

## **Fourth Grade**

### **Abel's Island, William Steig**

Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel the mouse finds his resourcefulness and endurance tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return home.

### **Aliens for Breakfast, Jonathan Etra**

Richard finds an intergalactic special agent in a cereal box and joins in the fight to save Earth from the Dranes, one of whom is pretending to be a student in his class!

### **Arthur for the Very First Time**

Arthur spends a summer with his unconventional aunt and uncle, then begins to look at life, himself, his family and his friends differently.

### **Babe: The Gallant Pig, Dick King-Smith**

A piglet comes to Farmer Hogget's farm where he accomplishes many amazing things.

### **Beezus and Ramona, Beverly Cleary**

The frustrations of being an older sibling to a rambunctious preschooler are the same no matter what the era. Kids will still sympathize with gentle Beezus as she struggles with little sister Ramona.

### **Bunnicula, James and Deborah Howe**

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire

### **Crickwing, Janell Cannon**

This is the story of an unfortunate cockroach named Crickwing, fleeing a predator, who finds he has a talent for food presentation!

### **Dear Mr. Henshaw, Beverly Cleary**

10-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and finding his place in the world.

### **The Fear Place, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**

When he and his older brother Gordon are left camping alone in the Rocky Mountains, twelve-year-old Doug faces his fear of heights and his feelings about Gordon.

### **Fourth Grade Rats, Jerry Spinelli**

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

**Homer Price, Robert McCloskey**

The various stories of Homer Price include adventures with his pet skunk.

**James and the Giant Peach, Roald Dahl**

When James' parents are eaten by an escaped rhinoceros and he is thrust into the world of his nasty aunts, Sponge and Spiker, his adventure begins.

**Jumanji, Chris Van Allsburg**

When Judy and Peter's parents go to the opera, their imaginations explode with a simple dice game; but this dice game could reveal an erupting volcano or a real lion.

**Mayfield Crossing, Vaunda Micheaux Nelson**

When the school in Mayfield Crossing is closed, the students are sent to larger schools, where the black children encounter prejudice for the first time. Can baseball bring them together? It seems it may be the only way.

**Minty: Story of a Young Harriet Tubman, Alan Schroeder**

Young Harriet Tubman, whose childhood name was Minty, dreams of escaping slavery on the Brodas plantation in the late 1820's.

**Skinnybones, Barbara Park**

Alex's active sense of humor helps him get along with the school braggart, make the most of his athleticism, and simply get him by in this hectic world.

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Judy Blume**

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem