



## Rising Fourth Graders

Titles may be available on audiobook or in large print. Many also come in Spanish.

### Fiction



#### **Magic School Bus Science Chapter Books** a series

You never know what will happen on one of Ms. Frizzle's wild field trips in the Magic School Bus.

#### **The Case of the Elevator Duck** by Polly Berrien Berends

Who would leave a pet duck on the elevator of an apartment house? Gilbert is determined to find the duck's owner before the building inspector finds the duck.

#### **The Stories Julian Tells** (or other *Julian* or *Huey* books) by Ann Cameron

Father says, "Leave the pudding alone." Julian and Huey eat most of it anyway and are sure they will be in big trouble. Join Julian for this and five other stories.

#### **Ramona the Pest** (or other *Ramona* or *Henry Huggins* books) by Beverly Cleary

Ramona loves school and her teacher, but she cannot seem to stay out of trouble!

#### **Phineas L. MacGuire Erupts!** or **Phineas L. MacGuire—Gets Slimed!** by Frances O'Roark

Boy scientist Phineas MacGuire is interested in doing experiments about everything, but his special interest is mold and slime.

#### **Nikki & Deja** by Karen English

Nikki and Deja live next door to one another and are very best friends. Things are great until a new girl moves to their block and brings big time trouble.

#### **My Father's Dragon** (or other books in the series) by Ruth Stiles Gannett

Wild Island has many ferocious beasts. This does not stop Elmer, who is determined to find the captured baby dragon and rescue him.

#### **Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little** by Peggy Elizabeth Gifford

Moxy has the whole summer to write a book report for the first day of fourth grade. How did the last day of vacation come so quickly?

#### **Babymouse** a series by Jennifer Holm

Babymouse dreams big! Meet best friend Wilson, the hated Felicia Furrypaws and others in these fast and fun graphic novels.

#### **Horrible Harry and the Dragon War** (or other *Horrible Harry* books) by Suzy Kline

Song Lee, the nicest girl in the class, will not speak to her old friend Harry. You'd be angry too, if your friend called your project stupid.

#### **Ruby Lu, Brave and True** or **Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything** by Lenore Look

She's a girl with big ideas, lots to do and plenty to worry about. Meet Ruby Lu.

**Judy Moody** (or other *Judy Moody* books) or **Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid** (or other *Stink* books)

by Megan McDonald

Join in the Moody family fun! Meet Judy, who really is very moody and her younger brother Stink. Do you suppose he really is stinky?

**Away West** (or other *Scraps of Time* books) by Pat McKissack

Thirteen-year-old Everett was determined to seek his fortune in the West—a place, he had heard, where black pioneers were free to follow their dreams.

**7 x 9=Trouble!** by Claudia Mills

Wilson Williams is having trouble learning his multiplication tables. He is on the 3s and one girl in his class is already on the 9s. To make things even worse, his little brother is great at math.

**A Crazy Mixed-Up Spanglish Day** by Marisa Montes

At home she is Gabi; at school she is Maritza Morales. At home she speaks Spanish; at school she speaks English. Sometimes she gets all mixed up.

**Nim's Island** by Wendy Orr

Nim's father is missing. Now, she is alone on the island with only her animal friends and her solar-powered computer.

**Solo Girl** by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Cass is great at math, but not at Double Dutch jump rope. She loves to watch the Fast Feet Four, but her own feet are just too slow.

**Go Fish** by Mary Stolz

Thomas is bored. He tries everything to get Grandfather to stop reading and pay attention to him. Finally, Grandfather agrees to go fishing and Thomas knows his day will be a good one.

**Freedom on the Menu** by Carole Boston Weatherford

Life was different in 1960. It was a time when a girl wasn't allowed to sit at the lunch counter if she was African American, but times were changing.

## Nonfiction

**Cendrillon: a Caribbean Cinderella** by Robert D. San Souci J 398.2

Enjoy a favorite old story set in a new place and time.

**Working with Fractions** by David A. Adler J 513.26

One slice of pizza is  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a pie. Learning fractions may not be as hard as you think.

**Mosquito Bite** by Alexandra Siy J 595.772

"She tastes the blood. She immediately sucks a drop into her miniature straw. Now the blood is flowing, drop by drop, into her stomach. Still the boy feels nothing."

**The Emperor Lays an Egg** by Brenda Z. Guiberson J 598.47

Mother penguin lays an egg. She and father penguin must keep it from freezing in the icy Antarctic weather. What a truly amazing accomplishment this is!

**The Cooking Book** by Jane Bull J 641.5123

Chop, roll, mix and blend some super-delicious treats to eat.

**Kids Draw Animals** by Christopher Hart J 743.6

Get some paper, a sharp pencil and open this book. You are ready to draw!

**Arithme-Tickle: An Even Number of Odd Riddle-Rhymes** or  
**Scien-Trickery: Riddles in Science** by J. Patrick Lewis J 793.7

If you enjoy solving riddles, give these a try. Math and science have never been more fun!

**Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs: Poems and Paintings** by Douglas Florian J 811.54

"Chameleon, comedian / We never know which skin you're in."

**Read a Rhyme, Write a Rhyme** J 811.54

A poet named Ogden Nash wrote, "The cow is of the bovine ilk; One end is moo, the other, milk." Try writing some poems of your own using the "poemstarts" that you can find in this book.

**Celebrate the 50 States!** by Loreen Leedy J 973

Which state has the smallest population? Where is the National Teachers Hall of Fame? (The answers are Wyoming and Kansas. Did you get them right?)

**Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez** by Kathleen Krull J Bio Chavez

Cesar Chavez dedicated his life to improving working and living conditions for migrant farm workers who had the longest hours, lowest wages and shortest life spans of any group of Americans.

**Crazy Horse's Vision** by Joseph Bruchac J Bio Crazy Horse

As a boy he was quiet and small, but still brave, strong and determined. "He studied the world with serious eyes...." He was Crazy Horse, a great leader.

**Barack Obama: United States President** by Roberta Edwards J Bio Obama

Who thinks that they have heard everything about Barack Obama? You just might find out a few things you didn't know.

**Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker** by Kathryn Lasky J Bio Walker

Slavery was over, but the hard times for African Americans were not. Orphaned at an early age, Sarah grew up to be Madam C. J. Walker, a powerful and successful businesswoman.

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