

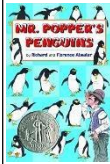
Recommended Reads For Year 4



Matilda

by Roald Dahl

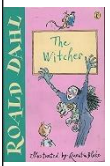
Matilda is a heroine with a love of books & some truly magical powers. Her parents may call her terrible things all the time, but the truth is she's a very special little girl. Forming a special bond with her teacher Miss Honey, both her parents & the angry, spiteful headmistress Miss Trunchbull soon find out they were wrong to underestimate Matilda so much...



Mr Popper's Penguins

by Richard Atwater

The lovable Mr. Popper dreams of being an intrepid Antarctic explorer. So he is shocked one day, when the admiral responds to his fan letter by sending him a real, live penguin! Soon, this penguin is joined by another and before long Mr. Popper has an ice-rink in the basement & a dozen delightful penguins living in his house.



The Witches

by Roald Dahl

Witches really are a detestable breed. They disguise themselves as lovely ladies, but secretly they want to squish & squelch all the wretched children they despise. Luckily one boy & his grandmother know how to recognise the vile creatures, but can they get rid of them for good?



The Indian in The Cupboard

by Lynn Reid Banks

For Omri, it is a dream come true when the plastic American Indian he locks into the old cupboard comes to life. Little Bull is everything an Indian brave should be - proud, fearless and defiant. But being in charge of a real, live, human being is a heavy responsibility, as Omri soon discovers.



Stitchhead

by Guy Bass

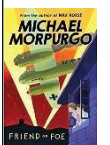
When a travelling circus ringmaster, Fulbert Freakfinder, promises to make him a star, Stitch Head wonders whether this could be his chance of freedom. But first he has to catch the professor's latest creation - a monstrous three-armed creature that's causing mayhem in the castle...



Children of Winter

by Berlie Doherty

Catherine & her family are out for a walk when a sudden storm blows up, & they are forced to take shelter in a deserted barn which they have never seen before but which seems strangely familiar. The children find that they have slipped back to the time of the Black Death.



Friend or Foe

by Michael Morpurgo

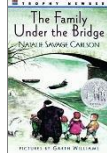
Evacuated from London, David & Tucky feel like the war is a long way away from their new life. Then one night, the skyline of the moor is lit up with gun flashes, & the distant crump of bombing miles away brings the war back to them & shatters their new-found peace. When a German bomber crashes, the boys feel they should hate the airmen inside. But one of them saves David's life.



The Dream Master

by Theresa Breslin

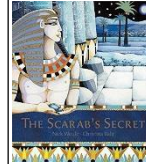
There are good dreams and there are rotten dreams, but once they're over, they're over. Or are they? For one morning, as Cy is about to wake up from a terrific dream about Ancient Egypt, he discovers that he can get back into his dream world.



The Family Under The Bridge

by Natalie Savage Carlson

An old tramp, adopted by three fatherless children when their mother hides them under a bridge on the Seine, finds a home for mother and children & a job for himself.



The Scarab's Secret

by Nick Would

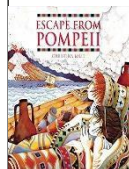
Khepri meets the Pharaoh, Prince of Egypt, for the first time one morning in the shadow of the temple walls, & a friendship springs up between them. When Khepri discovers a terrible trap in the Pharaoh's newly-built tomb designed to kill, he knows he must warn the Prince. But how?



The Water Horse

by Dick King Smith

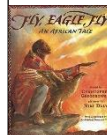
The story begins with a mysterious egg washed up on a Scottish beach, the morning after a great storm. Kirstie & her brother Angus find the egg & take it home. The next day it has hatched into a tiny greeny-grey creature with a horse's head, warty skin, four flippers and a crocodile's tail. The baby sea monster soon becomes the family pet - but the trouble is, it just doesn't stop growing!



Escape From Pompeii

by Christina Balit

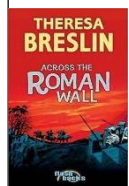
The eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 meant death for most of the Roman citizens living in Pompeii. This tells of Tranio, an actor's son, and his friend Livia, the baker's daughter, who witness the destruction of their beloved city



Fly Eagle Fly

by Christopher Gregorowski.

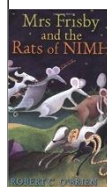
After a stormy night, a farmer searching for his lost calf finds a baby eagle that has been blown out of its nest. He takes it home and raises it with his chickens. But when his friend comes to visit one day, he tells the farmer that an eagle should be flying high in the sky, not scrabbling on the ground for grain.



Across the Roman Wall

by Theresa Breslin

The minute Marinetta meets Lucius, she hates him. Pompous, stuck-up Roman officer's son! He thinks all Britons are uncivilised savages & she is sure that the Romans are good for nothing at all. Then, to their dismay, they are forced to act together.



Mrs Frisby And The Rats of NIMH

By Robert C O'Brien

Time is running out for Mrs Frisby. She must move her family of mice before the farmer destroys their home. Help comes in the unexpected form of a group of mysterious, super-intelligent rats. But the rats are in danger too, & little by little Mrs Frisby discovers their extraordinary past.

