

2018-2019 4th Grade

“Must Reads”

“Sometimes you read a book so special that you want to carry it around with you for months after you’ve finished, just to stay near it.” – Markus Zusak

These books are considered the *best of the best* by – Hewitt 4th graders
We are so excited we get to share them and continue the love of reading!

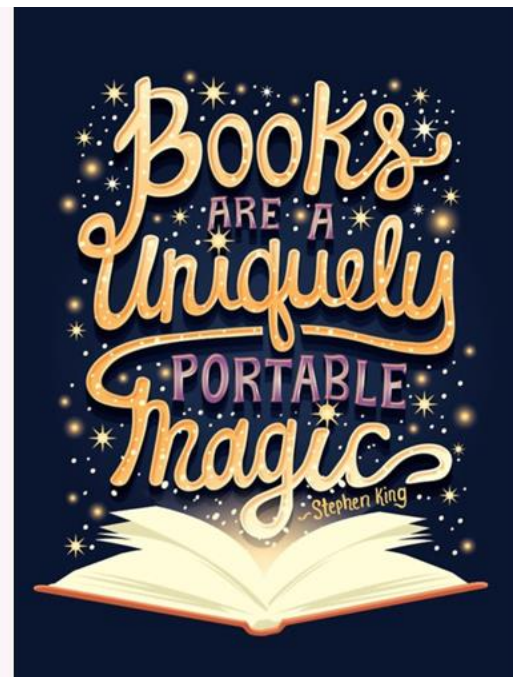
ENJOY OUR MUST READ LIST!

Reading
furnishes the
mind only with
materials of
knowledge; it is
thinking that
makes what we
read ours.

John Locke

“READING
IS A WAY
FOR ME TO
EXPAND MY
MIND, open
MY EYES,
AND fill UP
MY heart.”

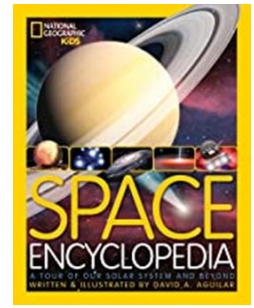
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Title of Book: *Space Encyclopedia: A Tour of the Solar System and Beyond*

Author: David A. Aguilar

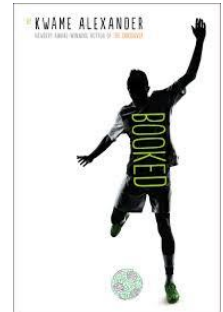
Review: “I am interested in the Solar System. I learned interesting facts about the planets, the lifecycles of the stars, the sun, and many other things about the Solar System. I encourage anyone who wants to learn more about space to read this book.” - Andrew Morizio



Title of Book: *Booked*

Author: Kwame Alexander

Review: “I enjoyed this book because the main character, Nick, faced many challenges. He was being bullied, had surgery, and had to face his parent’s troubled marriage. The only thing that could keep him happy from these problems was soccer. Anyone would love this book.” - Olivia Morizio



Title of Book: *The Chocolate Challenge*

Author: Daphne Benedis-Grab

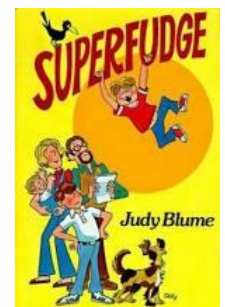
Review: “It is my favorite book! The story is about two schools that have a challenge of who sells more chocolate. Deerfield Elementary School always wins. I hope that Granville Elementary will win. Read this awesome book to find out!” – Emma DiCerbo



Title of Book: *Superfudge*

Author: Judy Blume

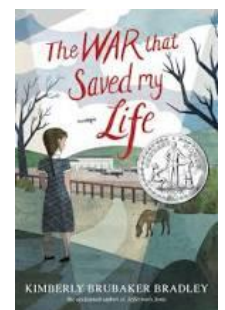
Review: I liked this book because it is sure to make a fourth grader laugh. I used this book for my reading log and it was great! It is realistic fiction and reminded me of my family.” – Caroline Dunham



Title of Book: *The War That Saved my Life*

Author: Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

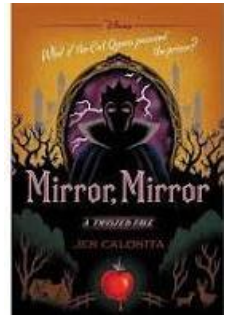
Review: “Ten year-old Ada has never left her one room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada’s twisted foot to let her outside. When her little brother, Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada joins him.” – Bridget Smith



Title of Book: *Mirror, Mirror*

Author: Jen Calinita

Review: “*Mirror, Mirror* is an awesome book! It teaches you how lucky you are compared to Snow, the main character in the book. Snow is a girl who only has one person in her life, and that person does not like her at all. This book showed me how precious my family is to me. *Mirror, Mirror* explores so many feelings, but most of them are sadness. This is definitely a “Must Read” book!” - Ella Brakstad

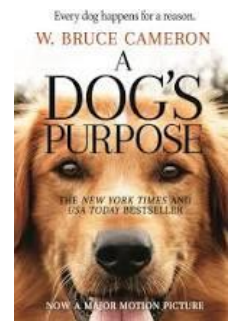


Title of Book: *A Dog's Purpose*

Author: W. Bruce Cameron

Review: “Bailey is a dog who goes through many lives and tries to find her original owner, Ethan. I loved reading this book. It is a “Must Read” for any dog lover.” – Sierra Carrier

“*A Dog's Purpose* is a thrilling book. Every time I watch the movie or read the book, I cry. It is such an unpredictable and touching book. This book teaches me to be brave and conquer my fears. I absolutely love this book! It has to be in the “Must Read” section!” - Sandy Giblin



Title of Book: *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Well*

Author: Chris Colfer

Review: “This book is about a pair of twins who somehow travel to a different dimension and meet classic fairytale characters. The twins travel to the Land of Oz, Wonderland, Neverland and Robin Hood.” – Katie Kitlowski



Title of Book: *The Complete Book of Dragons: A Guide to Dragon Species*

Author: Cressida Cowell

Review: “This book has many dragons, with color illustrations for each one. It is based off of “How to Train Your Dragon”. It is not hard to read and great for a fourth grader. This is a “Must Read” for anyone who likes dragons.” – Aiden McEaney



Title of Book: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

Author: Roald Dahl

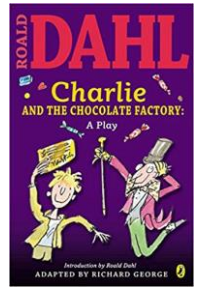
Review: “This book has a lot of action. I also love it because the Buckets are poor, but at the end little Charlie takes over the factory for Mr. Wonka. It is a great book because they go on a huge adventure and the other kids end up doing funny mistakes. An example is when Violet eats the piece of gum and turns into a blueberry. That is why I love this book.” – William King



Title of Book: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory: a Play*

Author: Roald Dahl and Richard George

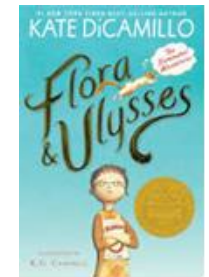
Review: “I love this book. It is the story of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, but different. As I read the thrilling story, I pictured what was happening. It’s almost as if a play was being performed in my head. This is a “Must Read” book that all ages and genders will enjoy.” – Annie Parlman



Title of Book: *Flora and Ulysses*

Author: Kate DiCamillo

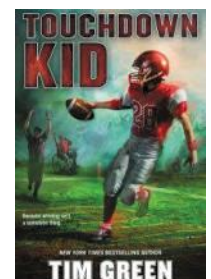
Review: Ulysses is a small squirrel who gets super powers. It makes me feel like anyone can become a hero. There are many nice poems throughout this book. This is one of my favorite books, and after reading it yourself, it could be one of yours too!” – Matthew Lindsay



Title of Book: *Touchdown Kid*

Author: Tim Green

Review: “This is an amazing book of two friends that both love football. However, the main character Liam breaks his leg, so Cory ends up having to step up. This is a really good “Must Read.” – Katelyn Mullen

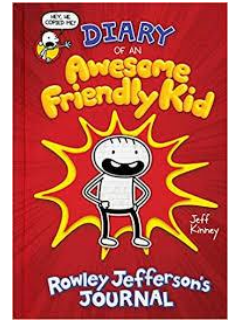


Title of Book: *Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid*

Author: Jeff Kinney

Review: “Rowley is starting a diary like his best friend Greg. He wants it to be about his own life, but Greg wants Rowley to write about him. Rowley writes about the fun times they had together. At the end, Greg yells at Rowley because the book was only supposed to be about him.” – Ryan Endy

“I love this book because it is very funny and gives you a good laugh. I recommend it to anyone who needs to laugh. No spoilers but this is a “Must Read” for sure. It has a bunch of awards so... sit down and start reading this “Must Read”.” - Ryan Madden



Title of Book: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

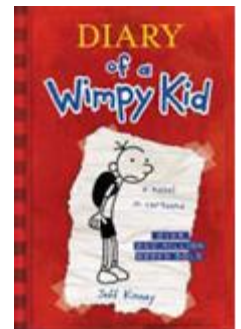
Author: Jeff Kinney

Review: “It’s the best book in the whole world because it makes me feel happy. Greg is a good character because he does nice things for his friends. To me, this is inspirational and a good look at kids our age.” - James McNally

“I loved this book because it always makes me laugh. I have reread this book more than 50 times and the jokes never get old. When you feel down, this book can cheer you up. That’s why I love this book and why it should be a “Must Read”.” - Nicholas Gerolemou

“I like this book because there is a kid named Greg that had so many problems, but he figures them out with his best friend Rowley, and I’m so glad he does. This is a “Must Read” book.” - Kyle Weisenburger

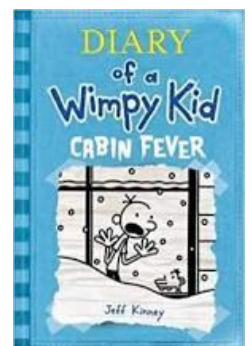
“This book is very funny because the characters make very funny jokes! It is also helps me want to read! It is a “Must Read” because it will make kids laugh!” - Connor Sullivan



Title of Book: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever*

Author: Jeff Kinney

Review: “In this book, Greg gets blamed for school property getting damaged. Before the cops can get to him, a surprise blizzard hits, and the Heffley family are trapped indoors. This is a “Must Read” for anyone who likes the series *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.” – Sam Fox



Title of Book: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway*

Author: Jeff Kinney

Review: “Greg and his family go on vacation and it turns out terrible. It was not a fun trip for Greg. This book is funny! I love it. I think other people would enjoy this book!” – Sophia Jackson

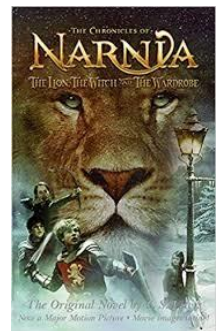
“I love this book because it is humorous. I also love this book because I love comics. This story is about how their family goes on a vacation, and everything does not go the right way.” – Jake Ellwood



Title of Book: *The Chronicles of Narnia*

Author: C.S. Lewis

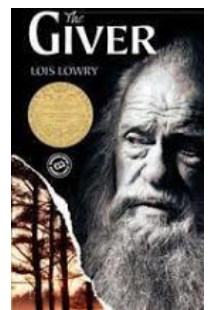
Review: “This book is about two kids who go through a door and become king and queen. Narnia is a magic place the kids accidently stumble upon. This series includes 7 books including *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.*” – Taliah Phifer



Title of Book: *The Giver*

Author: Lois Lowry

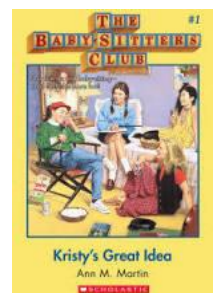
Review: “I love this book because this book makes me feel good inside. The message of the story is that you should be thankful for the family you have. You should always take care of and love your family, friends and siblings. This is why I like this “Must Read” book.” - Kayla McRae



Title of Book: *Baby-Sitters Club*

Author: Ann M. Martin

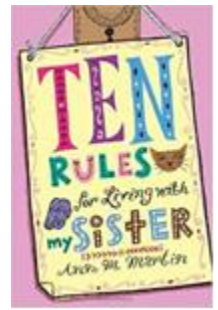
Review: I love this book because it is about best friends who baby-sit. You can't put down this interesting book. I never knew what was going to happen, so I kept reading. This is a great “Must Read” for anyone.” – Riley McMahan



Title of Book: *Ten Rules for Living with My Sister*

Author: Ann M. Martin

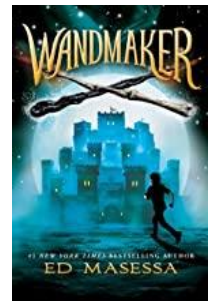
Review: "I love this book because it is about Pearl and Lexie and they are sisters. They fight all the time, so Lexie makes ten rules for Pearl to follow. After an accident, their Grandpa comes to live with them, which forces them to share a room. You must read this book, it is awesome." - Lily landiorio



Title of Book: *Wandmaker*

Author: Ed Masessa

Review: "I like this book because it has cool surprising moments. This book is really outstanding because they survive a very dark spell, and there are epic battle scenes with wands." – William Sullivan



Title of Book: *11 Birthdays*

Author: Wendy Mass

Review: "I love this book because it teaches you life lessons and helps you with problems that most people have in and outside of school. When I started reading this book, I liked it but then I continued reading it every night and turned out loving it. *11 Birthdays* is definitely a "Must Read"." - Helena Miller



Title of Book: *Wonder*

Author: R.J. Palacio

Review: "I love this book for inspiring me to know that anything is possible. This book made me learn to always be helpful to family and friends. I like this "Must Read" a lot." - Jaylene Alvarado

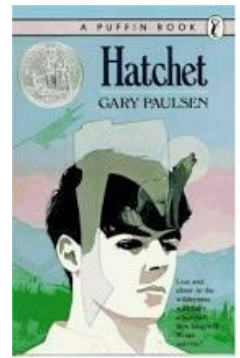
"This is a great book, it teaches an important lesson to not judge a book by its cover. This book will make you be more thoughtful towards your friends. I recommend this book for everyone to read. This book will always be a "Must Read" book." - Kylie Pearson



Title of Book: *Hatchet*

Author: Gary Paulsen

Review: “Hatchet is a terrific book! Brian is a thirteen-year-old boy that takes a ride on a small plane. The pilot has a heart attack and now Brian has to survive all by himself.”
- Nicholas Mitchell



Title of Book: *The Littles*

Author: John Peterson

Review: “It is a fun book with lots of adventure and details. There are three books. My favorite part of this book is when the Big’s family rents their house for the summer. They drop a bunch of food and mice come and they have to defeat the mice.” – Taylor Truesdell



Title of Book: *Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild*

Author: Dav Pilkey

Review: “In this book Dog Man is accused of a crime he didn’t commit. He and his friends work to prove his innocence. This is a great book to read if you want to laugh.” – Aidan Conlon



Title of Book: *Dog Man and Cat Kid*

Author: Dav Pilkey

Review: “This book is very funny and easy to read. It never gets boring and keeps you interested. In this book, Dog Man has a sidekick and together they solve mysteries.” – John Coletti



Title of Book: *Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties*

Author: Dav Pilkey

Review: “This book has a lot of crime fighting and I love crime fighting books and shows. In this book Dog Man is part of the police force. This book is for all ages and I would recommend it to anyone who likes the *Captain Underpants* series. – Sydney Marshall



Title of Book: *Middle School Misadventures*

Author: Jason Platt

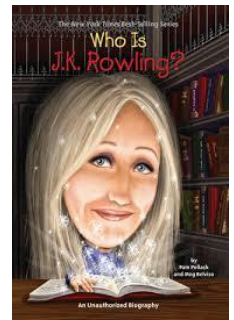
Review: “This book is very funny. It’s about three girls and three boys that are all friends. I love how Newell brings up tons of funny flashbacks. In the beginning, it is so funny that Newell is eating pancakes on a Wednesday, a school day, and he thinks it’s Saturday. Then he is late to school and has to go to summer school! The only way to redeem himself is if he signed up for the talent show, except he doesn’t have an act.” – Darcy A. Behan



Title of Book: *Who is J.K. Rowling?*

Author: Pam Pollack and Meg Belviso

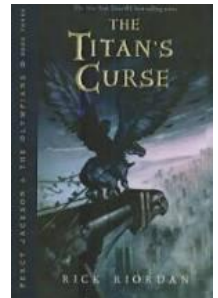
Review: “This book is so good. It is about the author of my favorite book series, *Harry Potter*. I learned that she has three children and a husband named Neil Murray. The book tells you how J.K. Rowling came up with the idea that became the award-winning National Best Seller Book Series. It was so interesting to learn about the author. This book is really good.” – Brendan Duffy



Title of Book: *The Titan’s Curse: Percy Jackson and the Olympians (Book 3)*

Author: Rick Riordan

Review: “This book is fun to read. Percy Jackson’s friend Grover finds two powerful half-bloods. Percy goes on an action-packed adventure to save Annabeth and Artemis from their kidnappers. In my opinion, this is a “Must Read” book.” – Brady Connolly



Title of Book: *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*

Author: Rick Riordan

Review: “In this book you will learn about Greek mythology in a fun way. Percy Jackson is a troubled kid who finds out he is a demi-god. He and his friends go on an adventure and along the way find more than they bargained for, a “Must Read” book for sure.” - Cameron Rhodes

“Percy Jackson is about a twelve-year-old half blood, or demigod. His best friend, Grover is a satyr, or half goat. After his mom was taken away, he found out he was the son of Poseidon. He goes on an exciting journey to get her back. I love this book because it is based off Greek mythology. It is funny and has a lot of plot twists.” – Audrey Morrow

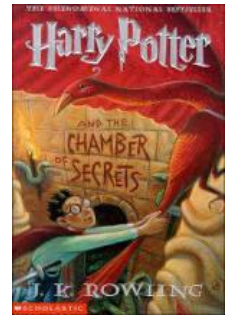
“This book is about an amazing adventure that Percy Jackson took to save the world. It is filled with great characters and lots of twists and turns. I recommend this book for everyone.” - Tevah Schwarz-Van Praag



Title of Book: *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

Author: J.K. Rowling

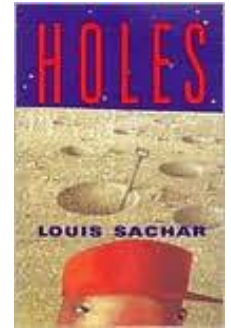
Review: “This book is very exciting and action packed. Harry and his “loving” family do nothing over the summer, but when at Hogwarts, Harry is the most wonderful boy. This is a great book for anyone who likes witchcraft and wizardry.” – Sabrina Nardella



Title of Book: *HOLES*

Author: Louis Sachar

Review: “It is a very exciting book that keeps you excited for what is going to happen next. Every day they have to dig a hole, five feet deep and five feet wide. It has three different stories that eventually come together into one.” –Liam McNamara



Title of Book: *Hero*

Author: Liz Shotz

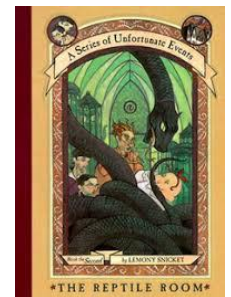
Review: “I love this book because it is about a boy whose Dad is a police officer. The Dad gives the boy his dog, Hero, and they do everything together.” - Noah Porter



Title of Book: *A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Reptile Room*

Author: Lemony Snicket

Review: “This is an exciting book that makes you wonder every time you stop reading. In this story, three children are facing tough problems by themselves. People are chasing after them and no one is listening to them. The kids are smart and determined and can solve any problem. If you like mysteries, then this is definitely the book for you.” – Viviana Haley



Title of Book: *Wings of Fire: The Hidden Kingdom*

Author: Tui T. Sutherland

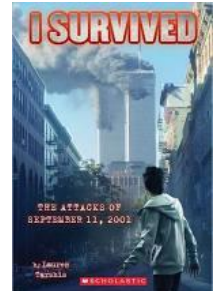
Review: “I love that each dragon has its own unique personality. This is the third book in the *Wings of Fire* series. It is a “Must Read” for any dragon lover.” – Ronan Orilia



Title of Book: *I Survived 9/11*

Author: Lauren Tarshis

Review: “This book shows you how important it is to respect fire fighters, police officers and nurses. It was interesting to learn about what happened.” – Jack Hubler



Title of Book: *I Survived the Battle of D-Day*

Author: Lauren Tarshis

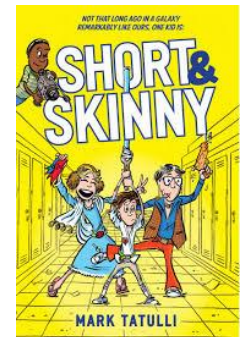
Review: “She writes the book with so much feeling and description. It has a lot of interesting information about D-Day. This book provides a lot of details and interesting facts about WWII.” – Matthew Erickson



Title of Book: *Short and Skinny*

Author: Mack Tatulti

Review: “Mark is a middle school kid who is short and skinny. This book is very calming, and very fun to read. Its comic style with pictures makes it easy to understand.” – Sean Arevalo



Title of Book: *Sisters*

Author: Raina Telgemeier

Review: “In the beginning of *Sisters*, the sisters always used to fight. At the end, their mom left with the car and the brother went with her. Soon after, they began getting along. This is such a good book that anyone would love.” – Alexia Zangari



Title of Book: *Smile*

Author: Raina Telgemeier

Review: "I love this book because it teaches you that it doesn't matter what you look like with braces and that you should always smile. I think lots of people would like the book *Smile*, and it would be a perfect "Must Read"." - Annie McFeely

