

# 4

## Fourth Grade Recommended Reading List 2022-2023 | [oppl.org/kids-lists](http://oppl.org/kids-lists)

### Fiction

Brahmachari, Sita. *Corey's Rock*. Ten-year-old Isla moved from Edinburgh to the Orkney Islands with her parents to start a new life after the death of her younger brother. As her family members grieve, Isla finds her own way to acceptance through the old Orcadian legend of selkies.

Creech, Sharon. *Saving Winslow*. When his father brings home an ailing, newborn donkey, Louie names the animal Winslow and takes care of him, but everyone thinks Winslow is not going to survive.

Dominguez, Angela. *Stella Díaz Has Something to Say* (series). Stella Díaz wants to be able to speak in front of the class and to be friends with the new boy in class, but sometimes she accidentally speaks Spanish instead of English, which makes her turn roja.

Fagan, Deva. *The Mirrorwood*. Fable has been cursed by the Blight, a twisted enchantment that leaves her without a face of her own. To stay alive, she has to steal the faces of others, making her an outcast that no one trusts. When a fierce Blichthunter comes to kill her to stop her curse from spreading, Fable narrowly escapes by fleeing into the thorny woods surrounding her small village.

Glaser, Karina Yan. *A Duet for Home*. It's June's first day at Huey House, and as if losing her home weren't enough, she also can't bring her cherished viola inside. Can June and her new friend Tyrell work together to oppose the government, or will families be forced out of Huey House before they are ready?

LaRocca, Rajani. *Midsummer's Mayhem*. Aspiring celebrity chef Mimi Mackson enters a contest at a new bakery. Drawn deep into the woods by a song, Mimi discovers enchanted ingredients to use in her recipes, but her plans go awry as her family starts acting strange and causing trouble in town.

Lucido, Aimee. *Emmy in the Key of Code*. In a new city, at a new school, twelve-year-old Emmy has never felt more out of tune. Things start to look up when she takes her first coding class, unexpectedly connecting with the material—and Abigail, a new friend—through a shared language: music.

Lukoff, Kyle. *Different Kinds of Fruit*. Annabelle Blake fully expects this school year to be the same as every other, so she's elated to discover there's a new kid in town who has a cute smile. However, when she invites her new friend over after school, her parents start acting strangely.

Mian, Zanib. *Planet Omar* (series). Omar and his family have just moved, and he is NOT excited about starting at a new school. What if the work is too hard or the kids are mean or the teacher is a zombie alien?! Luckily, Omar's enormous imagination and goofy family help him get through life's ups and downs.

Ortega, Claribel A. *Witchlings*. Every year, Witchlings who participate in the Black Moon Ceremony are placed into covens and come into their powers. Seven Salazar can't wait, but on the night of the ceremony, in front of the entire town, Seven isn't placed in one of the five covens. She's a Spare!

Randall, Julian. *Pilar Ramirez and the Escape from Zafa*. Pilar's cousin disappeared fifty years ago, but Abuela and Mami won't talk about it. When she digs into her family's mystery, she gets magically transported to Zafa, an island swarming demons, shapeshifters, and a sinister magical prison.

Selfors, Suzanne. *Braver: A Wombat's Tale*. When her parents and the other quiet, shy wombats of the Northern Forest are captured by the traitorous, carnivorous Tassie devils, Lola Budge, a talkative, adventure-seeking young wombat, embarks on a rescue mission, joined by a swamp water rat and a baby penguin.

Smith, Pauline Vaeluaga. *Dawn Raid*. Told through the diary entries of twelve-year-old Sofia, *Dawn Raid* is the story of one ordinary girl living in extraordinary times, learning how to stand up and fight.

Soontornvat, Christina. *The Last Mapmaker*. As assistant to Mangkon's most celebrated mapmaker, twelve-year-old Sai plays the part of a well-bred young lady, but if anyone learned the truth about her family, it would ruin her. Sai seizes the chance to join an expedition to chart the southern seas, but she isn't the only one aboard with secrets.

Stohl, Margaret. *Cats vs. Robots: This Is War* (series). The long-standing war between cats and robots escalates when two kittens come into the lives of twin siblings on Earth.

