

4th Grade List of Recommend Reading

Title	Copyright Date	Author: Last name, First Name	Lexile	Genre	Awards/Reviewing Agencies	Annotation
Adam and Thomas	2015	Applefeld, Aharan	630	Juvenile Fiction	Batchelder Honor Book, School Library Journal	Originally published in France, this story is about two Jewish boys who have been left in the woods near their home by their mothers who must return to the ghetto. The boys survive by eating berries, foraging for food, and milking cows for fresh milk. Readers get a sense of the larger context of World War II through some minor characters, who make appearances as runaways or fugitives. There are several allusions to spiritual beliefs, but they are not overt. Dialogue is lyrical and a bit dreamlike, and the characters are sympathetic. The sentence structure and vocabulary are simplistic. Dumas's illustrations add to the dreamlike quality of the text. VERDICT An fine addition to elementary and middle school libraries looking for tender friendship and survival stories set during the second World War. <i>School Library Journal</i>
Adventures with Waffle	2015	Parr, Maria	720	Fiction	Starred Review ALA Booklist (4/1/15) Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books School Library Journal (3/1/15)	When readers meet nine-year-old Trille and his best friend Lena, Lena is barely hanging onto the rope they have strung between their houses' second-floor windows, and Trille is frantically hauling his parents' mattress down the stairs and out to the yard to save her. It's a fitting introduction, since Lena races headlong into every crazy scheme they concoct, with Trille following close behind. Set in a tiny seaside community in Norway, the story contains other adventures, such as the duo's amusing attempt to re-create Noah's Ark with a rowboat and livestock. Although two events threaten to overwhelm Trille with a sense of loss, one ends well and, after the other, he finds comfort in family and friends. Trille's accessible first-person narrative shares both his adventures and his feelings, which run the gamut from terror to grief to elation. Parr creates a strong sense of the characters as individuals, especially Lena, Trille, and Trille's grandfather. For all its emotional resonance, the narrative is never soppy. In fact, humor plays a big part in this rewarding book. Published first in Norway and translated into 20 languages, this appealing chapter book has a distinctive setting, plenty of humor, and unusual emotional clarity. <i>ALA Booklist</i>
Annie and the Old One	1971	Miles, Miska	700	Fiction	Newbery Honor and a Christopher Medal	When Annie's Navajo grandmother says that when Annie's mother's rug is completely woven that the grandmother will die, Annie tries to hold back time by unweaving the rug in secret. Barnes & Nobles
Babe: The Gallant Pig	2001	King-Smith, Dick	1040	Fiction	1995 ALA Notable Children's Books	Originally published in Great Britain in 1983 under the title. The sheep pig . A piglet destined for eventual butchering arrives a the farmyard is adopted by an old sheep dog and discovers a special secret to success. Follett
Bunnacula	1979	Howe, Deborah	700	Fiction	ALA Notable Children's Books, 1995	Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire. Follett
Charlotte's Web	1952	White, E. B.	680	Fiction, Classics	Newbery Honor, 1953	Sixty years ago, on October 15, 1952, E.B. White's Charlotte's Web was published. It's gone on to become one of the most beloved children's books of all time. To celebrate this milestone, the renowned Newbery Medalist Kate DiCamillo has written a heartfelt and poignant tribute to the book that is itself a beautiful translation of White's own view of the...Barnes & Nobles
Cricket in Times Square, The	1960	Selden, George	780	Fiction	1961 Newbery Honor Book	The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat Follett
Echo: A Novel	2015	Ryan, Pam Munoz	680	Juvenile Fiction	Newbery Honor Book Starred Review Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books School Library Journal Starred Review (12/1/14) ALA Booklist National Council For Social Studies Notable Children's Trade National Council Teachers Of English Notable Children's Books	A boy is mesmerized by a story about three princesses trapped under a witch's spell until they save a life through a special harmonica. This story within a story is prelude to three more. Ryan's storytelling prowess and vivid voice lead readers through a hefty tome illuminated by layers of history, adventure, and the seemingly magical but ultimately very human spirit of music. <i>Hornbook</i>

