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## FOURTH GRADE RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2019-2020 | 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.

Creech, Sharon. **Saving Winslow.** When his father brings home an ailing, newborn donkey, Louie names the animal Winslow and takes care of him, but everyone thinks Winslow is not going to survive.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures.** Rescuing a squirrel after an accident, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.

Dominguez, Angela. **Stella Diaz Has Something to Say.** Stella Diaz wants to be able to speak in front of the class and to be friends with the new boy in class, but

sometimes she accidentally speaks Spanish instead of English, which makes her turn roja.

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.

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.

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.

Martin, Ann. **Missy Piggie Wiggle and the Whatever Cure** (series). Mrs. Piggie-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.

Mass, Wendy and Rebecca Stead. **Bob.** Visiting her grandmother in Australia, Livy, ten, is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is.

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.

Stohl, Margaret. **Cats vs. Robots: This is War** (series). The longstanding war between cats and robots escalates when two kittens come into the lives of twin siblings on Earth.

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.

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.



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### NONFICTION

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

Bruchac, Joseph and Liz Amini-Holmes. *Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story* (B NEZ).

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

Haskins, Jim and Eric Velasquez. *Champion: The Story of Muhammad Ali* (B ALI).

Hirsch, Rebecca E. *When Plants Attack: Strange and Terrifying Plants* (581.659 HIR).

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

Innosanto, Nagara. *The Wedding Portrait* (303.61 NAG).

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

Nobleman, Marc and Melissa Iwai. *Thirty Minutes Over Oregon: A Japanese Pilot's World War II Story* (940.542 NOB).

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).

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

### GRAPHIC NOVELS

Alvarez, Lorena. *Nightlights* (series). 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!

Brooks, Molly. *Sanity & Tallulah*. Sanity and Tallulah live in a space station at the end of the galaxy. When Sanity's illegally-created three-headed kitten escapes, the girls have to turn their home upside down to find her.

O'Neill, Katie. *Aquicorn Cove*. Unable to rely on the adults in her storm-ravaged seaside town, a young girl must protect a colony of magical seahorse-like creatures she discovers in the coral reef.

Sell, Chad. *Cardboard Kingdom*. The adventures of a group of neighborhood children who make costumes from cardboard and use their imagination to create adventures with knights, robots, and monsters.

Steinke, Aron Nels. *Mr. Wolf's Class: The First Day of School* (series). 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.

Viola, Jason. *Polar Bears: Survival on the Ice* (series, nonfiction graphic novels). Join two curious polar bear cubs as they play, hunt, and navigate life in the Arctic. With each season, they learn polar bear biology and behavior, as well as strategies and skills that will help them thrive in a landscape that is rapidly changing beyond their control.

Weing, Drew. *The Creepy Case Files of Margo Maloo* (series). 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.