

### Adaline Falling Star

Osborne, Mary Pope

When her Arapaho mother dies and her explorer father leaves her with his prejudiced family in St. Louis, Adaline runs away with only a mongrel dog for company. (720L)

### Project Mulberry

Park, Linda Sue

While working on a school project, Korean-American Julia and her friend, Patrick, learn a lot about silkworms – but also about tolerance, prejudice, friendship and patience. (690L)

### Blue Jasmine

Sheth, Kashmira

When 12-year-old Seema moves from India to Iowa City with her family, she is mocked by a classmate in ways that remind her of how she treated a poor girl at school in India. (740L)

### Donuthead

Stauffacher, Sue

Franklin Delano Donuthead, a fifth-grader obsessed with hygiene and safety, finds an unlikely friend in Sarah Kervick, a tough new student who lives in a dirty trailer and is as odd as he is. (850L)

### The Castle in the Attic

Winthrop, Elizabeth

A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest to rescue his beloved nanny. (750L)

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### Library Hours

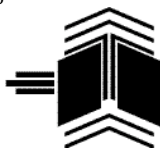
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

If available, Lexile® measures are given for titles on this list. These measures are intended to be *one tool* that can be used to help a child find a book that he or she can read successfully and with enjoyment.

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# Good Books For

# 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

These books are shelved by the author's last name in the J Fiction area.

### Whittington

Armstrong, Alan

A battered tomcat restores harmony to a rundown barnyard while telling stories about the adventurous life of his famous ancestor, Dick Whittington's cat. (760L)

### Runt

Bauer, Marion Dane

Runt, the smallest wolf cub in the litter, seeks to prove himself to his father and the rest of the pack, and he earns a new name in the process. (690L)

### The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy

Birdsall, Jeann

While spending their vacation with their father in a cottage on an estate, the Penderwick girls befriend Jeffrey, much to the dismay of his snobbish, wealthy mother. (800L)

### **The Crow-Girl: The Children of Crow Cove**

Bredsdorff, Bodil

After her grandmother dies, an orphaned girl leaves her house by the cove and begins a journey that leads her to people with whom she begins a new life. (810L)

### **Freddy the Detective**

Brooks, Walter

After reading about Sherlock Holmes, Freddy the pig becomes a detective and solves several mysteries on and around Mr. Bean's farm. (830L)

### **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**

DiCamillo, Kate

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, slowly but surely learns to open his heart to love after being cruelly separated from the young girl who adored him. (700L)

### **The Power of Un**

Etchemendy, Nancy

When he is given a device that allows him to go back in time to change the past, Gib isn't sure which event from the worst day in his life he should choose. (720L)

### **Bandit's Moon**

Fleischman, Sid

Twelve-year-old Annyrose finds adventure with the famous Mexican bandit, Joaquin Murieta, and his band of outlaws during the California Gold Rush. (690L)

### **The Gorillas of Gill Park**

Gordon, Amy

While spending the summer with his aunt, Willy Wilson finds his first friends ever in the colorful characters who love the neighborhood park owned by an eccentric old man. (680L)

### **Out of Order**

Hicks, Betty

When their dad marries a woman with two children of her own, Eric and V and their new stepsiblings tell what it's like getting used to a new family. (680L)

### **The Trolls**

Horvath, Polly

Eccentric Aunt Sally babysits the Anderson children while their parents are on vacation and regales them with funny and spooky stories about their relatives. (810L)

### **Out Standing in My Field**

Jennings, Patrick

Fifth-grader Ty Cutter is the worst player on the Brewer's team, which is coached by his overly-competitive father. (730L)

### **The Stray**

King-Smith, Dick

When 75-year-old Henny Hickathrift runs away from the old people's home, she meets five children and their parents, who welcome her into their family. (840L)

### **Lumber Camp Library**

Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie

Ruby wants to be a teacher, but after her father's death in a logging accident, she must quit school to care for her 10 brothers and sisters. (730L)

### **Worth**

LaFaye, A.

After his leg is crushed in an accident, Nate hates that he can't help his father on the farm and feels rejected when his parents adopt an orphan boy to help with the chores. (830L)

### **Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear**

Namioka, Lensey

Even though Yingtao is tone deaf, his father wants him to practice the violin instead of playing baseball, while his new friend, Matthew, has the opposite problem with his father. (700L)

### **Search for the Shadowman**

Nixon, Joan Lowery

While working on a genealogy project for school, Andy Bonner is determined to solve the mystery surrounding a distant relative who was accused of stealing the family fortune. (780L)

### **The Borrowers**

Norton, Mary

Miniature people who live behind the clock in an old country house and borrow things from the human owners are forced to leave their home. (780L)