

# 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RECOMMENDED BOOKS

## Congratulations.... You're a 4th grade reader!

Here's a booklist selected by librarians from the Des Moines Public Library.  
If you have trouble finding a book, please ask for help at the Information Desk.



### FICTION

- Anderson, M.** *Whales on Stilts*
- Atwater, R.** *Mr. Popper's Penguins*
- Avi** *Poppy*
- Birdsall, J.** *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy*
- Blume, J.** *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*
- Bruchac, J.** *Skeleton Man*
- Cleary, B.** *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*
- Clements, A.** *The School Story*  
*Frindle*
- Coville, B.** *Monsters of Morley Manor*
- Creech, S.** *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*
- Curtis, C.** *Mr. Chickee's Funny Money*
- Dahl, R.** *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*  
*James and the Giant Peach*  
*Matilda*
- DiCamillo, K.** *Because of Winn-Dixie*  
*The Tale of Despereaux*
- Gantos, J.** *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* (series)
- Gorman, C.** *Dork on the Run* (series)
- Gutman, D.** *Homework Machine*  
*Mickey & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure* (series)  
*The Million Dollar Shot*
- Hodges, M.** *Merlin and the Making of the King*

- Konigsburg, E.L.** *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*
- Lawson, R.** *Ben and Me: A New and Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin*
- Lewis, C.S.** *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (series)
- McKissack, P.** *A Picture of Freedom: The Diary of Clotee, a Slave Girl* (Dear America series)
- Paulsen, G.** *Mr. Tucket* (series)
- Potter, E.** *Olivia Kidney*
- Pullman, P.** *Scarecrow and His Servant*
- Rockwell, T.** *How to Eat Fried Worms*
- Sheth, K.** *Blue Jasmine*
- Stauffacher, S.** *Donuthead*
- Vande Velde, V.** *Three Good Deeds*
- Wilder, L.** *Little House in the Big Woods* (series)

### NONFICTION

- 595.4 M** *The Tarantula Scientist*  
by Sy Montgomery
- 652.8 J** *Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing*  
by Paul Janeczko
- 821 D** *Vile Verses*  
by Roald Dahl