Sullivan, Kyle. *Hobgoblin and the Seven Stinkers of Rancidia* (series). Faraway in the land of Rancidia, where it's good to smell bad and bad to smell good, a stinky Hobgoblin flees the jealous wrath of a monstrous, ogre tyrant named Fiddlefart.

Villanueva, Gail. *My Fate According to the Butterfly*. When a black butterfly lands on Sabrina's locket, she knows it's a harbinger of death. Plans to reunite her estranged family for her eleventh birthday push Sab outside of her sheltered community in an adventure across Manila.

Yang, Kelly. *Front Desk* (series). English is not Mia Tang's first language, but she wants to be a writer. That's not her only secret, either—her family lives and works in a motel. In the empty rooms, they hide other immigrant families like theirs, trying to avoid detection by the mean motel owner.

### Nonfiction

Boyce, Jo Ann Allen. *This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality* (B BOYCE). In 1956, one year before federal troops escorted the Little Rock Nine into Central High School, Jo Ann Allen was one of twelve African American students who broke the color barrier and integrated Clinton High School in Tennessee. Jo Ann found herself called on as the spokesperson of the group. But what about just being a regular teen?

Bruchac, Joseph. *Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story* (B NEZ). As a boy, Chester Nez was taught his native language and culture were useless, but he was later called on to use his Navajo language to help create an unbreakable military code during WWII.

Haskins, Jim. *Champion: The Story of Muhammad Ali* (B ALI). A biography of Muhammad Ali covering his childhood, his legendary boxing career, his conversion to Islam and opposition to the war in Vietnam, and his appearance at the 1996 summer Olympics.

*continued on back*



Learn more: [oppl.org/kids-lists](http://oppl.org/kids-lists)

OAK PARK  
PUBLIC LIBRARY 

# 4

## Fourth Grade Recommended Reading List 2022-2023 | [oppl.org/kids-lists](http://oppl.org/kids-lists)

### Nonfiction cont.

Hirsch, Rebecca E. *When Plants Attack: Strange and Terrifying Plants* (581.659 HIR). Get a close-up look at meat-eating plants, trees that enlist armies of ants as bodyguards, and a shrub with prickly, poison-filled leaves that has landed unsuspecting humans in the hospital.

Hollihan, Kerrie Logan. *Mummies Exposed!* (393.3 HOL, "Creepy and True" series). *Mummies Exposed!* goes beyond what you expect and uncovers both old favorites and recent discoveries; among them a Moche princess in Peru, the bog people of England and Ireland, and a Buddhist monk discovered within a sculpture!

Jenkins, Steve. *Disasters by the Numbers* (363.34 JEN). An in-depth look at the world's natural disasters, broken down into four distinct categories: earth, weather, life, and space.

López, Silvia. *Selena: Queen of Tejano Music* (B SELENA). Selena Quintanilla's music career began at the age of nine, when she started singing in her family's band. She went from using a hairbrush as a microphone to traveling from town to town to play gigs. But Selena faced a challenge: people said that she would never make it in Tejano music, which was dominated by male performers. Selena was determined to prove them wrong.

Nobleman, Marc. *Thirty Minutes Over Oregon: A Japanese Pilot's World War II Story* (940.542 NOB). In this important and moving true story of reconciliation after war, a Japanese pilot bombs the continental U.S. during WWII--the only enemy ever to do so--and comes back twenty years later to apologize.

Nogués Otero, Alex. *One Million Oysters on Top of the Mountain* (551.7 NOG). Come closer and look at these rocks: they're not normal stones at all! They're thousands and thousands of mollusks, fossilized together in the sediment. But how did a million oysters ever land on top of a mountain?

Ross, Ailsa. *The Girl Who Rode a Shark and Other Stories of Daring Women* (920.72 ROS). Biographical vignettes highlight exciting adventures and innovative contributions of women and girls from a wide variety of countries and historical periods.

Schutten, Jan Paul. *Inside In* (591 SCH). Using incredible X-ray techniques, *Inside In* displays creatures and their natural habitats in a never-before-seen way.

Slade, Suzanne. *Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks* (B BROOKS). Before Gwendolyn Brooks became the first Black person to win the Pulitzer Prize, she was a young girl who loved poetry.

