



# GRADE 4 SUMMER READING INFORMATION

# Suggested Book Titles

## Books about 4th Grade

### 4B Goes Wild

by Jamie Gilson

Fourth graders are on a three-day camping trip with their teachers experience frights and delights.

### Amber Brown Goes Fourth

by Paula Danziger

Amber enters fourth grade in a panic. Her parents are newly divorced and her best friend has moved away. How will she cope?

Also *Amber Brown Sees Red* and *Amber Brown Wants Extra Credit*



### Awfully Short for the Fourth Grade

by Elvira Woodruff

Nine-year-old Noah disrupts the school when his wish comes true and he becomes small and his miniature toy men come to life.

### The Cybil War

by Betsy Byars

Valentine's Day calls for romance but fourth grader Simon, smitten with classmate Cybil, finds the road to romance is a bumpy one.

### Fourth Grade Celebrity

by Patricia Reilly Giff

Tired of feeling merely average and annoyed about the constant comparison with her older sister, Casey searches for a way to become a celebrity in her school.

### Fourth Grade Rats

by Jerry Spinelli

Narrator Suds is having a hard time giving up "baby" things and trying to be "macho."

### The Fourth Grade Wizards

by Barthe deClements

After her mother dies, Marianne becomes a daydreamer and begins to fall behind in her schoolwork



### Ghosts in the Fourth Grade

by Constance Hiser

James is smarting from a trip to the dentist, thanks to a bully's punch. He and his pals plan revenge.

### Herbie Jones Moves On

by Suzy Kline

Fourth grader Herbie Jones is very upset that his best friend is moving away. He tries hard

to prevent it from happening. Read to see how his plans work out.

### Jack Adrift: Fourth Grade Without a Clue

by Jack Gantos

Jack struggles in a new home trying to figure out what he's supposed to do when his mother says one thing and his father another.

### Jake Drake, Class Clown

by Andrew Clements

Read how a student tries to make a "sourpuss" teacher laugh.

### Keep Ms. Sugarman in the Fourth Grade

by Elizabeth Levy

Ms. Sugarman, reputedly the toughest teacher in the school, turns out to be the best thing that ever happened to the fourth grade trouble-maker Jackie.

### Ramona's World

by Beverly Cleary

As Ramona enters fourth grade she makes a new best friend, still tries to figure out her big sister Beezus, and still has lots of funny adventures.

## Fiction—Realistic

### Everything in a Waffle

by Jane Margolies

A very funny book! Eleven-year-old Primrose Squarp disappears at sea and is then left in the hands of a "dubious cast of characters". Newbery Honor book

### Fudge series

by Judy Blume

Funny stuff that starts with *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, and continues to *Super-Fudge*, *Fudge-A-Mania*, and *Double Fudge*.

### Granny Torelli Makes Soup

by Sharon Creech

While Rosie cooks with her



Granny Torelli they each share stories of being 12 years old.

### Hank Zipzer (series)

by Henry Winkler

Hank is not the best student in the fourth grade, but he might be the funniest.

### Ivy and Bean

by Annie Barrows

Ivy and Bean are very different and each girl thinks the other one is weird and that she could never be friends with the other.

### Olive's Ocean

by Kevin Henkes

12 year old Martha receives a journal

entry of a deceased classmate, who was killed by a car when riding her bicycle, and learns about their commonalities. Newbery Honor book

### Ruby Lu, Brave and True

by Lenore Look

Ruby Lu would have a great time with Ramona, Judy Moody, Clementine and all the other funny girls of realistic fiction.

### My Weird School (series)

by Dan Gutman

At Ella Mentry School all the grownups are quite weird. A.J. is a boy who doesn't like school and his arch-enemy Andrea Young loves school and everything else A.J. hates...

## Fiction—Mystery

### A to Z Mysteries series

by Ron Roy

This series features three smart kids who solve crimes and mysteries. They live in a small town in Connecticut, and have hobbies and pets and parents, but what they love most is a good mystery. Most kids enjoy reading the 26 books in alphabetical order, but you can skip around without missing anything.



### The Dollhouse Murders

by Betty Ren Wright

While visiting her Aunt Clare at the old family home, Amy discovers a haunted dollhouse in the attic-an exact replica of the family home. Whenever she sees it, the dolls, representing her relatives, have moved. Amy researches old news reports where she discovers a family secret-the murder of her grandparents.

### Meg Mackintosh (series)

by Lucinda London

In this series Meg Mackintosh and her cousin Peter solve crimes with enough clues presented in the story and illustrations to allow readers to solve the mystery on their own. Meg's detective work usually occurs in exciting places, such as a whale watch, baseball game, medieval castle, or a haunted summer camp.



## Nonfiction

### Follow the Trail by Jessica Loy

From planning to packing to safety, this kid-friendly guide to camping and hiking is loaded with information. Bright, busy pages follow sisters Emma and Lydia and three friends on a camping trip. Activities to identify trees, wildflowers, and animal tracks are interspersed with facts about weather, suggestions for rainy days, and instructions for building a campfire.



