



Books for 4th Graders

Applegate, Katherine | *Crenshaw* – A story about a homeless boy and his imaginary friend that proves in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary. **Level Q**

Applegate, Katherine | *Wishtree* – A red oak tree and a crow help their human neighbors work out their differences. **Level Q**

Barnett, Mac | *The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity* – When twelve-year-old Steve Brixton, a fan of Bailey Brothers detective novels, is mistaken for a real detective, he must elude librarians, police and the mysterious Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information. (series) **Level Q**

Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss | *Book Scavenger* – Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends. **Level V**

Birdsall, Jeanne | *The Penderwicks* – While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. (series) **Level S**

Blume, Judy | *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* – Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem. (Peter Hatcher series) **Level Q**

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker | *The War that Saved My Life* - A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. **Level Q**

Buckley, Michael | *N.E.R.D.S.* – While running a spy network from their elementary school, five unpopular misfits combine their talents and use cutting-edge gadgetry to fight evil around the world. (series) **Level V**

Clements, Andrew | *Frindle* – When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control. **Level R**

Dahl, Roald | *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* – Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way. (series) **Level R**

DiCamillo, Kate | *The Tale of Despereaux* – The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. **Level U**

Draper, Sharon | *Out of My Mind* – Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time. **Level S**

Gorman, Carol | *Dork in Disguise* – Starting middle school in a new town, brainy Jerry Flack changes his image from “dork” to “cool kid,” only to discover that he'd rather be himself. (series) **Level R**

Grabenstein, Chris | *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* – Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape. **Level S**

Gutman, Dan | *Million Dollar Shot* – Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals. (series) **Level S**

Hahn, Mary Downing | *Wait Till Helen Comes: A Ghost Story* – Molly and Michael dislike their spooky new stepsister Heather but realize they must try to save her when she seems ready to follow a ghost child to her doom. **Level U**

Hannigan, Katherine | *Ida B* – In Wisconsin, fourth grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school. **Level U**

Khan, Hena | *Amina's Voice* – A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community. **Level S**

Lin, Grace | *When the Sea Turned to Silver* – Pinmei, a storyteller's granddaughter, must find the Luminous Stone that Lights the Night to rescue her grandmother, who has been kidnapped by the Tiger Emperor. **Level U**

Look, Lenore | *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things* – A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything. (series) **Level Q**

Mass, Wendy | *Bob* – Visiting her grandmother in Australia, Livy, ten, is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is. **Level O**

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds | *The Boys Start the War* – Disgusted that a family with three girls moves into the house across the river, nine-year-old Wally and his three brothers declare a practical joke war on the girls. (series) **Level S**

Park, Barbara | *Skinny-Bones* – Alex "Skinnybones" Frankovich finds himself in a pitching competition with the best baseball player in the school after bragging about his pitching skills. **Level O**

Pastis, Stephan | *Timmy Failure : Mistakes were Made* – Meet Timmy Failure, the founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, probably the nation. And his lazy sidekick, Total, a 1,500-pound polar bear. (series) **Level T**

Paulsen, Gary | *Mudshark* – Principal Wagner confidently deals with a faculty washroom crisis, a psychotic parrot, and a terrorizing gerbil, but when sixty-five erasers go missing, he enlists the help of the school's best problem solver and locator of lost items, twelve-year-old Lyle Williams, aka Mudshark. **Level T**

Peirce, Lincoln | *Big Nate: In a Class by Himself* – Supremely confident middle school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement. (series) **Level S**

Pennypacker, Sara | *Pax* – After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back. **Level U**

Prineas, Sarah | *The Magic Thief* – A young thief is drawn into a life of magic and adventure after picking the pocket of a powerful wizard who has returned from exile to attempt to reverse the troubling decline of magic in Wellmet City. (series) **Level S**

Rockwell, Thomas | *How to Eat Fried Worms* – Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal. **Level R**

Ruckman, Ivy | *Night of the Twisters* – A fictional account of the night freakish and devastating tornados hit Grand Island, Nebraska, as experienced by a twelve-year-old, his family, and friends. **Level U**

Selznick, Brian | *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* – 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 god-daughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized. **Level W**

Skye, Obert | *Wonkenstein* – Twelve-year-old Rob has stuffed his closet with old laboratory experiments, unread books, and more, and when a creature emerges from that chaos causing a great deal of trouble, Rob has to do such horrible things as visit a library and speak at a school assembly to set things right again. (series) **Level U**

Stanley, Diane | *The Mysterious Matter of I.M. Fine* – Noticing that a popular series of horror novels is having a bizarre effect on the behavior of its readers, Franny and Beamer set out to find the mysterious author. **Level R**

Watson, Tom | *Stick Dog* – Stick Dog and his four friends - Stripes, Mutt, Poo-Poo and Karen - will do anything to steal some sweet-smelling hamburgers from a family at Picasso Park! (series) **Level P**

Weeks, Sarah | *Oggie Cooder* – A quirky fourth-grader goes from being shunned to everyone's best friend when his uncanny ability to chew slices of cheese into the shapes of states wins him a slot on a popular television talent show, but he soon learns the perils of being a celebrity—and having a neighbor girl as his manager. (series) **Level Q**

