

2025 Suggested Reading for Students Entering Grade 4

This list was created by the youth librarians at Beebe Library to help you find a book you will enjoy. For information about your school's summer reading assignments, please contact your school.

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Want more recommendations? Please ask us! Happy reading!
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The Big Book of Mysteries by Tom Adams

Get ready to be amazed as you uncover the world's greatest mysteries, from Bigfoot to the Bermuda Triangle. This book will explain the extraordinary —unless the extraordinary can't be explained, of course. Then you'll just have to make up your own mind...

Children's Nonfiction 001.94 Adams

Ready, Set, Dough! by Kelly J. Baptist

Spunky sixth-grader Zoe Sparks has discovered a unique way to get the laptop of her dreams—to win it! If Zoe can sell more tubs of cookie dough than anyone in her school, the laptop is hers. But her win-at-all-costs attitude is starting to drive a wedge between Zoe, her best friend Felix, and her family. Zoe may be a top cookie-dough seller in her class, but is winning worth it?

Children's Fiction Baptist

Sanity and Tallulah by Molly Brooks

Living inside a beat-up space station, science prodigy Sanity Jones creates a three-headed cat named Princess Sparkle Destroyer of Worlds, and enlists her friend Tallulah Vega to help hide PSDW from her mom. What could go wrong?

Children's Comics Sanity

Bodega Cats: Just Kitten Around by Hilda Eunice Burgos

Yesenia Rosado is pretending she's okay, but her parents gave up everything to move from the Dominican Republic, her older sisters are all perfect, and she just can't hide how stressed she is anymore! Her parents finally let her get a cat to help her calm down, and that's so cool! On the other hand, maybe the out of control crazy kitten wasn't the best choice.

Children's Fiction Burgos

Drew Leclair Gets a Clue by Katryn Bury

When a cyberbully posts awful rumors about other students at school, true-crime enthusiast Drew, protecting her own secret, puts her sleuthing skills to good use to find the culprit. But what if the one causing all the trouble turns out to be one of her closest friends?

Children's Fiction Bury



***Rutabaga the Adventure Chef* by Eric Colossal**

Bored of cooking with ordinary ingredients, Rutabaga sets off to travel the world in search of unusual and magical ingredients to add to his cookbook.

Children's Comics Rutabaga

***You Don't Know Everything, Jilly P.* by Alex Gino**

When her new baby sister is born deaf, Jilly makes an online connection with a fellow fantasy fan, who is Black and Deaf, and begins to learn about the many obstacles that exist in the world for people who are different from her.

Children's Fiction Gino

***Dog Squad* by Chris Grabenstein**

Fred, a scrappy and lovable dog, gets cast as a stand-in for the lead role in Dog Squad, a show about crime-fighting dogs, and he soon finds out the action doesn't always stop on screen.

Children's Fiction Grabenstein

***Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year* by Nina Hamza**

Ahmed is having an epic year—epically *bad*! His dad is sick, his family moved from Hawaii to Minnesota, he's one of the only brown kids in school, and he's got bullies to deal with. On the flip side, Ahmed is—for once—actually enjoying reading and he's slowly unraveling his family's history. But will he ever warm to Minnesota?

Children's Fiction Hamza

***Ken Jennings' Junior Genius Guides* by Ken Jennings**

In this interactive trivia series, *Jeopardy* champion Ken Jennings makes you an expert on geography, U.S. presidents, outer space, the human body, Greek mythology, Ancient Egypt, and dinosaurs.

Children's Nonfiction various Dewey numbers Jennings

***The Luminous Life of Lucy Landry* by Anna Rose Johnson**

Lucy, a French-Ojibwe orphan, is sent to the stormy waters of Lake Superior to live with a mysterious family of lighthouse-keepers—and, she hopes, to find the legendary necklace her father spent his life seeking in one of the famous shipwrecks in the waters nearby.

Children's Fiction Johnson

***Safiyyah's War* by Hiba Noor Khan**

When her father is arrested by the Nazis for his secret Resistance work, it falls to Safiyyah to run the dangerous errands around the city. It's not long before hundreds of persecuted Jews seek sanctuary at the mosque. Can she find the courage to enter the treacherous catacombs under Paris and lead them to safety?

Children's Fiction Khan

***Chester Keene Cracks the Code* by Kekla Magoon**

Eleven-year-old Chester and his classmate Skye, tasked with a complex puzzle-solving mission, discover that the key to their spy assignment is to stop a heist, but cracking the code could mean finding out things are not always what they seem.

Children's Fiction Magoon



***History Smashers* series by Kate Messner**

With a mix of sidebars, illustrations, photos, and graphic panels, acclaimed author Kate Messner delivers the whole truth about tons of topics, from the Underground Railroad to Pearl Harbor, from the Black Plague to COVID-19. This series smashes everything you thought you knew about history!

