

Fourth Grade

1.	<i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i> by Judy Blume	Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.
2.	<i>The Not-Just-Anybody Family</i> by Betsy Cromer Byars	With a young brother in the hospital, a grandfather in jail, and their mother traveling with a rodeo, Maggie and Vern try to settle family problems.
3.	<i>Moving Day</i> by Meg Cabot	Nine-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.
4.	<i>Catch that Pass!</i> by Matt Christopher	Everyone knows Jim will be the star linebacker on the team if he can only conquer his fear of being tackled, but it takes a boy in a wheelchair to teach him that kind of courage.
5.	<i>Dear Mr. Henshaw</i> by Beverly Cleary	In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.
6.	<i>The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane</i> by Kate DiCamillo	Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.
7.	<i>The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog</i> by John R. Erickson	Hank the Cowdog, Head of Ranch Security, is framed for the murder of a chicken and becomes an outlaw with the coyotes.
8.	<i>Julia's Kitchen</i> by Brenda A. Ferber	When her mother and younger sister are killed in a house fire, eleven-year-old Cara struggles to find a way to deal with her emotions and to reach out to her grieving father.
9.	<i>The Boy Who Saved Cleveland : Based on a True Story</i> by James Griblin	During a malaria epidemic in late eighteenth-century Cleveland, Ohio, ten-year-old Seth Doan surprises his family, his neighbors, and himself by having the strength to carry and grind enough corn to feed everyone.
10.	<i>Owen & Mzee : the true story of a remarkable friendship</i> by Hatkoff, Isabella	Owen & Mzee : the true story of a remarkable friendship / told by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff, and Paula Kahumbu ; with photographs by Peter Greste.
11.	<i>The Year of Miss Agnes</i> by Kirkpatrick Hill	Ten-year-old Fred (short for Frederika) narrates the story of school and village life among the Athapascans in Alaska during 1948 when Miss Agnes arrived as the new teacher.
12.	<i>Truly Winnie</i> by Jennifer Jacobson	Winnie heads off to camp looking forward to a fun summer filled with laughter, friends, and swimming, but her life becomes too complicated when one little

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		fib leads to a not-so-little lie.
13.	<i>Top Secret : a Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing</i> by Paul B. Janeczko	Presents a guide to codemaking, codebreaking, and their role in history, describing different types of codes and ciphers, discussing codebreaking and concealment techniques, and including brief stories about exciting moments in the history of the art.
14.	<i>Escaping the Giant Wave</i> by Peg Kehret	When an earthquake creates a tsunami while thirteen-year-old Kyle is babysitting his sister during a family vacation at a Pacific Coast resort, he tries to save himself, his sister, and a boy who has bullied him for years. Includes an author's note which provides factual information on tsunamis.
15.	<i>The Tail of Emily Windsnap</i> by Liz Kessler	After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.
16.	<i>The Gold-Threaded Dress</i> by Carolyn Marsden	When Oy and her Thai American family move to a new neighborhood, her third-grade classmates tease and exclude her because she is different.
17.	<i>The Sisters Club</i> by Megan McDonald	In Acton, Oregon, sisters Alex, Stevie, and Joey take turns telling about their lives, including their long line of actor ancestors, creative family dinners, toe marshmallows, swearing in Shakespeare, and the Sisters Club.
18.	<i>Sideways Stories from Wayside School</i> by Louis Sachar	Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.
19.	<i>Your Mother was a Neanderthal</i> by Jon Scieszka	Joe, Sam, and Fred, the Time Warp Trio, find themselves in the middle of an adventure in prehistoric times, where cave art is a form of graffiti and "rock" music takes on a whole new meaning.
20.	<i>Little House in the Big Woods</i> by Laura Ingalls Wilder	A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier, as they help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions when they get together with relatives or neighbors.