Class Clown: Super Burp!](#) By Nancy Krulik

When fourth-grader George starts at a new school, he vows to become a model student instead of the class clown he has always been, but just as his plan is going really well, he is overtaken by a magic burp that turns him back into a mischief-maker (J PB George Brown, Class Clown)

[I Survived the Hindenburg Disaster, 1937](#) by Lauren Tarshis

Eleven year old Hugo and his family are making the thrilling four thousand mile journey across the Atlantic in the Hindenburg, a zeppelin as big as the Titanic. But as the zeppelin gets ready to land, a blast rocks the Hindenburg and fire consumes the ship. Will Hugo and his family survive this historic disaster? (J PB I Survived)

[Revenge of the Living Dummy](#) by R.L. Stine

Britney Crosby thinks her cousin Ethan is pretty weird-and she happens to be right. Ethan won't stop tormenting Britney with an old ventriloquist's dummy. And the puppet has plans for Britney, too! (J PB Goosebumps Horrorland)