Children's Nonfiction various Dewey numbers Messner

***Witchlings* series by Claribel A. Ortega**

Seven can't wait to be sorted into a coven in the magical town of Ravenskill, where she'll learn to be a real witch, not just a witchling. But when Seven isn't sorted into *any* coven, she and two other Spares – one she's never met, and the other the biggest mean girl in town – have to work together to prove their worth as witches and show that they're more than just Spares.

Children's Fiction Ortega

***Planet Earth is Blue* by Nicole Panteleakos**

Autistic and nearly nonverbal, twelve-year-old Nova is happy in her new foster home and school, but eagerly anticipates the 1986 Challenger launch, for which her sister, Bridget, promised to return.

Children's Fiction Panteleakos

***Stuntboy, in the Meantime* by Jason Reynolds**

Portico Reeves's secret superpower is making sure all the other superheroes stay super safe. No one in his civilian life knows he's actually...Stuntboy! But Portico has another secret too: his parents are fighting all the time. They're trying to hide it by repeatedly telling Portico to go check on a neighbor "in the meantime." Portico's superhero responsibility is to save them, too—as soon as he figures out how.

Children's Fiction Reynolds

***Spooky Lakes: 25 Strange and Mysterious Lakes That Dot Our Planet* by Geo Rutherford**

How can a body of water be spooky? Well, there's Lake Natron, a Tanzanian lake so briny that its waters can mummify any creature that touches its surface; Lake Maracaibo, a Venezuelan tidal bay where a constantly brewing storm sends an average of 28 lightning bolts per second into the water; and at the bottom of Lake Superior, the crew of the USS Kamloops—which mysteriously disappeared in 1921—remains somehow almost perfectly preserved to this day. Is that spooky enough?

Children's Nonfiction 551.482 Rutherford

***Sideways Stories from Wayside School* by Louis Sachar**

There was a terrible mistake - Wayside School was built with one classroom on top of another, thirty stories high (the builder said he was sorry). Maybe that's why all kinds of funny things happened at Wayside-especially on the thirteenth floor.

Children's Fiction Sachar

***The Pathfinders Society* by Francesco Sedita**

Summer camp just became a whole lot more interesting when five curious kids accept a mysterious project: uncover a series of strange clues, reveal a secret path--and follow its twists and turns to a legendary treasure!

Children's Comics Pathfinders



Cupcake Diaries: The Graphic Novel series by Coco Simon

Katie finds her way with a great new group of friends--Mia, Emma, and Alexis--and together they become the Cupcake Club. Sometimes starting from scratch turns out to be the icing on the cupcake.

Children's Comics Simon

Legends of Lotus Island series by Christina Soontornvat

Plum is shocked when she gets accepted to the Guardian Academy on Lotus Island! But while her friends are learning how to transform into magical creatures and defend the natural world, Plum can't even seem to magic up a single feather! If she can't embrace her inner animal form soon, she'll have to leave school — and lose the first group of real friends she's ever known!

Children's Fiction Soontornvat

Shark Night by R.L. Stine

Liam is helping his mom film a documentary for the Danger Channel. A twelve-year-old battling a shark! It'll be a sensation! But don't worry, the hammerhead is the gentlest of sharks, and this one is old and nearly toothless, so he should be fine. But Liam is still paralyzed with fear, and as the shark is lowered into the tank he realizes something isn't right ... They sent down the WRONG shark!

Children's Fiction Stine

Explorers Academy series by Trudi Trueit

Twelve-year-old Cruz Coronado has been invited to become part of an elite group of young explorers in Washington, D.C. Yet even before Cruz can leave his home in Hawaii, an attempt is made on his life! And things only get more dangerous from there. Join Cruz and his fellow explorers as they travel the globe, following clues to unlock a mystery that could change their world, and ours, forever. Be sure to look for the hidden codes throughout the book!

Children's Fiction Trueit

Erik vs. Everything by Christina Uss

Each member of Erik Sheepflattener's modern-day Viking-heritage family has a motto to live by. But Erik is developing a motto he can truly believe in: Avoid Stuff. Will Erik end up defined by his fears?

Children's Fiction Uss

Ways to Make Sunshine by Renée Watson

The Hart family faces setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but, no matter what, Ryan is determined to bring sunshine to her loved ones.

Children's Fiction Watson

Finally Seen by Kelly Yang

Lina has waited five years to move from Beijing to LA where her parents and sister live. But when she arrives in America, Lina is made fun of for mispronouncing English words (while her little sister excels) and her parents are struggling to pay rent on their apartment. School is hard too, but Lina tries to keep all of her feelings inside. But when her teacher faces challenges for her latest book selection, it will take all of Lina's courage and resilience to get over her fear in order to choose a future where she's finally seen.

Children's Fiction Yang

