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## Rising 4th Graders Reading List

Titles may be available in Spanish, on audiobook or in large print.

### FICTION

#### **The Case of the Elevator Duck, by Polly Berrien Berends**

Who would leave a pet duck on the elevator of an apartment house? Gilbert is determined to find the duck's owner before the building inspector finds the duck.

#### **The Stories Julian Tells (or other Julian or Huey books), by Ann Cameron**

Father says, "Leave the pudding alone." Julian and Huey eat most of it anyway and are sure they will be in big trouble. Join Julian for this and five other stories.

#### **Ramona the Pest (or other Ramona or Henry Huggins books), by Beverly Cleary**

Ramona loves school and her teacher, but she cannot seem to stay out of trouble!

#### **Phineas L. MacGuire Erupts! or Phineas L. MacGuire—Gets Slimed!, by Frances O'Roark Dowell**

Boy scientist Phineas MacGuire is interested in doing experiments about everything, but his special interest is mold and slime.

#### **Sassy: Little Sister Is Not My Name, by Sharon M. Draper**

Sassy doesn't like being called "Little Sister." She doesn't like wearing boring uniforms to school. She loves lip gloss and glitter and her "Sassy Sack" which is filled with just the right thing to solve any problem.

#### **My Father's Dragon (or other books in the series), by Ruth Stiles Gannett**

Wild Island has many ferocious beasts. This does not stop Elmer, who is determined to find the captured baby dragon and rescue him.

#### **Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little, by Peggy Elizabeth Gifford**

Moxy has the whole summer to write a book report for the first day of fourth grade. How did the last day of vacation come so quickly?

#### **Babymouse (any in the series), by Jennifer Holm**

Babymouse dreams big! Meet best friend Wilson, the hated Felicia Furrypaws and others in these fast and fun graphic novels.

**Horrible Harry and the Dragon War (or other Horrible Harry books), by Suzy Kline**

Song Lee, the nicest girl in the class, will not speak to her old friend Harry. You'd be angry too, if your friend called your project stupid.

**Ruby Lu, Brave and True or Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything, by Lenore Look**

She's a girl with big ideas, lots to do and plenty to worry about. Meet Ruby Lu.

## NONFICTION

**Working with Fractions, by David A. Adler**

One slice of pizza is  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a pie. Learning fractions may not be as hard as you think.

**The Emperor Lays an Egg, by Brenda Z. Guiberson**

Mother penguin lays an egg. She and father penguin must keep it from freezing in the icy Antarctic weather. What a truly amazing accomplishment this is!

**Presidential Pets, by Laura Driscoll**

Sasha and Malia have a cute dog, Bo, but did you know that ponies, snakes and even an alligator have lived in the White House?

## ADVANCED READERS

**Gone-Away Lake, by Elizabeth Enright**

**Shoeless Joe & Me, by Dan Gutman**

**Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh, by Robert C. O'Brien**

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## Rising 5th Graders Reading List

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## FICTION

**The Penderwicks, by Jeanne Birdsall**

Adventures await the Penderwick sisters when they go on summer vacation.

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing or Superfudge (or other Fudge books), by Judy Blume**

If you think your family is a little crazy, spend some time with the Hatchers!

**The Crow-Girl, by Bodil Bredsdorff**

A girl and her grandmother live alone, by the sea. When the grandmother dies, the girl struggles to find a new life.

**Dear Mr. Henshaw, by Beverly Cleary**

Leigh's life begins to change when his favorite author, Mr. Henshaw, answers his letter.

**A Week in the Woods, by Andrew Clements**

Mark and his teacher, Mr. Maxwell, don't get along. Will this be a problem on the fifth grade camping trip?

**Midnight for Charlie Bone (or other Children of the Red King books), by Jenny Nimmo**

Charlie was an ordinary 10-year-old until the day he overheard the thoughts of people in photographs. Now he attends Bloor's Academy where all of the students are endowed with magical talents.

