

Books Every

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Fourth Grader

Should Know

Angleberger, Tom

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (J ANG)

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda.

Bell, Cece El Deafo (J362.4209 BEL)

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers!

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.

Curtis, Christopher Paul Bud, Not Buddy (J CUR)

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Dahl, Roald

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (J DAH)

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket for a tour of Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his or her own way.

DiCamillo, Kate Flora & Ulysses (J DIC)

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.



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DiTerlizzi, Tony *The Field Guide* (J DIT)

When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.

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.

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.

Holm, Jennifer L. *The Fourteenth Goldfish* (J HOL)

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager — which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

Howe, Deborah & James *Bunnicula* (J HOW)

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

Konigsburg, E. L.

From the Mixed-Up Files of

Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (J KON)

Having run away 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 getting to know her grandmother as well as some bad things like finding out about an impending baby brother.

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.

Péne du Bois, William

The Twenty-One Balloons (J PEN)

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.

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.

Selznick, Brian

The Invention of Hugo Cabret (J SEL)

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.

Silverstein, Shel

Where the Sidewalk Ends (J811.54 SIL)

A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings.

Winthrop, Elizabeth *The Castle 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.

Woodson, Jacqueline

Brown Girl Dreaming (J811.54 WOO)

Jacqueline Woodson, one of today's finest writers, tells the moving story of her childhood in mesmerizing verse.