Wohlleben, Peter. *Can You Hear the Trees Talking? Discovering the Hidden Life of the Forest* (577.3 WOH). Share the mysteries and magic of the forest and learn what trees feel, how they communicate, and the ways in which trees take care of their families.

### Graphic Novels

Agarwal, Veronic. *Just Roll With It*. Starting middle school is hard enough when you're shy and don't know anyone. As long as Maggie rolls the right number on her twenty-sided dice, nothing can go wrong...right?

Angleberger, Tom. *The Sewer Rat Stink: Geronimo Stilton* (series). Geronimo and his private detective best friend, Hercule, visit the underground sewer world of Mouse Island to investigate the spread of a stink throughout New Mouse City.

Boothby, Ian & Nina Matsumoto. *Sparks!* (series) August is a brilliant inventor, and Charlie is an awesome pilot. Together these pals save lives every day. They also happen to be cats who pilot a powerful, mechanical dog suit!

Brooks, Molly. *Sanity & Tallulah* (series). Sanity and Tallulah live in a space station at the end of the galaxy. When Sanity's illegally-created three-headed kitten escapes, the girls have to turn their home upside down to find her.

Brown, Don. *Rocket to the Moon!* (nonfiction graphic novel series, 629.454 BRO). It wasn't just one man who got us to the moon. Explore the history of rocket building: from ancient Chinese rockets, to the War of 1812, to Russia's Sputnik program, to the moon landing.

Case, Jonathan. *Little Monarchs*. In the twenty-second century, a sun shift has made it impossible for mammals to survive in the daylight. Ten-year-old Elvie and her caretaker, Flora, are studying the migration route of monarch butterflies along what used to be the western coast of the United States, hoping that something in the butterflies' wing scales can be used to protect people from the sun and save humanity from extinction.

Estrada, Ryan. *Student Ambassador: The Missing Dragon*. A student ambassador is sent on a high-stakes diplomatic mission to a far away land, where he and a newly crowned boy king are thrust into a globe-trotting action-adventure mystery.

Farina, Katy. *Song of the Court*. To buy seeds for her garden, Arietta plans to sell her treasured family violin--until Princess Cassia spots the instrument and begs Arietta to perform at her birthday party. Although she has never played, Arietta decides to learn a special song for the occasion.

Goerz, Gillian. *Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer* (series). When ten-year-olds Shirley and Jamila meet, Jamila is simply hoping for a friend in her new neighborhood, but Shirley is a detective and together they seek a missing gecko.

Graley, Sarah. *Donut the Destroyer*. Donut has just received the best news of her life—she's been accepted to Lionheart School for Heroes! But her parents are the most infamous villains around, and her best friend, Ivy, can't understand why Donut would choose a life of boring heroism and ruin their plans to cause chaos.

Hale, Nathan. *Blades of Freedom* (nonfiction graphic novel series, 972.94 HAL). "Hazardous Tales" takes on the story of the Haitian Revolution and its role in Napoleon's decision to sell Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe the whole Louisiana Territory, when they sought to buy only New Orleans.

Knisley, Lucy. *Stepping Stones* (series). Reluctantly joining her mom, stepfather and stepsisters on a farm far from her city home, Jen practices new skills and navigates private insecurities before finding acceptance in unexpected places.

Morse, Scott. *Dugout: the Zombie Steals Home*. Twins Stacy and Gina Cavallaro are on rival little league teams. When Gina accidentally unleashes a curse that wakes the dead, Stacy's misfit team gets coached by a baseball-playing zombie!

O'Neill, Katie. *Aquicorn Cove*. Unable to rely on the adults in her storm-ravaged seaside town, a young girl must protect a colony of magical seahorse-like creatures she discovers in the coral reef.

Sell, Chad. *Cardboard Kingdom* (series). The adventures of a group of neighborhood children who make costumes from cardboard and use their imagination to create adventures with knights, robots, and monsters.

Xu, Wendy. *Tidesong*. Sophie is a young witch whose mother and grandmother pressure her to attend the Royal Magic Academy—the best magic school in the realm—even though her magic is shaky at best. To train for her entrance exams, Sophie is sent to relatives she's never met.