

Suggested Reading for

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

at the Sioux City Public Library

## **Lunch-Box Dream**

Tony Abbott J Abb  
A white family on a 1959 road trip to visit Civil War battlefields crosses paths with a black family near Atlanta, where one of their children has gone missing.

## **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda**

Tom Angleberger J Ang  
Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends deal with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight. Sequel: Darth Paper Strikes Back: An Origami Yoda Book

## **The One and Only Ivan**

Katherine Applegate J App  
A gorilla that has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall decides to help the baby elephant, who has just arrived, find a better life.

## **The Moon Over High Street**

Natalie Babbitt J Bab  
A 12-year-old orphan, noticed by a millionaire business owner and offered the chance of a lifetime, must make a difficult choice.

## **Cinderella Smith**

Stephanie Barden J Bar  
Cinderella helps a new student deal with the stepsisters she will soon have, while a former friend tries to prevent Cinderella from dancing the lead in their tap recital.

## **Stowaways**

Steve Brezenoff J Bre  
When a teacup from the special collection of "Titanic" artifacts transports Tucker and Maya back to the day the ship sank, they set out to find Liam and his family. Book #2 in the Series.

## **The Chronicles of Harris Burdick: 14 Amazing Authors Tell the Tales**

Chris Van Allsburg and Lemony Snicket J Chr  
Fourteen authors take the captioned illustrations from "The Mysteries of Harris Burdick" and expand them into short stories.

## **How to Train Your Dragon**

Cressida Cowell J Cow  
Join the adventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.

## **James and the Giant Peach**

Roald Dahl J Dah  
A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach. Also try: Matilda

## **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**

Kate DiCamillo J DiC  
A cold-hearted toy rabbit loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him. Also try: The Tale of Despereaux

## **The Great Brain**

John Dennis Fitzgerald J Fit  
The exploits of the Great Brain of Adenville, Utah are described by his younger brother, frequently the victim of the Great Brain's schemes for gaining prestige or money.

## **Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key**

Jack Gantos J Gan  
Joey has trouble paying attention and controlling his mood swings. Sequel: Joey Pigza Loses Control.

## **My Side of the Mountain**

Jean Craighead George J Geo  
A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains.

## **The Last Musketeer**

Stuart Gibbs J Gib  
In Paris with his parents to sell family heirlooms, a 14-year-old suddenly finds himself 400 years in the past and is aided by boys who will one day be known as The Three Musketeers.

## **Among the Hidden**

Margaret Peterson Haddix J Had  
In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his 12 years in isolation and fear on his family's farm.

## **What's for Dinner?**

Katherine B. Hauth J811.54 Hau  
Describes in poetic verse the predatory habits of a variety of animals and the foods that they eat.

## **The Quest Begins: Seekers #1**

Erin Hunter J Hun  
Three young bears of different species travel on a perilous quest to the Northern Lights.

## **The Ogre of Oglefort**

Eva Ibbotson J Ibb  
When the Hag of Dribble, an orphan boy, a wizard, and a troll are sent to rescue a princess from an ogre, it turns out to be far from the routine magical mission they expect.

## **Max Quick: The Pocket and the Pendant**

Mark Jeffrey J Jef  
A troubled boy with a mysterious past joins two other youths unaffected when the rest of the world is frozen in time, and journey across America seeking the source of the "Time-stop."

## **Hamster Magic**

Lynne Jonell J Jon  
When the Willows move into a new house, Celia, the youngest of four children, traps an enchanted hamster, who reluctantly agrees to grant the children one wish in exchange for his freedom.

## **Earwig and the Witch**

Diana Jones J Jon  
Earwig has always enjoyed living at St. Morwald's, where she manages to make everyone do her bidding. But when a foster witch and a demon take her in, she has a hard time adapting.

**Wilma Tenderfoot: The Case of the Frozen Hearts**

Emma Kennedy J Ken  
A 10-year-old orphan who lives at Cooper Island's Lowside Institute for Woeful Children dreams of escape and becoming the apprentice of a world-famous detective.

