

4th & 5th Grade Reading List

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Fiction

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Title

Avi

Poppy [Series]

A hoot owl, Ocax, rules Dimwood Forest and promises to protect the mice as long as they ask his permission to move about. Poppy is a deer mouse under the owl's protection, but when her fiance is killed by Ocax she defies the owl and begins a journey to a new place. Poppy wants to find a place where her family can live away from Ocax, but she has to do it without Ocax catching her.

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Seer of Shadows

In New York City in 1872, fourteen-year-old Horace, a photographer's apprentice, becomes entangled in a plot to create fraudulent spirit photographs, but when Horace accidentally frees the real ghost of a dead girl bent on revenge, his life takes a frightening turn.

Blue Balliett

Chasing Vermeer

When strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.

Michael Buckley

The Sisters Grimm [Series]

Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead.

Leslie Connor

Waiting for Normal

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

Jacqueline Davies

The Lemonade War

A brother and sister react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade. They battle it out in lemonade stands, trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

Tony DiTerlizzi

The Spiderwick Chronicles [Series]

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

Cornelia Funke

The Thief Lord

Escaping the aunt who wants to adopt only one of them, two orphaned brothers run away, finding shelter with a gang of children and their leader, the thirteen-year-old "Thief Lord".

Emmanuel Guibert

Sardine

The adventures of the intrepid Sardine, who travels across the universe meeting cosmic squids, space leeches, talking clouds, and other strange beings.

Katharine Hannigan

Ida B

Fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must send her to public school.

Erin Hunter

Warriors [Series]

For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest. When their warrior code is threatened by mysterious deaths, a house cat may turn out to be the bravest warrior of all.

Jeff Kinney

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series)

Greg Heffley tells about his summer vacation and tries to keep his brother from telling everyone about Greg's most humiliating experience of the summer.

Cynthia Lord

Rules

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson (series)

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

Rick Riordan

39 Clues, Maze of Bones (series)

What would happen if you discovered that your family was one of the most powerful in human history? What if you were told that the source of the family's power was hidden around the world in the form of 39 clues? What if you were given a choice--take a million dollars and walk away or get the first clue? If you're Amy and Dan Cahill, you take the clue and begin a very dangerous race.

Brian Selznick

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

When Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

Nancy Springer

Enola Holmes Mystery [Series]

Enola Holmes, disguised as a beautiful woman, finds clues in floral bouquets as she searches for the missing Doctor Watson, a companion of her famous older brother, Sherlock.

Paul Stewart

The Edge Chronicles [Series]

Twig, having always looked and felt different from his woodtroll family, learns that he is adopted and travels out of his Deepwoods home to find the place where he belongs.

Trenton Lee Stewart

The Mysterious Benedict Society

After passing a series of tests, four kids are selected for a mission that requires them to go to the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

Sarah Weeks

So B. It

After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.

Non-Fiction

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Jennifer Armstrong

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World

Describes the events of the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition when, after being trapped, their ship, Endurance, was finally crushed, forcing Shackleton and his men to make a journey across ice and stormy seas to reach inhabited land.

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John Fleischman

Phineas Gage

Through the case history of Phineas Gage, a 19th century Vermonter who had an iron bar driven through his brain and lived, the book examines what is known of brain function.

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Jane Goodall

The Chimpanzees I love

A renowned scientist shares the amazing story of her life among the chimpanzees. From the time when she was a child dreaming of living with the wild animals of Africa to her amazing groundbreaking discoveries documented in her acclaimed "National Geographic" specials, Goodall traces her history studying the chimpanzee.

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Greg Mortenson

Three Cups of Tea

In 1993 Greg Mortenson tried to climb K2. On the way down he became lost in the mountains of Pakistan and stumbles into a poor village. The villager chief offers him three cups and tea and his villages nurse Mortenson back to health. Moved by their kindness, he promises to return and build a school for their children. Despite death threats, a kidnapping and more, Mortenson has built over sixty schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

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