

BOOKLIST FOR THE FOURTH GRADE

Alexander, Lloyd. *[The Arkadians](#)*. (FIC AL273ar)

To escape the wrath of the king and his wicked soothsayers, an honest young man joins with a poet-turned-jackass and a young girl with mystical powers on a series of epic adventures.

Avi. *[Poppy](#)*. (series) (FIC Ac51po)

As ruler of Dimwood Forest, Ocax the hoot owl has promised to protect the mice occupying an abandoned farmhouse as long as they ask permission before "moving about." Poppy, a timid dormouse, is a loyal, obedient subject--until she sees Ocax devour her fiancé. To prove that the intimidating ruler is a phony, Poppy embarks on a dangerous and eye-opening quest, which ends with her one-on-one battle with Ocax.

Babbitt, Natalie. *[Tuck Everlasting](#)*. (FIC B1134tu)

Doomed to - or blessed with - eternal life after drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck family wanders about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can. When ten-year-old Winnie Foster stumbles on their secret, the Tucks take her home and explain why living forever at one age is less a blessing than it might seem. Complications arise when Winnie is followed by a stranger who wants to market the spring water for a fortune.

Babbitt, Natalie. *[Knee-knock Rise](#)*. (FIC B1134k)

Everyone else in the village is afraid of the creature who supposedly dwells at the top of Knee-Knock Rise but young Egan investigates for himself.

Beatty, Patricia. *[Be Ever Hopeful Hannalee](#)*. (Teen Fic B3808be)

In 1865 with the war recently over, fourteen-year-old Hannalee and her recently reunited family decide to start a new life in Atlanta where, because of the need to rebuild the devastated city, jobs are plentiful.

Blume, Judy. *[Fudge A-Mania](#)*. (FIC B6262fu)

Pete describes the family vacation in Maine with the Tubmans, highlighted by the antics of his younger brother Fudge.

Blume, Judy. *[Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing](#)*. (B6262t)

Living with his little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing smashed potatoes on walls at Hamburger Heaven, or scribbling all over Peter's homework, he's never far from trouble. He's a two-year-old terror who gets away with everything -- and Peter's had enough.

Brink, Carol. *[Caddie Woodlawn](#)*. (FIC B7715ca)

Chronicles the adventures of eleven-year-old Caddie growing up with her six brothers and sisters on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century.

Clark, Ann Nolan. *[Secret of the Andes](#)*. (Fic C5472se)

An Indian boy who tends llamas in a hidden valley in Peru learns the traditions and secrets of his Inca ancestors.

Cleary, Beverly. *[Ramona](#)*. (series) (FIC C583)

Follow the adventures of the irrepressible and lovable Ramona Quimby and her family.

Cleary, Beverly. *[Henry Huggins](#)*. (series)

Henry Huggins has been wishing for some excitement in his life. He never thought it would come in the form of a lost, hungry dog with big brown eyes that just begged for a taste of his ice cream cone.

Clements, Andrew. *[Frindle](#)*. (FIC C5917fr)

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.

Coerr, Eleanor. *[Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes](#)*. (FIC C6515s)

Hospitalized with the dreaded atom bomb disease, leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy.

Cooper, Susan. [*The Boggart*](#). (FIC C7878bo)

After visiting the castle in Scotland which her family has inherited and returning home to Canada, twelve-year-old Emily finds that she has accidentally brought back with her a boggart, an invisible and mischievous spirit with a fondness for practical jokes.

Cooper, Susan. [*The Boggart and the Monster*](#). (FIC C7878bog)

When Emily Volnik and her younger brother Jessup go to live in a Scottish castle, they are delighted to meet the Boggart, a mischievous shape-shifting spirit who has lived in there for centuries. On a new expedition searching for the Loch Ness monster, Emily, Jessup and the Boggart share an adventure they'll not soon forget.

Dahl, Roald. [*Matilda*](#). (FIC D1375ma)

Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

Eager, Edward. [*Half Magic*](#). (series) (Fic Ea32ha)

When Jane finds a magic charm that grants exactly half of any wish, her brother Mark and her sisters Katharine and Martha take turns making double wishes, leading to results that are twice as unpredictable (and hilarious).

Fitzhugh, Louise. [*Harriet the Spy*](#). (FIC F5784h)

When Harriet grows up, she wants to be an author. So, she figures it's a good way to practice for her future vocation by writing down everything she sees on her spy route in a secret notebook. You can imagine her horror when the secret notebook is confiscated by her classmates and read aloud! Now Harriet's knee-deep in trouble as the tables are turned on her.

