

Summer Reading List

Fourth Grade Options

1. **Relish: My Life in the Kitchen by Lucy Knisley.** A graphic novel about one girl's love of food and cooking.
2. **Here's Hank by Henry Winkler.** (Yes, THAT Henry Winkler) A book series about a young boy named Hank with ADHD and his adventures and experiences.
3. **Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary.** A classic story about a third grade girl at a new school. Ms. Cleary has a variety of books about Ramona, so if they like this one, there will be more to read over the summer.
4. **A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold.** The first in a three-book series about an autistic young boy, Bixby Alexander Tam, aka Bat, and his world.
5. **El Deafo by CeCe Bell.** A graphic novel about a young girl moving from an all-Deaf school to one with hearing children, while she navigates the classroom and social structures with her hearing aid, the Phonic Ear. This book won awards and is also a television series on Apple TV+.
6. **When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed.** A stunning graphic novel about life in a refugee camp in Somalia. This book stayed with me a long time, and would be a great choice for parents and students to read together.
7. **Frindle by Andrew Clements.** A funny book about a young boy who makes up his own word.
8. **The Guardians of Ga'Hoole series by Kathleen Lasky** A fantasy series about good versus evil – when different groups of owls go to battle.
9. **Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar.** A funny book about an unusual school and the students and staff who spend their days there.
10. **Snow Treasure by Mary McSwigan** A historical novel that follows the adventures of Peter, a young boy in Norway during World War II, with real history and a bit of mystery thrown in.

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3. **One Good Thing about America by Ruth Freeman** A book about a nine-year-old girl named Anais who immigrates to America. The story is told through letters she writes to her grandmother, Oma.
4. **Count Me In by Varsha Bajaj** A book about bullying and the power of social media. When a young boy's father is the victim of a hate crime, the boy turns to social media to create a powerful anti-bullying campaign.
5. **We are Here to Stay: Voices of Undocumented Adults by Susan Kuklin** The stories of nine undocumented adults, who tell their perspective and their history in their own voices. A good choice for parents and kids to read together.
6. **Hoot by Carl Hiaasen** A mystery novel about a group of kids who work together to stop the construction of a pancake house, which would disrupt the habitat of owls.
7. **Wonder by R.J. Palacio** A moving novel about a young boy with a medical condition and the challenges he faces. It was also made into a film.
8. **Save Me a Seat by Gina Weeks and Gita Varadarajan** A book about friendship that switches between the perspective of two students, Ravi, a new student, and Joe, who struggles with sensory processing.
9. **Number the Stars by Lois Lowry** A historical fiction book about a Jewish family escaping from Denmark during World War II. The story's protagonist is 10 year old Annemarie Johansen. I read this book in fifth grade, along with *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank, another stellar option.
10. **The Night Gardener: A Scary Story by Jonathan Auxier** A story about two orphans who travel to England for work, the creepy house they find and its cast of interesting characters, including a mysterious stranger.