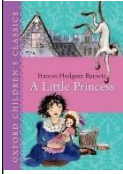


A Nest Full of Stars

by James Berry

This collection of poetry for children aged 9-11 is filled with warm and colourful memories of the author's Caribbean childhood.

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A Little Princess

by Frances Hodgson Burnett

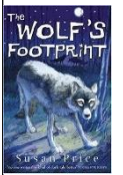
When wealthy Sara Crewe arrives at boarding school she's treated like a little princess. But then disaster strikes and Sara's world is turned upside down.



The Secret of Platform 13

by Eva Ibbotson

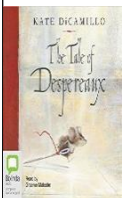
Under Platform 13 at King's Cross Station there is a secret door that leads to a magical island ...It appears only once every nine years. And when it opens, four mysterious figures step into the streets of London.



The Wolf's Footprint

by Susan Price

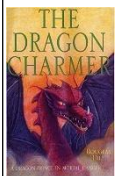
Awake in the dark, Elka overhears her parents whispering. The next day their father takes them into the wood, to look for mushrooms. Daw goes along innocently, holding his father's hand. Elka follows because she doesn't want Daw to be alone.



The Tale of Despereaux

by Kate DiCamillo

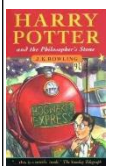
Despereaux Tilling, is a mouse who is in love with music, stories, & a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness & covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbours a simple, impossible wish. These three characters embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, &, ultimately, into each other's lives.



The Dragon Charmer

by Douglas Hill

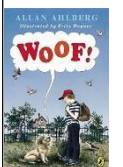
Elynne is the daughter of a dragon charmer & desperately wants to help her father in his work, but she is a shy girl & the ferocious creatures terrify her. However, when a rare royal dragon flies into Elynne's life & gives birth to a baby male dragon, there seems to be some kind of strange connection between the baby prince & the girl.



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

by J. K. Rowling

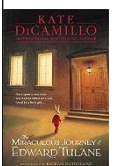
Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat.. Then, on Harry's 11th birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, & he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft & Wizardry. An incredible adventure is about to begin!



Woof!

by Alan Ahlberg

Eric is a perfectly ordinary boy. Perfectly ordinary that is, until the night when, in fifteen seconds flat, he turns into a dog! Eric & his best friend are determined to sniff out the truth - what makes an ordinary boy go 'woof'?



The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

by Kate DiCamillo

On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard & from there finds himself on an amazing journey. He travels with tramps, works as a scarecrow, comforts a dying child ... & finally learns what it is to truly love.



Firebird

by Saviour Pirotta

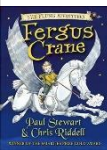
The firebird is stealing the tsar's famous golden apples. His two oldest sons fail to capture the bird, so their younger brother, Ivan, must set out on a quest to find it. Befriended by the wise grey wolf, Ivan wins the firebird and the hand of the beautiful Princess Helen.



Ice Palace

by Robert Swindells

Ivan lives in a land where the winter is dark and fearful. Starjik, King of Winter, steals Ivan's little brother and Ivan braves the bitter cold to find him.



Fergus Crane

by Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell

Fergus Crane has an almost ordinary life. But then a mysterious flying box appears at the window of his waterfront home - & Fergus is plunged headlong into an exciting adventure!

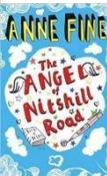


Grandpa's Indian Summer

By Jamila Gavin

When Neetu and Sanjay hear that Grandpa Chatterji is coming to stay with them, they try to imagine what he will be like. Will he be stern like their other grandpa? Will he be neat and tidy?

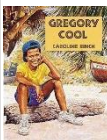
They could never have imagined the Grandpa who arrives.



The Angel of Nitshill Road

by Anne Fine

The children are being relentlessly bullied by Barry. But then, Celeste arrives with a book & a gold pen, & each and every last horrible word or taunt is entered in the book, with witnesses. The children begin to take control of what's happening to them.



Gregory Cool

by Caroline Binch

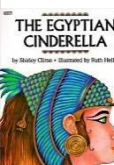
When Gregory wakes up on his first day in Tobago with his grandparents, his heart sinks. The food is strange, the sun too hot, his cousin Lennox is on another wave length, & there are none of the televisions, video games & other high-tech gadgets that a cool city-boy takes for granted.



Redwall

by Brian Jacques

Redwall Abbey, tranquil home to a community of peace-loving mice is threatened by Cluny the Scourge - the evil-one-eyed rat warlord - & his battle-hardened horde of predators. Cluny is certain that Redwall will fall easily to his fearsome army but he hasn't bargained for the courage and strength of the combined forces of the Redwall mice & their loyal woodland friends. . .



The Egyptian Cinderella

by Shirley Climo

Poor Rhodopis! She is a slave, from the far-off country of Greece. Only the beautiful rose-red slippers her master gives her can make Rhodopis smile. So when a falcon swoops down & snatches one of the slippers away, Rhodopis is heartbroken. For how is she to know that the slipper will land in the lap of the great Pharaoh himself? And who would ever guess that the Pharaoh has promised to find the slipper's owner & make her queen of all Egypt?