**If The World Were a Village** by David Smith  
Readers are asked to imagine as if the world's population of 6,200,000,000 were seen as a village of 100 people.

**The Sleepover Cookbook**  
by Hallie Warshaw

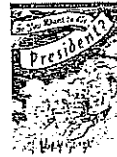
The recipes here are arranged in "sleepover order." The treats are



easy to prepare, some incorporating ready-to-use ingredients like canned soup and refrigerated biscuit dough. Each recipe begins with a list of supplies and a difficulty rating.

**So You Want to be President?**  
by Judith St. George

The basic theme is that anyone can be president. It's a fun book, but the underlying purpose is clearly serious: to remind kids that the American presidents have been a motley group of individuals, not a row of marble busts. Ironically, that message makes the presidency far more interesting by and appealing than it seems in some of the more traditional books.



**The Stunning Science of Everything: Science with Squishy Bits Left In** by Nick Arnold

This humorous look at science combines colorful cartoons and writing that ranges from light-

hearted to silly and conveys a lot of interesting information. Starting with the Big Bang, the book moves quickly from small by atoms, microbes, and bugs to big by humans, dinosaurs, and the universe. Each page is filled with cartoon drawings in a variety of visual presentations.



### Favorite Authors - Nonfiction

Joanna Cole

Jean Fritz

Steve Jenkins

Jerry Pallotta

Seymour Simon – Check out his blog:

<http://www.seymourscience.com>

## Fiction—Historical

**Dear America and My America** series by various authors

In each book, a child living in a different period in America lets us know about what his or her life is like through a series of journal entries. *Dear America* books are usually written by girl characters, while *My America* are written by boy characters. The books span all American history, from the Jamestown settlement in Colonial Virginia to the Vietnam War in the 1960s.

**If You Lived in the Time...** series by various authors

These books present an event in history, ask a series of questions about the event, and provide answers. Most answers are from the point of view of a child living during that time.

**Riding Freedom** by Pam Munoz Ryan

Based on the true story of a California orphan girl who disguises herself as a boy and becomes a well-known stage coach

driver and a participant in the great California gold rush.

**The Whipping Boy** by Sid Fleischman

Because a prince cannot be punished, a poor boy is brought to the castle to receive punishment in his place. When the prince runs away into the city and takes the "whipping boy" with him, they need to rely on one another to survive. Great adventure story set in the Middle Ages.



The following are great poets for Grade 4 readers:

Douglas Florian  
Mary Ann Hoberman  
Dennis Lee  
Jack Prelutsky  
Shel Silverstein



### Favorite Series:

**Amber Brown**  
by Paula Danziger

**Boxcar Children**  
by Gertrude Chandler

**Clementine**  
by Sara Pennypacker

**Encyclopedia Brown**  
by Donald J. Sobol



**Just Grace**  
by Charise Mericle Harper

**The Penderwicks**  
by Jeanne Birdsall

**Moxy Maxwell**  
by Peggy Gifford

**Ramona**  
by Beverley Cleary

**Wayside School**  
by Louis Sachar





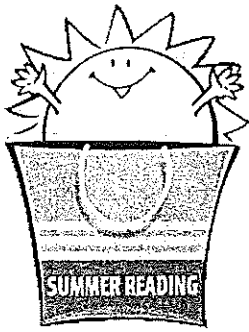
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I read two books by the same author. Title: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I read a historical fiction book. Title: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I read for 60 minutes straight without a break. Title: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I read outside for at least 30 minutes. Title: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I read 5 stories on an e-reader this summer. Title: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____
I checked a book out of the public library. Title: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I wrote a poem that was funny or serious. (attach) Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I finished my summer reading packet. Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I read a book that is part of a series. Title: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I drew a picture illustrating a favorite part of a book I read. (attach) Date _____ Parent Initials _____
I read a non-fiction book. Topic: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I read a book by an author we read aloud in class. Author: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I read at least 10 poems from a poetry book. Title: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I read a biography. Title: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I made a recipe from a cookbook. Recipe: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____
I read a fantasy or science fiction book. Title: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I read a kid's magazine. Title: _____ Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I wrote a new ending to a book I read. (attach) Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I wrote a letter to a relative in another city, state or country. Date _____ Parent Initials _____	I wrote a postcard to my teacher telling her about a book I read. Date _____ Parent Initials _____





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You may choose some of these titles or select some on your own.  
Happy Reading!

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## Popular Authors

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Gertrude Chandler        | Sara Pennypacker        | Donald J. Sobol    |
| Sarah Weeks              | James Patterson         | Loius Sacher       |
| Carl Hiassen             | Gordon Korman           | Robert Newton Peck |
| Laurie Halse Anderson    | AVI                     | Lisa Graff         |
| Francess Hodgson Burnett | Phyllis Reynolds Taylor | R.J. Palacio       |
| Karen Hesse              | Lois Lowry              | Andrew Clements    |

