

**Kudlinski, Kathleen. Hero Over Here**  
(*Historical Fiction*)

A young boy is left behind while his father and older brother fight in WWI. His disappointment turns to pride when he is able to help out on the "homefront."

**Levy, Elizabeth. Keep Ms. Sugarman In the 4th Grade** (*Realistic Fiction*)

Jackie's brief introduction into self-esteem by Ms. Sugarman is shattered when the teacher is promoted to principal in mid-year.

**Lindquist, Susan Hart. Wander**  
(*Realistic Fiction*)

Grieving for their dead mother, twelve-year-old James and his younger sister Sary find healing in their affection for a stray dog.

**Lisle, Janet, Taylor. Lost Flower Children**  
(*Fantasy/Science Fiction*)

Olivia and Nellie find wonder, hope and perhaps even magic in their Great Aunt's garden abounding with endearing characters and tangible emotions.

**Myers, Anna. The Keeping Room**  
(*Historical Fiction*)

Left in charge of his family during the Revolutionary War, thirteen-year-old Joey's view of what's right and wrong has changed. Will his father feel betrayed?

**Paulsen, Gary. My Life In Dog Years**  
(*Biography*)

The author describes some of the dogs that have had special places in his life, including Dirk, who protected him from bullies and Cookie, who saved his life.

**Petersen, P.J. White Water** (*Realistic Fiction*)

A young boy learns how to face his fears and find his courage on a white water rafting trip with his adventure-loving father.

**Polacco, Patricia. Thank You, Mr. Falker**  
(*Realistic Fiction*)

It is not until the fifth-grade when a new teacher arrives, that Trisha comes to understand and overcome her reading problem.

**Scieszka, Jon. It's All Greek To Me** \*  
(*Fantasy/Science Fiction*)

As they are about to go on stage, Joe, Fred and Sam are transported back to the time of Zeus and the other gods in Greek mythology who, strangely enough, behave much as the characters in the trio's class play.

**Spinelli, Jerry. Fourth Grade Rats**  
(*Realistic Fiction*)

Suds learns that his best friend is wrong. You don't have to be a tough guy, a "rat," to be a grown-up fourth grader.

**Stine, R.L. It Came From Ohio!**  
**My Life As A Writer** (*Biography*)

R.L. Stine tells many of his "secrets" of how he came to be a writer and where he gets some of his ideas.

**Taylor, Mildred D. The Well** (*Historical Fiction*)

When the Logans generously share their well water with both white and black neighbors, it sparks danger and brings tension to the town.

*\*this title is one in a series of books*

# GRADE 4

## Books Too Good To Miss

***Recommended by the  
Nassau Library System  
and Your Local Public  
Library.***



# Books for Fourth Graders

**Brooks, Bruce. Woodsie (Wolf Bay Wings #1)** \* (Realistic Fiction)

At the start of the new ice hockey season, Woodsie alone believes that his teammates can pick themselves up after several key players defect to a rival team.

**Christian, Mary Blount. Sebastian (Super Sleuth & The Flying Elephant)** \* (Mystery)

When Detective John Quincy Jones is told to find the circus's missing elephant by nightfall, his faithful canine companion must come to the rescue as usual.

**Clements, Andrew. Frindle** (Realistic Fiction)

When fifth-grader Nick Allen invents a new word, he starts a chain of events that quickly get beyond his control.

**Cooper, Ilene. Frances Dances** \* (Realistic Fiction)

Frances can't wait for the dance studio to open in her town, but will she have the courage to perform in the recital even if her best friend drops out?

**Coville, Bruce. The World's Worst Fairy Godmother** (Fantasy/Science Fiction)

Maybelle's secret enemy just might be the cause of why she is considered the world's worst fairy godmother.

**Ellsworth, Mary Ellen. Gertrude Chandler Warner & The Boxcar Children** (Biography)

A biography of the woman who created the Boxcar Children series of books.

**Fleischman, Sid. Bandit's Moon** (Historical Fiction)

The adventures of Joaquin Murieta and his band of outlaws are recapped by Annyrose, a twelve-year old who disguised as a boy, lives and travels with the group.

**Gauthier, Gail. My Life Among the Aliens** (Fantasy/Science Fiction)

Two brothers begin to wonder if it is their mother's unusual cooking that is attracting the aliens that keep showing up at their house.

**George, Jean Craighead. A Tarantula In My Purse: and 172 Other Wild Pets** (Biography)

A collection of autobiographical stories about the author's life, her children and their many wild pets.

**Griffith, Helen. Cougar** (Fantasy/Science Fiction)

Nickel has moved to a farm in the country and encounters a ghost horse that helps him deal with the local bully.

**Haddad, Charles. Meet Calliope Day** (Realistic Fiction)

Determined to get back the pink fangs which her teacher took from her, nine-year-old Calliope needs first of all to win over the "witch" next door.

**Henkes, Kevin. Sun & Spoon** (Realistic Fiction)

After the death of his grandmother, ten-year-old Spoon tries to find the perfect keepsake to remember her by.

**Hesse, Karen. Just Juice** (Realistic Fiction)

It is up to nine-year-old Juice to help her father save their house by returning to school and learning how to read.

**Hurwitz, Joanna. A Llama In The Family** (Realistic Fiction)

Thinking his birthday surprise would have two wheels and pedals, Adam is not thrilled when it turns out to have four legs and spits!

**Jenkins, Steve. Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest** (Non-Fiction)

An informative introduction, remarkably illustrated in cut-paper collage, investigates the history, geography, climate and dangers of the world's tallest mountain.

**Kline, Suzy. Orp & The FBI** \* (Mystery)

A mysterious intruder, an unusual letter and a vacant house all combine to make an exciting mystery for twelve-year-old Orp.

**Korman, Gordon. Nosepickers From Outer Space** (Fantasy/Science Fiction)

Fourth-grader Devin's disappointment in the nerdy live-in exchange student turns to amazement when he realizes the "nerd" is an alien who communicates home through his nose!

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