**The Unicorn's Tale**

R.L. LaFevers J LaF  
Nate is desperate to find his missing parents, but first he must help an ailing unicorn and keep the world's beasts safe from Obediah Fludd.

**The Tilting House**

Tom Llewellyn J Lle  
When Josh and his family move into the old Tilton House, they discover strange things like talking rats, a dimmer switch that makes the house invisible, and a powder that makes objects grow.

**Kindred Souls**

Patricia MacLachlan J Mac  
Ten-year-old Jake shares a special bond with his grandfather, Billy, but when Billy asks Jake to build him a sod house, Jake is not sure he can do it.

**Ten Rules for Living with My Sister**

Ann M. Martin J Mar  
Nine-year-old Pearl and her popular, 13-year-old sister, do not get along very well, but when their grandfather moves in and the girls have to share a room, they must find common ground.

**Mason Dixon: Fourth-Grade Disasters**

Claudia Mills J Mil  
A pessimist dreads joining the school choir and is unenthused about his sports-obsessed teacher who plans a "full-court press" on writing. Also try Mason Dixon: Pet Disasters

**Shiloh**

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor J Nay  
Marty tries to hide a beagle from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited and abusive poacher.

**Clementine and the Family Meeting**

Sara Pennypacker J Pen  
Third-grader Clementine must adjust to the news that her perfect family of four is adding a new baby.

**Can You Survive Storm Chasing? An Interactive Survival Adventure**

Elizabeth Raum J613.69 Rau  
Experience the life-or-death dilemmas that face storm chasers in this interactive survival adventure. The choices you make will lead you either to safety or to doom.

**The Indian in the Cupboard**

Lynne Reid Banks J Rei  
A boy's birthday gift, a plastic Indian, comes to life and befriends him.

**The Lightning Thief: #1 Percy Jackson and the Olympians**

Rick Riordan J Rio  
Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school, again. But that's the least of his troubles. Zeus's master lightning bolt has been stolen and Percy is the prime suspect.

**Sprinkles and Secrets**

Lisa Schroeder J Sch  
Twelve-year-old Sophie is excited to audition for a TV commercial until she learns that it is for the biggest competitor of her best friend's cupcake shop.

**Boy of a Thousand Faces**

Brian Selznick J Sel  
Obsessed with horror films, Alonzo dreams of transforming himself into "The Boy of a Thousand Faces" and gets his wish in an unexpected way.

**Falling Up: Poems and Drawings**

Shel Silverstein J811.5 Sil  
A collection of humorous poems and drawings.

**It's the First Day of School — Forever!**

R.L. Stine J Sti  
Everything goes wrong for 11-year-old Artie on his first day at Ardmore Middle School, from the moment his alarm goes off until the next morning, when everything repeats exactly the same way.

**Justin Case: Shells, Smells, and the Horrible Flip-Flops of Doom**

Rachel Vail J Vai  
Before Justin starts 4th grade he must survive the summer with its bugs, mess hall food, flip-flops and swimming.

**The Boy at the End of the World**

Greg Van Eekhout J Van  
Born half-grown long after humankind has ceased to exist, Fisher must survive in a world where animals and machines have evolved in alarming ways.

**Happily Ever Emma**

Sally Warner J War  
To stop her mother from dating, Emma tells one teeny-tiny lie that leads to big problems.

**The Dragon's Tooth**

N.D. Wilson J Wil  
Introduced to an ancient secret society, Cyrus, Antigone, and Daniel discover that they have an important role in keeping it alive.

**Breaking Stalin's Nose**

Eugene Yelchin J Yel  
Now that it's finally his chance to join the Young Pioneers in Stalin-era Russia, is it possible that everything Sasha believes about the Soviet youth organization is a lie?

**2030: A Day in the Life of Tomorrow's Kids**

Amy Zuckerman J601.12 Zuc  
See what two futurists think daily life might be like in the year 2030.



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