

J Maclachlan **Grandfather's Dance**

The excitement of a prairie wedding and the bittersweet circle of life are part of this story that continues the Witting family saga that began with Sarah, Plain and Tall.



J McSwigan **Snow Treasure**

A group of children in Riswyk, Norway play an important and dangerous part in their country's struggle against the Nazis during World War II.

J Marsden **The Gold-Threaded Dress**

Oy's family has moved to the United States from Thailand. She wants so much to fit in at school and have friends. Then a popular girl at school sees a picture of Oy in her traditional Thai dancing dress. She insists that Oy bring it to school if she wants to be included in the popular group.

J Martin **The Doll People**

Annabelle is a dollhouse doll. When Kate, the owner of the dollhouse, is at school or asleep, the dolls come alive! Annabelle Doll finds the journal belonging to her long missing Auntie Sarah and is anxious to solve the mystery of her disappearance.



J Naylor **Roxie and the Hooligans**

Roxie is stranded with a nasty group of bullies from her school on the island hideout of two criminals. Fortunately, Roxie's favorite book is: *Lord Thistlebottom's Book of Pitfalls and How to Survive Them*.

J Pullman **The Scarecrow and His Servant**

A gallant scarecrow is brought to life by a magical bolt of lightning and sets off on an exciting and dangerous journey. He is accompanied by Jack, a young orphan who becomes his faithful servant.

J Smith **Chocolate Fever**

Henry is in love with chocolate. His parents let him eat as much as he wants as it never seems to bother him. That is, until he develops brown spots all over his body.

J Van Draanen **Secret Identity**

(Shredderman series #1) Nolan is nerdy but likeable and has fantastic computer skills. Bubba is a mean bully who gets away with everything. How can Nolan teach Bubba a lesson?



J Wise **Christopher Mouse**

This pet mouse experiences good luck, bad luck, and adventure as he goes from one owner to another. Fortunately, he keeps a diary.

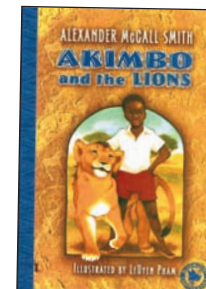


Great Reads for FOURTH GRADE

First Chapter Books

J Bauer **The Blue Ghost**

Liz is staying with her grandmother in their old family home. In the middle of the night she hears a voice whispering, "Elizabeth!" No one ever calls her Elizabeth, including her grandmother.



J McCall Smith **Akimbo and the Lions** (Akimbo series #2)

Akimbo lives in the beautiful heart of Africa. A lion is attacking cattle on a local farm and Akimbo helps his father, the head ranger, to set a trap for it. But instead of catching the lioness responsible, they catch her cub.



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Non-Fiction

J 599.63 Hatkoff **Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship**

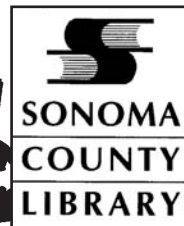
The horrible 2004 tsunami in Southeast Asia separated a young hippo from his family. This is the story of how he finds a new "mother," who happens to be a 130-year-old tortoise.

J 940.53 Poole **Anne Frank**

This beautifully illustrated book tells the story of Anne's entire life, including her early childhood as well as the diary years. Recommended for fourth grade and up.



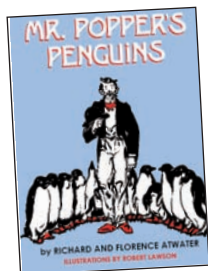
Many of these authors have written other good books that you might enjoy



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Fiction



J Atwater

Mr. Popper's Penguins

Mr. Popper is a house painter who has always been fascinated by penguins. When he receives a live penguin as a gift, the adventures begin.

J Avi **The Barn**

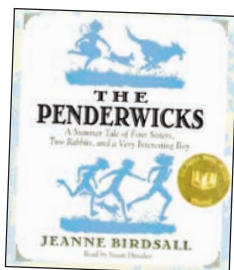
It is 1855 and Ben is called home to the farm from boarding school because his father is seriously ill. If Ben and his brother and sister build the barn of his father's dreams, will it help him recover from his illness?

J Babbitt **Jack Plank Tells Tales**

When hard times hit his pirate ship, Jack loses his pirate job and has to find a way to make a living on land. He tries many different jobs before finding the perfect one.

