Fourth Grade Picks

**Wishtree**
by Katherine Applegate
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.

**The Jumbies**
by Tracey Baptiste
Corinne is not afraid of anything, not even the shadowy creatures rumored to live on her island home — but danger is close by. (series)

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

**The War That Saved My Life**
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Evacuated to the English countryside during WWII, a girl born with a clubfoot and her brother find their lives saved in more ways than one. (series)

**The Beatryce Prophecy**
by Kate DiCamillo
Answelica the goat enjoys terrorizing the monks of the Order of the Chronicles of Sorrowing, until a mysterious child shows up one day — battered, broken, and fearing for her life.

**Maya and the Robot**
by Eve L. Ewing
Maya’s friends are in a different class this year and she is really feeling left out. To fill her lonely days, she gets an old robot up and running — and it gets her into deep trouble.

**When Stars Are Scattered**
by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
Omar struggles to get an education while taking care of his brother and living in a refugee camp. (graphic novel)

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

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

**Stuntboy, in the Meantime**
by Jason Reynolds
Portico has a lot to worry about (including a bully). With best-pal Zola, he copes by creating Stuntboy, a superhero alter ego who secretly protects neighbors and friends. But can he help his always-arguing parents? (series)

**Mañanaland**
by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Max’s grandfather tells him fantastic tales about an ancient tower and a journey to a magical place, stories that become all too real when he must help a young refugee flee from danger.

**One Crazy Summer**
by Rita Williams-Garcia
Three sisters travel to California in 1968 to meet their estranged mother and learn about everything from relationships to the Black Panthers. (series)

**Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA**
by Brenda Woods
When Gabriel nearly gets killed while riding his brand-new bike, it sets off a string of compelling events for him and the man who saved him.

**Before the Ever After**
by Jacqueline Woodson
ZJ’s dad has been suffering from headaches and dementia and can’t play pro-football anymore. ZJ is at a loss to know what to do to help but his friends rally around him.

Looking for a Series?

- **Humphrey Adventures** by Betty G. Birney
- **The Last Kids on Earth** by Max Brallier
- **Spiderwick Chronicles** by Tony DiTerlizzi
- **Stella Diaz** by Angela Dominguez
- **Ghosthunters** by Cornelia Funke
- **The Unicorn Rescue Society** by Adam Gidwitz
- **Escape From Mr. Lemoncello’s Library** by Chris Grabenstein
- **The Flashback Four** by Dan Gutman
- **Goddess Girls** by Joan Holub
- **Upside-Down Magic** by Sarah Mlynowski
- **Captain Underpants** by Dav Pilkey
- **Percy Jackson; Kane Chronicles; Heroes of Olympus** by Rick Riordan
- **I Survived** by Lauren Tarshis
- **Stick Cat, Stick Dog** by Tom Watson