Fourth Grade Picks

Applegate, Katherine. *Wishtree*. After a hate word is carved into her trunk, an ancient oak speaks for the first time ever to initiate a friendship between Samar, a Muslim girl, and her neighbor, Stephen.

Baptiste, Tracey. *The Jumbies* (series). Corinne is not afraid of anything, not even the shadowy jumbies rumored to live in the woods of her Hattian homeland, but she soon discovers that danger is close by.

Barnhill, Kelly. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*. A witch, a swamp monster, and a tiny dragon raise a child who must unlock the magical powers hidden within herself to save her community.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. *The War That Saved My Life* (series). Evacuated to the English countryside during WW II, a disabled girl and her younger brother find their lives saved in more ways than one.

Grabenstein, Chris. *Escape From Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* (series). Twelve kids win an essay contest to spend the night in a library designed by a famous game guru.

Kelly, Erin Entrada. *Hello, Universe*. A bully’s prank lands Virgil at the bottom of a well and in dire need of rescue. Friendships are forged and inner heroes revealed as the lives of four misfit kids intersect.

Martin, Ann M. *Rain Reign*. A girl with Asperger syndrome must leave the safety and order of her home after her beloved dog is lost in a hurricane.

Patterson, James. *Word of Mouse*. After escaping from a research lab, a super-smart mouse plans to rescue his family...if he can survive the dangers of suburbia.

Pérez, Celia C. *First Rule of Punk*. Unhappy about moving to Chicago with her Mexican-American mother, Malú begins school by showing off her creativity (she makes zines) and punk rock attitude.

Weeks, Sarah. *Save Me a Seat*. Ravi was a top student in India but finds himself getting special help in his new American school. Joe, who sits nearby, has learning problems and also needs special help. Both struggling boys find friendship in the end.

Williams-Garcia, Rita. *One Crazy Summer* (series). Three sisters travel to California in 1969 to meet their estranged mother where they learn about everything from relationships to the Black Panthers.

Looking for a series?

**The 39 Clues**. Adventure, mystery. (Series Shelf)

Ballier, Max. *Last Kids on Earth*. Jack must survive after the monster apocalypse.

Birney, Betty G. *Humphrey Adventures*. Tales narrated by a lovable classroom hamster.


Frazier, Sundee T. *Cleo Edison Oliver*. A young entrepreneur is determined to make it big.


Gutman, Dan. *The Flashback Four*. A team travels through time to photograph important moments in history.

Holub, Joan. *Goddess Girls*. Goddesses-in-training hone their skills at Mount Olympus Academy.

Klimo, Kate. *Dog Diaries*. History-based adventures that star dogs.

Pilkey, Dav. *Captain Underpants*. Funny tales about a very unusual superhero.

Rhordan, Rick. *Percy Jackson; Kane Chronicles; Heroes of Olympus*. Fantasy, adventure, mythology.


Vernon, Ursula. *Hamster Princess*. Funny tales of a fierce warrior hamster, with action-packed illustrations.


Watson, Tom. *Stick Cat; Stick Dog*. Funny animal adventures with cartoon artwork.

Titles shelved in J-Fiction unless otherwise noted.