J Birdsall **The Penderwicks**

The four Penderwick sisters are off for a summer holiday with their dad. Instead of the rustic cabin they expect, they find themselves on the beautiful Arundel estate. And best of all, they meet Jeffrey.

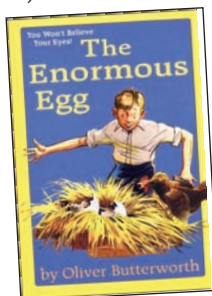


J Blume **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**

Peter has a baby brother with the nickname of Fudge. While Fudge is loveable, he gets into lots of trouble that usually involves Peter.

J Brooks **Freddy Goes to Florida**

(The Freddy Books #1) Whoever heard of farm animals going south for the winter? Well, the animals of a poor farmer are tired of being so cold in the winter and decide to head for Florida.



J Butterworth
The Enormous Egg

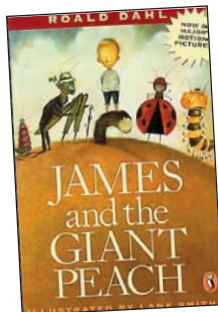
Nate Twitchell's hen lays a most unusual egg. Interested in dinosaurs? Read this book!

J Cleary **Ramona's World**

Ramona, of Beezus and Ramona fame, is sure that fourth grade will be the best year of her life so far.

J Clements **Room One: A Mystery or Two**

So many people have moved away from Ted's town that there are only nine students left in the school. Next year there will only be five and the school will have to close. Everyone in town knows that if they lose the school, their town will die. Ted's love of a good mystery may just save the school and his town.



J Dahl **James and the Giant Peach**

James has had a hard life since his parents died when he was four years old. He lives with his nasty aunts, Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker who make his life miserable. Then one night, Henry meets a very strange old man who gives him a mysterious white paper bag....

J DiCamillo **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**

Edward Tulane is a toy rabbit made of fine china, who leads a very spoiled life. Until one day, the girl who owns him loses him at sea. Then Edward's life begins some amazing twists and turns that leave him a very different rabbit.

J Du Bois **The Twenty-One Balloons**

Professor William Waterman Sherman has retired from teaching arithmetic to rowdy students and yearns to be alone. He invents a wonderful traveling balloon and sets off on what he plans will be a year-long trip. Meanwhile, the supposedly uninhabited island of Krakatoa is getting ready to erupt.

J Fleischman **The White Elephant**

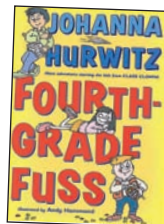
Run-Run, a young elephant keeper in old Siam, angers a prince and receives the gift of a beautiful white elephant as his punishment. He quickly learns how a gift can be a curse.

J Holm **The Postman Always Brings Mice**

(The Stink Files #1) How does a cat named James Edward Bristlefur, companion to a British spy, end up in New Jersey with the name of Stink?

J Howe **Bunnica: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery** (Bunnica series #1)

Could the Monroe's new bunny really be a vampire? Chester the cat thinks so and he is trying to convince Harold the dog of the danger.



J Hurwitz
Fourth-Grade Fuss

At Julio's school, all of the fourth grades take a big statewide test at the end of the year. Just thinking about it gives Julio a stomachache!

J Ibbotson **The Secret of Platform 13**

Nine years ago, the baby prince of a magical kingdom was kidnapped. The door between that kingdom and our world only opens for nine days every nine years. The King and Queen, and their subjects, have just nine days to rescue the prince.

J Juster **The Phantom Tollbooth**

Milo is bored with everything. Then he receives a surprise package that contains one easily assembled Genuine Turnpike Tollbooth. Once Milo passes through that tollbooth, on his way to Dictionopolis, adventures begin.

J King-Smith **Babe the Gallant Pig**

Farmer Hogget wins a piglet at the fair and brings it home to his sheep farm. The farmer's sheep dog takes the baby pig under her wing with surprising results.

J LeGuin **Catwings** (Catwings series #1)

What is to become of four kittens born with wings?



J Lombard
Drita, My Homegirl

Drita is a recent immigrant to New York City from war-torn Kosovo, trying hard to fit in at her new school. Maxie is popular but she has her own heartache. This is the story of their surprising friendship.

J Lowry **All About Sam**

Meet Anastasia Krupnik's little brother, who lets the reader know what he's thinking from the moment he is born. For example, his first "Waaaaahhhh!" means "Don't drop me!"

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