**A Room with a Zoo, by Jules Feiffer**

Julie really wants a dog, but her parents won't let her get one. So instead she gets a kitten. Then a hamster, a fish, a turtle, a rabbit...

**Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It, by Sundee T. Frazier**

One summer day, 10-year-old Brendan has a chance encounter with the white grandfather he has never met and his mother refuses to talk about it.

**Knights of the Kitchen Table (or other Time Warp Trio books), by Jon Scieszka**

“Halt vile knaves. Prepare to die.” Joe, Fred and Sam are sitting at the kitchen table looking at the birthday present that Uncle Joe sent. The next thing they know they are facing the Black Knight.

**Robot Dreams, by Sara Varon**

Dog finally has a best friend, a robot he made from a mail order kit. A great day at the beach ends in tragedy when they find out that salt water is not good for robots. Pictures tell this story without words.

**NONFICTION**

**Mission, Save the Planet, by Sally Ride**

There are many things you can do at home and at school to help make your carbon footprint smaller and slow down global warming.

**Adventures in Cartooning, by James Sturm**

Join Magic Cartooning Elf and a knight as they rescue a princess from the dragon. Along the way, learn the ABCs of drawing comics for yourself.

**ADVANCED READERS**

**The View from Saturday, by E.L. Konigsburg**

**The Lightning Thief (or other Percy Jackson & the Olympians books), by Rick Riordan**

**Jip: His Story, by Katherine Paterson**

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**Rising 6th Graders Reading List**

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**FICTION**

**How Tía Lola Came to (Visit) Stay, by Julia Alvarez**

Miguel is worried about making friends in his new school. His Tía Lola is visiting from the Dominican Republic and he is sure his new classmates will think she is a nut case.

**Chasing Vermeer, by Blue Balliett**

A valuable painting has been stolen, setting off a worldwide search. Petra and Calder both like solving puzzles. Will they be the ones to find it?

**Some Friend, by Marie Bradby**

Pearl wishes she had a best friend to talk to—someone like Lenore, who always looks good and is the most popular girl in her class.

**Halfway to the Sky, by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley**

Her brother is dead; her parents are divorced. Dani can't stand her life anymore, so she runs away to hike the Appalachian Trail. It should take about six months.

**The Boggart, by Susan Cooper**

Boggarts are invisible and full of mischief at home in Scotland. When one finds himself in Canada, he discovers chocolate, pizza and the tricky possibilities of electricity.

**Lionboy (any in the trilogy), by Zizou Corder**

Charlie Ashanti has always been able to talk to cats. When his parents are kidnapped, he takes off after them. His ability to talk Cat comes in handy as he attempts to rescue them.

**Bud, Not Buddy, by Christopher Paul Curtis**

Bud runs away from a terrible foster home. Join him as he sets out on a journey to find his father.

**The London Eye Mystery, by Siobhan Dowd**

Ted and Kat watch their cousin, Salim, get on the huge Ferris wheel. When the ride is over, Salim is gone.

**The City of Ember, by Jeanne DuPrau**

The underground City of Ember was built for people to live in for 200 years. Now it is year 241 and the lights are going out.

**Zeely, by Virginia Hamilton**

It might be the truth or it might be Elizabeth's imagination. Is Zeely Tayber just a girl who tends hogs or is she an African queen?

## **NONFICTION**

**ER Vets: Life in an Animal Emergency Room, by Donna M. Jackson**

They swallow bottle caps, have asthma attacks and are hit, by cars. People aren't the only ones who need emergency care. Go behind the scenes to see how dogs, cats, snakes, birds and other pets are cared for. Great photos!

**101 Ways You Can Help Save the Planet Before You're 12!, by Joanne O'Sullivan**

Seventeen million barrels of oil are used each year to make disposable water bottles. Tip #4—get a reusable water bottle and help save the earth.

## **ADVANCED READERS**

**The Planet of Junior Brown, by Virginia Hamilton**

**The Call of the Wild, by Jack London**

**The Giver, by Lois Lowry**

**Airborn, by Kenneth Oppel**