Fleischman, Sid. [*Bandit's Moon*](#). (FIC F6282ba)

Twelve-year-old Annyrose relates her adventures with Joaqu in Murieta and his band of outlaws in the California gold-mining region during the mid-1800s.

Gates, Doris. [*Blue Willow*](#). (FIC G2233bl)

A little girl, who wants most of all to have a real home and to go to a regular school, hopes that the valley her family has come to, which so resembles the pattern on her treasured blue willow plate, will be their permanent home.

Grahame, Kenneth. [*The Wind in the Willows*](#). (FIC G7609wH)

When Mole goes boating with the Water Rat instead of spring-cleaning, he discovers a world he never knew about. As well as the river and the Wild Wood, there is Toad's craze for fast travel - which leads him and his friends on a whirl of trains, barges, gipsy caravans and motor cars, into a lot of trouble, and even a battle.

Gutman, Dan. [*Honus and Me: a Baseball Card Adventure*](#). (FIC G9853ho)

Joe Stoshack lives for baseball. He knows everything there is to know about the game -- except how to play well. Joe feels like a real loser, and when he takes a low-pay job cleaning a bunch of junk out of his neighbor's attic, he feels even worse -- until he comes across a little piece of cardboard that takes his breath away. He has stumbled upon a T-206 Honus Wagner -- the most valuable baseball card in the world! And he's about to find out that it's worth a lot more than money.

Hahn, Mary Downing. [*Time for Andrew: a Ghost Story*](#). (FIC H1246ta)

When he goes to spend the summer with his great-aunt in the family's old house, eleven-year-old Drew is drawn eighty years into the past to trade places with his great-great-uncle who is dying of diphtheria.

Hamilton, Virginia. [*The House of Dies Drear*](#). (FIC H1812ho)

A black family tries to unravel the secrets of their new home which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad.

Horvath, Polly. [*The Trolls*](#). (FIC H7893tr)

Aunt Sally has come all the way from Vancouver Island, Canada, to take care of Melissa, Amanda, and Pee Wee. Right from the start she enchants them with tales of her childhood with their father. Aunt Sally's reminiscences lead up to a crucial story about trolls, sinister creatures who supposedly lurked along the shore at night. The trolls had the power to change Aunt Sally's life forever. Their legacy may change the lives of these children as well.

Karr, Kathleen. [*The Great Turkey Walk*](#). (FIC K1485gr)

In 1860, a somewhat simple-minded fifteen-year-old boy attempts to herd one thousand turkeys from Missouri to Denver, Colorado, in hopes of selling them at a profit.

King-Smith, Dick. [*Babe: The Gallant Pig*](#). ()

A piglet destined for eventual butchering arrives at the farmyard, is adopted by an old sheep dog, and discovers a special secret to success.

Klise, Kate. [*Regarding the Fountain*](#). (FIC K6895rf)

Welcome to Dry Creek Middle School -- where the motto is "We Thirst for Knowledge." When Principal Walter Russ asks his secretary, Goldie Fisch, to write a letter to Flowing Waters Fountains, Etc. regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for the school, all sorts of hilarious chaos results.

Konigsburg, E.L. [*From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*](#). (FIC K8364f)

Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.

Le Guin, Ursula. [*Catwings*](#). (IBT L5275ca)

Four flying felines, Harriet, James, Thelma, and Roger, escape from a sordid urban environment and find a home in the country with two loving children.

Lewis, C.S. [*The Chronicles of Narnia*](#). (series) (FIC L5855co)

Enter C.S. Lewis's magical world of Narnia where enchanted creatures live and fierce battles are fought between good and evil.

Lowry, Lois. [*Anastasia Krupnik*](#). (series) (FIC L95558an)

To Anastasia Krupnik, being ten is very confusing. For one thing, she has this awful teacher who can't understand why Anastasia doesn't capitalize or punctuate her poems. Even her parents have become difficult. They insist she visit her 92-year-old grandmother who can never remember Anastasia's name. On top of that, they're going to have a baby -- at their age! Anastasia knows that if she didn't have her secret green notebook to write in, she would never make it to her eleventh birthday.

Lowry, Lois. [*All About Sam*](#). (series) (FIC L95558)

The adventures of Sam, Anastasia Krupnik's younger brother, from his first day as a newborn through his mischievous times as a toddler.

McCloskey, Robert. [*Homer Price*](#). (FIC M1326Ho)

Six episodes in the life of Homer Price including one in which he and his pet skunk capture four bandits and another about a donut machine on the rampage.

Norton, Mary. [*The Borrowers*](#). (series) (FIC N8255)

A perceptive boy enters into the miniature world of "the little people" who live under the floor in an old country house and borrow their necessities from its human inhabitants.

O'Dell, Scott. [*Island of the Blue Dolphins*](#). (FIC Od27I)

An American Indian girl is left on her tribe's abandoned Pacific island where she survives for eighteen years with courage and self-reliance.

O'Dell, Scott. [*Zia*](#). (FIC Od27z)

A young Indian girl, caught between the traditional world of her mother and the present world of the mission, is helped by her Aunt Karana, whose story was told in *Island of the Blue Dolphins*.

Paterson, Katherine. [*The Great Gilly Hopkins*](#). (FIC P2734gr)

An eleven-year-old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly.

Peck, Robert Newton. [*Soup*](#). (series) (FIC P3362so)

Rural Vermont during the 1920s is the setting for this nostalgic (series) of episodes in the lives of young Rob Peck and his pal, Soup.

Pullman, Philip. [*The Fireworkmaker's Daughter*](#). (FIC P9667f)

In a country far to the east, Chulak and his talking white elephant Hamlet help Lila seek the Royal Sulphur from the sacred volcano so that she can become a master maker of fireworks like her father.

Robinson, Barbara. [*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.*](#) (Fic R5614b)

The Herdmans are absolutely the worst kids in the history of the world. They lie and steal and smoke cigars (even the girls). They talk dirty, hit little kids, cuss their teachers, set fire to Fred Shoemaker's old broken-down toolhouse, and take the name of the Lord in vain. So no one is prepared when the Herdmans invade church one Sunday-and decide to take over the annual Christmas pageant.

Rockwell, Thomas. [*How to Eat Fried Worms.*](#) (FIC R5957ho)

The story of Billy who, because of a bet, is in the uncomfortable position of having to eat 15 worms in 15 days.

Rodgers, Mary. [*Freaky Friday.*](#) (FIC R6167ff)

Annabel awakens one morning in her mother's body and finds it's tougher being Mom than she'd imagined.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. [*Riding Freedom.*](#) (FIC R9578ri)

By the age of 12, Charlotte Parkhurst knows the world of the 1860s holds more opportunities for boys than girls. So she cuts off her hair, dons boy's clothing and begins a new life that gives her many privileges, including the right to vote.

Sachar, Louis. [*Sideways Stories From Wayside School.*](#) (series) (Fic Sa141si)

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

Selden, George. [*Cricket in Times Square.*](#) (FIC Se482cr)

The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

Snyder, Zilpha. [*Gib Rides Home.*](#) (FIC Sn929gi)

Despite the harsh treatment he has endured at the Lovell House orphanage, ten-year-old Gib Whittaker manages to maintain his hopeful outlook when he is "farmed out" to help with the horses of a wealthy banker in 1908.

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. [*Gib and the Gray Ghost.*](#) (Fic Sn929ghr)

In 1909, after spending several months back at the Lovell House Home for Orphaned and Abandoned Boys, eleven-year-old Gib returns to live on the Thornton ranch. One day a horse appears, a terrified dapple-gray that has been severely whipped and starved. Gib knows he must find some way to save this magnificent horse -- and in the attempt, he finds one place where he will always belong.

Speare, Elizabeth. [*The Sign of The Beaver.*](#) (FIC Sp313si)

Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.

Spinelli, Jerry. [*Maniac Magee.*](#) (FIC Sp462ma)

Legend springs up about Jeffrey 'Maniac' Magee, a white boy who runs faster and hits balls farther than anyone. . . . After running away from a loveless home, he encounters several families, in and around Two Mills, a town sharply divided into the black East End and the white West End.

Taylor, Mildred. [*The Friendship.*](#) (FIC T2168fr)

Cassie Logan and her brothers witness a confrontation between an elderly black man and a white storekeeper in rural Mississippi in the 1930s.

Taylor, Mildred. [*The Gold Cadillac.*](#) (IBT T2168g)

Wilma and Lois, two black girls living in Ohio during the 1950s, are proud of their family's new Cadillac until they take it on a visit to the South and encounter racial prejudice for the first time.

White, E.B. [*Stuart Little.*](#) (FIC W5829st)

The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird that stayed for a few days in his family's garden.

Yolen, Jane. [*Young Merlin.*](#) (series) (FIC Y784)

Abandoned in the woods of Medieval England, an eight-year-old boy begins a journey of hardship, danger, and magic that will one day make him the most famous wizard of all time.