Must-Read Fiction of 2014 for 4th Graders





The Witch's Boy, by Kelly Regan Barnhill JBAR

When a Bandit King comes to take the magic that Ned's mother, a witch, is meant to protect, the stuttering, weak boy summons the strength to protect his family and community, while in the woods, the bandit's daughter puzzles over a mystery that ties her to Ned.

Absolutely Almost, by Lisa Graff J GRA

Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.

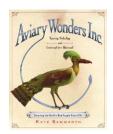


Lindbergh: The Tale of a Flying Mouse, by Torben Kuhlmann E KUH

In a country far away, a new invention--the mechanical mousetrap--has caused all the mice but one to flee to America. Now stranded in a dangerous country, the last mouse decides to build a plane and fly to the land of freedom.

Rain Reign, by Ann M. Martin J MAR

Struggling with Asperger's, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet.



Aviary Wonders Inc. Spring Catalog and Instruction manual, by Kate Samworth JSAM

In a future when deforestation and other environmental factors have caused many bird species to go extinct, businessman Alfred Wallis offers a Catalog of parts for Creating replacements, from hand-carved beaks to Italian-leather feet.

How to Catch a Bogle, by Catherine Jinks J JIN

In 1870s London, a young orphan girl becomes the apprentice to a man who traps monsters for a living.



Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy, by Karen Foxlee J FOX

Ophelia, a timid eleven-year-old girl grieving her mother, suspends her disbelief in things non-scientific when a boy locked in the museum where her father is working asks her to help him complete an age-old mission.

Fly Away by Patricia MacLachlan J MAC

While in North Dakota helping her Aunt Frankie prepare for a possible flood, Lucy finds her voice as a poet with the help of her two-year-old brother Teddy, the rest of their family, and a few cows.



A Snicker of Magic, by Natalie Lloyd. J LLO

The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic--but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beedle she hopes to bring the magic back.

The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher, by Dana Alison Levy. J LEV

Relates the adventures of a family with two fathers, four adopted boys, and a variety of pets as they make their way through a school year, kindergarten through sixth grade, and deal with a grumpy new neighbor.



The Case of the Stolen Sixpence, by Holly Web. J WEB

Junior sleuth Maisie Hitchins, who lives in her grandmother's boarding house in Victorian London, uncovers an intriguing plot involving stolen sausages, pilfered halfpennies, and a fast-paced bicycle chase.

Thursdays with the Crown (Castle Glower Series; book 3) by Jessica Day George J GEO

Castle Glower's towers have transported Princess Celie, her siblings, and her pet griffin, Rufus, to an unknown land. As they set out on a dangerous adventure to discover their whereabouts, they find an entire lost people, divided by the wishes of two wizards in a centuries-old quarrel over their beloved home--Castle Glower