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## FOURTH GRADE RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2018-2019 | OPPL.ORG/KIDS

### FICTION BOOKS

Appelt, Kathi. *Maybe a Fox*.

A fantastical, heartbreaking, and gorgeous tale about two sisters, a fox cub, and what happens when one of the sisters disappears forever.

Applegate, Katherine. *Wishtree*. An old red oak tree tells how he and his animal friends help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.

Beasley, Kate. *Gertie's Leap to Greatness*.

Gertie has a dad who works on an oil rig, a great-aunt who always finds the lowest prices at the Piggly Wiggly, and two loyal best friends. When her mother decides to move away, Gertie sets out on her greatest mission yet: to show her mom what she'll be leaving behind.

Brown, Peter. *The Wild Robot* (series).

Initializing for the first time on an island all alone, Roz the robot learns survival strategies from the island's hostile animals and gains acceptance when she cares for an orphaned gosling.

Erdrich, Louise. *The Birchbark House*

(series). Omakayas, a 7-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

Del Rio, Tania. *Warren the 13th and the All-Seeing Eye* (series).

Twelve-year-old orphan Warren's pride and joy is his family's hotel, but he's been miserable since his evil Aunt Annaconda took over. She thinks a treasure is hidden on the grounds, and she'll do anything to find it.

Fleming, Candace. *Ben Franklin's in My Bathroom!* When 10-year-old Nolan and his little sister, Olive, find Ben Franklin in their kitchen, they do their best to guide Ben through the new world he helped form.

Fleming, Candace. *Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen*.

A German Shepherd is transformed from a police dog in Berlin to a silent movie star accused of attacking a girl, a crime he didn't commit.

Frazier, Sundee T. *Cleo Edison Oliver*

*in Persuasion Power* (series). When a website invites "kidpreneurs" to upload ads for their businesses, Cleo and her friend Caylee are sure this is their big break to get funding for their personalized barrettes, but Cleo is distracted by her desire to find her birth parents.

Gino, Alex. *George*. When people look at George, they think they see a boy, but she knows she's a girl. Will she have to keep this a secret, or could the lead role in her class production of *Charlotte's Web* help everyone know who she really is?

Jones, Kelly. *Unusual Chickens for the*

*Exceptional Poultry Farmer*. Sophie Brown feels like a fish out of water when she moves from L.A. to the farm her family has inherited. Life gets interesting when Sophie discovers a hen that can move objects with brainpower.

Lin, Grace. *When the Sea Turned to*

*Silver* (series). Pinmei's gentle, loving grandmother always has the most exciting tales. However, the peace is shattered one night when soldiers of the Emperor arrive and kidnap the storyteller.

Marshall III, Joseph. *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse*. Teased for his fair coloring, Jimmy McClean travels with his grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, to learn about his Lakota heritage while visiting places significant in the life of Crazy Horse.

Martin, Ann. *Missy Piggle Wiggle*

*and the Whatever Cure* (series). Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle has left her Upside-Down House and the animals in the care of her niece, Missy. Luckily, Missy is capable of concocting the same sort of inventive cures for bad behavior as her aunt.

Meriano, Anna. *A Dash of Trouble*.

Wanting to be a part of her family's Dia de los Muertos preparations, Leonora sneaks out of school to discover her mother, aunt, and older sisters have been keeping a secret.

Pearce, Jackson. *The Doublecross and*

*Other Skills I Learned as a Superspy* (series). Hale was born and raised to be a spy but it seems he is unlikely to become a field agent until his parents are captured by the evil League and Hale sets out on a mission to save them.

Teague, David. *How Oscar Indigo Broke the Universe (and Put It Back Together Again)*.

Oscar is nervous when he has to fill in for his team's injured all-star, Lourdes. So he uses a mysterious gold watch to stop time and fake a game-winning home run...but you can't just steal time without any consequences.

Weeks, Sarah. *Save Me a Seat*.

Two boys—one white, one Indian American—gain strength from each other from afar as they struggle to navigate middle school, family, and friendships.

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### FICTION CONT.

Williams-Garcia, Rita. *Clayton Byrd Goes Underground*. Clayton is devastated when his grandfather dies and his mother forbids him from playing music, losses that compel him to run away to join bluesmen on the road.

### NONFICTION

Barton, Chris. *Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion* (940.459 BAR).

Burgess, Matthew. *Enormous Smallness: A Story of E.E. Cummings* (BIO CUM).

Harris, Chris. *I'm Just No Good at Rhyming: And Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups* (811 HAR).

Huey, Lois Miner. *Forgotten Bones: Uncovering a Slave Cemetery* (306.362 HUE).

Huey, Lois Miner. *Ick! Yuck! Eew! Our Gross American History* (973 HUE).

Montague, Brad & Robby Novak. *Kid President's Guide to Being Awesome* (158.1 MON).

National Geographic. *5,000 Awesome Facts (About Everything!)* (series O31.02 NAT).

Sayre, April Pulley. *The Slowest Book Ever: Surprising Facts About Anything and Everything Slow* (509 SAY).

Schatz, Kate & Miriam Klein Stahl. *Rad American Women A-Z* (920.72 SCH).

Swartz, Clay. *Who Wins?* (920.02 SWA).

Thimmesh, Catherine. *Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women* (920.72 THI).

Tonatiuh, Duncan. *Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras* (BIO POS).

Wilson, Jamia. *Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes From Past and Present* (920 WIL).

### GRAPHIC NOVELS

Alvarez, Lorena. *Nightlights*. Every night, Sandy catches tiny stars and creates wonderful creatures to play with until she falls asleep. When a mysterious new girl appears at school, Sandy's special talent gets some sinister attention.

Boothby, Ian & Nina Matsumoto. *Sparks!* August is a brilliant inventor, and Charlie is an awesome pilot. Together these pals save lives every day. They also happen to be cats who pilot a powerful, mechanical dog suit!

Gardner, Matt. *Alabaster Shadows*. It's up to Carter and his friends to keep monsters from invading their neighborhood through portals the adults want to pretend don't exist.

Riess, Natalie. *Space Battle Lunchtime* (series). Space Battle Lunchtime is a hit show broadcast all over the universe, and the new season is about to start! When one of the competing chefs drops out, an aspiring baker from Earth is offered the chance to compete for fame, glory, and a 20,000 Solarbuck prize.

Steinke, Aron Nels. *Mr. Wolf's Class: The First Day of School*. Mr. Wolf has just started teaching fourth grade at Hazelwood Elementary. He wants the first day of school to go well, but he's got his hands full with his new class.

Weing, Drew. *The Creepy Case Files of Margo Maloo*. After moving to Echo City, Charles finds himself at the mercy of the town's monsters, but lucky for him there is Margo Maloo to help him navigate.

Wicks, Maris. *Science Comics: Coral Reefs, Cities of the Ocean* (series, nonfiction graphic novels). Not just a pretty picture, coral reefs are essential parts of the ocean and filled with fascinating creatures.

Yang, Gene Luen. *Secret Coders* (series). Using their wits and their growing prowess with coding, Hopper and her friend Eni are going to solve the mysteries of Stately Academy no matter what it takes.