Elijah Buxton	2007	Curtis, Christopher Paul	1070	Fiction	King (Coretta Scott) Medal Award Winners Past King Medal Award 2008 Newbery Honor Books 2008 Newbery Honor Books Past Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction Winners Past	Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom. Follett
Family Under the Bridge	1989	Carlson, Natalie Savage	680	Fiction	1959 Newbery Honor	An old hobo in Paris finds his life changed when he discovers three children under a bridge. Follett
House at Pooh Corner	1988	Mline, A.A.	830	Fiction		Christopher Robin, Eyeore, Owl, Piglet, Kanga, and Pooh join Tigger , who leads them into some colorful adventures. Follett
James and the Giant Peach	1961	Dahl, Roald	870	Fiction	ALA Booklist (5/1/96) ILA Children's Choice Award	Madcap adventures as young James enters a peach as big as a house and encounters wonderful new friends. Perma Bound
Lemonade War, The	2007	Davies, Jacqueline	630	Fiction	ALA Booklist (3/1/07) Horn Book (8/1/07)	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 100 dollars. Perma Bound
Marley A Dog Like No Other	2007	Grogan, John	760	Fiction	School Library Journal Starred Review (7/1/07) ALA Booklist (7/1/07) Horn Book (8/1/07) Kirkus Reviews	Heartwarming memoir, adapted for young readers, about the rambunctious, wondrously neurotic Labrador Retriever who became the heart of the Grogan family. Perma Bound
My life as a book	2010	Tashijah, Janet	880	Fiction		"Christy Ottaviano Books." Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, twelve-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning important lessons even though he does not complete his summer reading list. Follett
On My Honor	1986	Bauer, Marion Dane	750	Fiction	Newbery Honor	When his best friend drowns while they are both swimming in a treacherous river that they had promised never to go near, Joel is devastated and terrified at having to tell both sets of parents the terrible consequences of their disobedience. Perma Bound
One and Only Ivan, The	2012	Applegate, Katherine	570	Fiction	Starred Review Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books Starred Review for Kirkus Reviews Newbery Medal School Library Journal Starred Review ALA Booklist	When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life. Perma Bound
Poppy	1995	Avi	670	Fiction	ALA Notable Children's Books, 1996 Book Links, 07/01/09 Booklist starred Child Study Children's Book Committee, 1995	Poppy, a deer mouse, urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas. Follett
Stone Fox	1980	Gardiner, John Reynolds	550	Fiction	National Council Teachers Of English Notable Children's Books 1994 Massachusetts Children's Book Award->Honor Book: Books	Rooted in Rocky Mountain legend, this is the story of a 10-year-old boy and legendary Indian, each determined to win a race and a prize. Barnes & Nobles
Strange case of Origami Yoda, The	2010	Angleberger, Tom	760	Fiction	ALA Booklist ALA Notable Book For Children Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books ILA Children's Choice Award ILA Young Adults' Award	Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yodaya, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda. Follett
Trumpet of the Swan, The	c1970,c2000	White, E. B.	750	Fiction	Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books Kirkus Reviews Library Journal	Louis, the Trumpeter Swan, lacks a voice, but his father hits on a bold alternative, so that Louis might win his love, Serena. Perma Bound

Velveteen Rabbit, The	1991	Williams, Margery	820	Fiction	Booklist Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books	The Velveteen Rabbit learns the true meaning of love in this classic tale of friendship and loyalty. Follett
Summer of the Swans	c1970,c1996	Byars, Betsy	830	Fiction	Newbery Medal NCTE Adventuring With Books	A teen-age girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally retarded brother gets lost. Perma Bounds
Tales of a Fourth-grade nothing	c1972, c2002	Blume, Judy	470	Fiction	The Great Stone Face Award, Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books	Two is a crowd when Peter and his four-year-old brother, Fudge, are in the same room. Grown-ups think Fudge is absolutely adorable, but Peter and his pet turtle, Dribble, know the truth. Fudge is actually a tiny terror in disguise, causing mischief everywhere he goes. Barnes & Nobles
World according to Humphrey, The	2004	Birney, Betty G.	670	Fiction	Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books	Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher. Perma Bound