

Books for Grade 4

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Easy Fiction

E Fic Haseley

Twenty Heartbeats

by Dennis Haseley

After waiting for decades for the portrait of his prize horse to be finished, an angry rich man decides to confront the artist.

E Fic Macaulay

Black and White

by David Macaulay

Four brief "stories" about parents, trains, and cows, or is it really all one story? The author recommends careful inspection of words and pictures to both minimize and enhance confusion.

E Fic Rumford

Silent Music: A story of Baghdad

by James Rumford

As bombs and missiles fall on Baghdad in 2003, a young boy uses the art of calligraphy to distance himself from the horror of war.

Juvenile Fiction

J Fic Babbitt

Jack Plank Tells Tales

by Natalie Babbitt

Jack Plank is too nice to be a pirate and is looking for a new career. Each night he tells tales of why the one job he looked into that day is wrong.

J Fic Clements

Frindle

by Andrew Clements

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

J Fic Prineas

The Magic Thief

by Sarah Prineas

A young pickpocket named Conn gets pulled into a world of magic after stealing a locus magicalicus from wizard Nevery Flinglas.

F Fic Selznick

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

by Brian Selznick

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

J Fic Snyder

The Bronze Pen

by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

With her father's failing health and the family's shaky finances, twelve-year-old Audrey's dreams of becoming a writer seem very impractical until she is given a peculiar bronze pen that appears to have unusual powers.

Juvenile Science Fiction

J SciFi Anderson

Whales on Stilts!

by M.T. Anderson

Racing against the clock, shy middle-school student Lily and her best friends, Katie and Jasper, must foil the plot of her father's conniving boss to conquer the world using an army of whales.

Juvenile Nonfiction

J 741.5 Nobleman

Boys of Steel: the creators of Superman

by Marc Nobleman

In 1934, Jerry Siegel & Joe Shuster created Superman, but it was four years before they convinced a publisher to take a chance on their Man of Steel in a new format--the comic book.