

# Books Every Fourth Grader Should Know

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Cleary, Beverly. **The Mouse and the Motorcycle** (J CLE)

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

Coerr, Eleanor.

**Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes** (J 362.1998 COE)

Hospitalized with the dreaded atom bomb disease, leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy.

Dahl, Roald. **James and the Giant Peach** (J DAH)

A boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach.

Danziger, Paula. **Everyone Else's Parents Said Yes** (J DAN)

Sixth-grader Matthew Martin trades insults daily with his older sister and plays embarrassing practical jokes on the girls in his class. When the girls threaten to disrupt his birthday party, Matthew must confront the consequences of his obnoxious behavior.

DuBois, Willima. **The Twenty-One Balloons** (J DUB)

DuBois relates the fantastic adventures of Professor William Waterman Sherman, who in 1883 sets off in a balloon across the Pacific, survives the volcanic eruption of Krakatoa, and is eventually picked up in the Atlantic Ocean.

Fitzgerald, John. **The Great Brain** (J FIT)

The exploits of the Great Brain of Adenville, Utah are described by his younger brother, who is frequently the victim of the Great Brain's schemes for gaining prestige or money.

Fleischman, Sid. **The Whipping Boy** (J FLE)

A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.



Fletcher, Ralph. **Fig Pudding** (J FLE)

Cliff describes the excitement, conflict and sudden tragedy experienced by his large, boisterous family during his 11th year.

George, Jean. **My Side of the Mountain** (J GEO)

A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship.

Gilson, Jamie. **4B Goes Wild** (J GIL)

Fourth graders on a three-day camping trip with their teachers experience frights and delights.

Howe, Deborah & James. **Bunnacula** (J HOW)

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

King-Smith, Dick. **Ace, The Very Important Pig** (J KIN)

Farmer Tubbs' amazing pig, Ace of Clubs, eventually winds up on television for his cleverness.

Konigsburg, E. L.

**From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** (J KON)

Having runaway with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 12-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.

Lowry, Lois. **Anastasia Krupnik** (J LOW)

Anastasia's 10th year includes some good things like falling in love and really getting to know her grandmother as well as some bad things like finding out about an impending baby brother.

Manes, Stephen. **Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days** (J MAN)

Milo, tired of problems with his sister, parents, and classmates, finds a book in the library which promises to make him perfect in just three days.

Naylor, Phyllis. **Shiloh** (J NAY)

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide the dog from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.



Park, Barbara. **Mick Harte Was Here** (J PAR)

Thirteen-year-old Phoebe recalls her younger brother Mick and his death in a bicycle accident.

Robert, Willo Davis. **The Minden Curse** (J ROB)

When Danny goes to a small village to live with his aunt and grandfather, it soon becomes apparent that he and his dog are afflicted with the Minden Curse.

Rockwell, Thomas. **How to Eat Fried Worms** (J ROC)

Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal.

Selden, George. **The Cricket in Times Square** (J SEL)

The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

Speare, Elizabeth. **The Sign of the Beaver** (J SPE)

Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in 18th century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.

Wallace, Barbara. **The Twin in the Tavern** (J WAL)

A young orphan, afraid of being sent to the workhouse, finds himself at the mercy of the unsavory owner of a tavern in Alexandria, Virginia while he tries to solve the mystery surrounding his past and a missing twin.

Walter, Mildred.

**Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World** (J WAL)

Suffering in a family full of females, 10-year-old Justin feels that cleaning and keeping house are women's work until he spends time on his beloved grandfather's ranch.

Winthrop, Elizabeth. **Castles in the Attic** (J WIN)

A gift of a toy castle, complete with a silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest.

Wright, Betty Ren. **The Dollhouse Murders** (J WRI)

A dollhouse filled with a ghostly light in the middle of the night and dolls that have moved from where she last left them, lead Amy and her disabled sister to unravel the mystery surrounding grisly murders that took place years ago.

