

Summer Reading Suggestions for Rising 4th graders



Summer is the time for choice reading! Pick one (or more!) of the books from this list that looks great to you, curl up in your favorite summer reading spot, and settle into a great new-to-you book. Stick to a genre or series you love, branch out and try something new, or head to your local library or bookstore and find your own great summer reads. And don't forget about Summer Reading Bingo. Happy reading!

ACTION/ADVENTURE

Brailer, Max- Last Kids on Earth (series)
Giles, Lamar- The Last, Last Days of Summer (series)
Grabenstein, Chris- The Smartest Kid in the Universe (series)
Hunter, Erin- Into the Wild (series); The Quest Begins (series); The Empty City (series)
Lin, Grace- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon
Patterson, James- Max Einstein (series), Treasure Hunters (series)
Pennypacker, Sara- Pax; Pax, Journey Home
Ponti, James- City Spies
Reynolds, Aaron- Fart Quest
Venkatraman, Padma- The Bridge Home

CLASSICS

Carroll, Lewis- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
DiCamillo, Kate- Because of Winn-Dixie*, The Tale of Despereaux*
Fitzhugh, Louise- Harriet the Spy
Juster, Norton- The Phantom Tollbooth
Konigsburg, E.L.- From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*
Taylor, Mildred D.- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
White, E. B.- Charlotte's Web*; Stuart Little; Trumpet of the Swan

FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION

Anna, James- The Bookwanderers (series)
Applegate, Katherine- Endling (series); The One and Only Ivan* (series); Odder: Wishtree
Brown, Peter- The Wild Robot (series)
Chokshi, Roshani- Aru Shah and the End of Time (series)
Colfer, Chris- The Wishing Spell (series); A Tale of Magic (series)
Collins, Suzanne- Gregor the Overlander (series)
Elliott, Zetta- Dragons in a Bag (series)
George, Jessica Day- Tuesdays at the Castle (series)
Harris, Neil Patrick- The Magic Misfits (series)
Kelly, Erin Entrada- Lalani of the Distant Sea
Mbalia, Kwame- Tristan Strong punches a hole in the sky* (series)
Gidwitz, Adam- A Tale Dark and Grim (series)
Townsend, Jessica- Nevermoor: the trials of Morrigan Crow (series)

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Abdo, Dan- Barb the Last Berzerker
Craft, Jerry- New Kid, Class Act, School Trip
Goerz, Gillian- Shirley and Jamila save their summer
Hatke, Ben- Zita the Spacegirl (series), Mighty Jack (series)
Holm, Jennifer- Sunny Side Up (series)
Jamieson, Victoria- Roller Girl*
Libenson, Terri- Invisible Emmie (series)
Maihack, Mike- Cleopatra in Space (series)
Ogle, Rex- Four Eyes, Pizza Face
Sax, Sarah- Picture Day, Tryouts
Siegel, Mark- 5 Worlds
Scrivan, Maria- Nat Enough (series)

NON-FICTION

Leonard, Dion- Finding Gobi: the true story of one little dog's big journey
Letts, Elizabeth- The perfect horse: the daring rescue of horses kidnapped by Hitler
MacLeod, Elizabeth- Top dogs: canines that made history
Messner, Kate- History Smashers (series)
Paquette, Ammi-Joan- Two Truths and a Lie
Scieska, Jon- True Stories
Soontornvat, Christina- All thirteen: the incredible cave rescue of the Thai boys' soccer team
Stewart, Amy- Wicked bugs: the meanest, deadliest, grossest bugs on Earth
Various authors- Science Comics (series)
Wetzel, Dan- Epic Athletes (series)

HUMOR

Banks, Steven- Middle School Bites (series)
Emerson, Marcus- The Super Life of Ben Braver (series)
Fry, Michael- How to be a supervillain (series)
Swanson, Matthew- Ben Yokoyama and the cookie of doom (series)
Kim, Jessica- Stand up, Yumi Chung!
Korman, Gordon- Ungifted; Supergifted; Slacker
Patterson, James- I funny: a middle school story (series), Middle School (series)
Rodkey, Geoff- The Tapper Twins (series)
Russell, Rachel Renee- Max Crumbly (series)
Swanson, Matthew- Ben Yokoyama and the cookie of doom
Walliams, David- Bad Dad, Grandpa's Great Escape, Demon Dentist

REALISTIC FICTION

Arnold, Elana- A Boy Called Bat (series)
Barrows, Annie- The Best of Iggy
Glaser, Karina- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street (series)
Graff, Lisa- The great treehouse war
Korman, Gordon- The Unteachables, Faker, Old School
McDunn, Gillian- Caterpillar summer
Medina, Meg- Merci Suarez Changes Gears*; Merci Suarez Can't Dance
Shephard, Sara- Penny Draws (series)
Watson, Renee- Ways to Make Sunshine; Ways to Grow Love
Yang, Kelly- Front Desk (series)
Mian, Zanib- Accidental Trouble Magnet

SPORTS

Alexander, Kwame- Becoming Muhammad Ali; The Crossover
Bildner, Phil- A whole new ballgame: a Rip and Red story (series)
Gutman, Dan- Jackie and Me (series)
Jeter, Derek- The contract
Klage, Ellen- Out of Left Field
Layton, T.Z.- The Academy (series)
Lupica, Mike- Travel Team, Heat; Fantasy League; The Underdogs
Maddox, Jake- Sport Stories (series)
Morgan, Alex- The Kicks (series)
Various Authors- Game Day: interactive sports stories

HISTORICAL FICTION

Berg, Ann- Unbound
Cline-Ransome, Lesa- Finding Langston
Gratz, Alan- Refugee; Allies; Heroes
Hale, Nathan- Hazardous Tales (series)
Holm, Jennifer- Full of Beans, Turtle in Paradise
Lai, Thanhha- Inside Out and Back Again, When Clouds Touch Us
Park, Linda Sue- Prairie Lotus
Parsons, Karyn- How High the Moon
Ryan, Pam Munoz- Esperanza Rising: Echo; Riding Freedom
Shabazz, Ilyasah- Betty Before X
Shepherd, Megan- Dog Star
Tarshis, Lauren- I Survived (series)

MYSTERY

Gibbs, Stuart- Spy School (series); Fun Jungle (series); Space Case (series)
Grabenstein, Chris- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (series)
Korman, Gordon- Swindle (series)
Magaziner, Lauren- Case Closed (series)
Pastis, Stephan- Timmy Failure (series)
Smith, Steven K.- Virginia mysteries (series)
Spratt, R.A.- Friday Barnes, Girl Detective (series)
Swanson, Matthew- The Real McCoys (series)
Watson, Jude- Loot; Sting

OTHER SOURCES FOR GREAT BOOKS

- A Mighty Girl- <https://www.amightygirl.com/books>
- Brightly- <https://www.readbrightly.com/>
- Common Sense Media- <https://www.common Sense Media.org/book-lists>
- Reading Middle Grade- <https://readingmiddlegrade.com/>
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