

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli.
After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe and inspire everyone around him.
Call Number: JP SPINE

Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy by Tui Sutherland.

War is raging between the dragon tribes in the world outside- a war that Clay and four other dragonets are destined to end, according to the mysterious prophecy they have been taught. The five "chosen" dragonets were stolen from their homes while they were still in their eggs, and hidden away for years, all to fulfill the prophecy. But not every dragonet wants a destiny. And when danger threatens one of their own, Clay and his friends may choose freedom over fate.

Call Number: JF SUTHE

One Crazy Summer
by Rita Williams-Garcia.

In 1968, Delphine and her two younger sisters discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby summer camp.

Call Number: JF WILLI

The 39 Clues: Maze of Bones
by Rick Riordin.

What would happen if you discovered that your family was one of the most powerful in human history? What if you were told that the source of the family's power was hidden around the world in the form of 39 clues? And, what if you were given a choice of taking a million dollars and walking away or getting the first clue to the mystery? If you're Amy and Dan Cahill, you take the clue, and begin a very dangerous race!

Call Number: JF THIRT

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Finding a Book that Fits: 5 Finger Test

- Choose a book and have your child read any page aloud.
- Hold up a finger for every word your child can't figure out or doesn't know the meaning of.
- Count your fingers and see what fits:

0-1 Finger: A good fit, this will be an easy confidence builder.

2 Fingers: A good fit, this will be an enjoyable independent read.

3 Fingers: Just right, this will be a little challenging but rewarding.

4 Fingers: This may be challenging, read with a partner.

5 Fingers: Too challenging to read alone but a great choice for an adult to read aloud.

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GRADE 4

SUGGESTED READING



Suggestions for Grade 4

The One and Only Ivan

by Katherine Applegate.

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Call Number: JF APPLE

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda

by Tom Angleberger.

Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out if the puppet can really predict the future.

Call Number: JF ANGLE

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier.

After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg.

Call Number: JF BRALLIER

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown.

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

Call Number: JF BROWN

No Talking by Andrew Clements.

The boys at school challenge the girls to a "no talking" contest.

Call Number: JF CLEME

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper.

A brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

Call Number: JF DRAPE

City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau.

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Call Number: YAF DUPRAU

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

by Chris Grabenstein.

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

Call Number: JF GRABE

Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix.

Jonah has always known that he was adopted, and he's never thought it was any big deal. Then he and a new friend, Chip, who's also adopted, begin receiving mysterious letters.

Call Number: JF HADDIX

The Tail of Emily Windsnap by Liz Kessler.

After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

Call Number: JP KESSL

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E.

Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg.

Claudia and Jamie runaway to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and find themselves in a mystery.

Call Number: JF/JP KONIG

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

by Grace Lin.

Minli buys a goldfish that is supposed to change its owner's fortunes and sets off on an adventure to save her village.

Call Number: JF LIN

How to Steal a Dog

by Barbara O'Connor.

Georgina wants to help her poor family. She devises a scheme to get money by stealing a dog.

Call Number: JF OCONN

My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish

by Mo O'Hara. When Tom's big brother decides to become an Evil Scientist, his first experiment involves dunking Frankie the goldfish into toxic green gunk. Tom knows that there is only one thing to do: Zap the fish with a battery and bring him back to life! But there's something weird about the new Frankie. He's now a BIG FAT ZOMBIE GOLDFISH with hypnotic powers, and he's out for revenge!

Call Number: JF OHARA

Wonder by R. J. Palacio.

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

Call Number: JF PALAC

Jacky Ha-Ha by James Patterson.

Twelve-year-old Jacky "Ha-Ha" Hart is a class clown with a penchant for pranking --and when she's required to act in the school play to appease her frustrated teachers, she must conquer her stutter.

Call Number: JF PATTE

Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-

Fabulous Life by Rachel Renee Russell. Nikki Maxwell writes in her diary of her struggle to be popular at her exclusive new private school, then of finding her place after she gives up on being part of the elite group.

Call Number: JF RUSSE