#### **Graphic Novels**

Two-Headed Chicken

X 740 Angleberger, Tom

A plucky two-headed chicken is hurtling across the multiverse, being chased in and out of universes by a chicken-hungry moose!

The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza X 740 Barnett. Mac

When rats start eating the Moon, a fearsome beast is bioengineered in a secret lab to be Earth's last hope. This hero, the First Cat in Space, journeys to the lunar landscape in a quest to save the world.

Squire and Knight

X 740 Chantler, Scott

Staying behind to catch up on his reading while his inept boss rides off to slay a dragon, Squire notices something isn't quite right about the village.

Misfit Mansion

X 740 Davault, Kay

A monster girl sneaks into a human town to find a family for herself and her mythical housemates, only to unravel long kept secrets.

Manu!!

X 740 Fernandez, Kelly

After a prank goes terribly wrong and her magic is wished away, Manu uses a dangerous spell to restore it and learns that great power comes at a high cost, and she may not be able to pay the price.

Cat Crusader

X 740 Gallagher, John

After taking a bite of a radioactive space meatball, Max, a regular cat living in Kittyopolis, gains superpowers and begins to fight crime.

Shirley & Jamila Save Their Summer X 740 Goerz, Gillian

When ten-year-olds Shirley and Jamila meet, Jamila is simply hoping for a friend in her new neighborhood but Shirley is a detective and together they seek a missing gecko.

InvestiGators

X 740 Green, John

Mango and Brash are the InvestiGators: sewerloving agents of S.U.I.T.\* and scourge of supervillains everywhere.

**Stepping Stones** 

X 740 Knisley, Lucy

Jen moves out to the country and has to put up with her mom and her mom's new boyfriend, as well as his kids. Suddenly part of a larger family in a new place, Jen isn't sure there is a place for her.

Allergic

X 740 Lloyd, Megan Wagner While dealing with allergies, Maggie searches for a pet she can safely love, and questions her friendship with her neighbor, who just got a puppy.

The Aquanaut

X 740 Santat, Dan

With her father lost at sea, Sophie wanders aimlessly around Aqualand, a marine theme park, until an "aquanaut" breaks into the park's research lab to confront the park's dark side.

Katie the Catsitter

X 740 Venable, Colleen

Twelve-year-old Katie is looking at her upcoming boring summer vacation with dread, but then she gets a job catsitting for her upstairs neighbor and life gets a lot more mysterious.

## Mystery/Thriller

Middle School Bites

X Banks, Steven

Eleven-year-old Tom Marks has big plans for middle school, but the day before classes begin he is bitten by a vampire, a werewolf, and a zombie.

Midnight at the Barclay Hotel

X Bradley, Fleur

Five murder suspects are invited to a haunted hotel for a weekend getaway, and it is up to JJ and Penny to solve who committed the crime.

Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor

X Carter, Ally

After years in foster care, April gets to live in a mansion where she and four other children are caught up in a mystery related to a missing heir and a lost legacy.

Houdini and Me

X Gutman, Dan

Eleven-year-old Harry lives in the house where Houdini spent his last years, so he has always been interested in magicians. But he didn't expect Houdini to contact him from beyond the grave!

Hide and Seeker

X Hermon, Daka

Zee has returned after being mysteriously missing. At his welcome home party, everyone plays Hide and Seek, but it gets terrifying very quickly.



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# Grade 4

# Great Reads



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#### Realistic

The Friendship War X Clements. Andrew

Ellie is always in the center of everything, and Grace is usually happy to be her sidekick. But when Grace starts a fad that spreads through the whole school, it might just be the end of their friendship.

Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey X Kelly, Erin Entrada

Marisol, who has a big imagination and likes to name inanimate objects, has a tree in her backyard named Peppina...but she's way too scared to climb it. Will Marisol find the courage to climb?

Stand Up, Yumi Chung! X Kim. Jessica

When eleven-year-old Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids' comedy camp, she is mistaken for another student, so she decides to play the part.

The Turnover X Lupica, Mike

When a young basketball star decides to research his grandfather and coach for a school project, he uncovers a decades old scandal that changes everything he thought he knew.

Indian No More X McManis, Charlene

When Regina's Umpqua tribe is legally terminated and her family must relocate from Oregon to Los Angeles, she struggles to understand her identity as an Indian despite being so far from home.

Leeva at Last

X Pennypacker, Sara

With the help of an orphaned badger, a boy in a hazmat suit, and the town librarians, Leeva tries to discover her own answer--setting off a chain of events that will change Nutsmore forever.

Ben Yokohama and the Cookie of Doom

X Swanson, Matthew

Ben takes a fortune cookie literally, and believing he has only a single day left to live, tries to do everything he has ever wanted to do by nightfall.

Ways to Make Sunshine

X Watson, Renee

The Hart family of Portland, Oregon, faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job. No matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her family.

The Bridge Home

X Venkatraman, Padma

Eleven-year-old runaway Viji and three other children survive in Chennai, India by scavenging in the trash. But when illness strikes, she must decide whether to risk their freedom by seeking help.

## Adventure/Fantasy

Odder

X Applegate, Katherine

Odder spends her days off the coast of central California, practicing her underwater acrobatics and spinning the quirky stories for which she's known.

The Beatryce Prophecy

X Dicamillo, Kate

Brother Edik nurses an abandoned child back to health, but when he uncovers her dangerous secret, she is sent away into the world with a goat and a boy to accompany her.

The Smartest Kid in the Universe

X Grabenstein, Chris

When Jake mistakes the world's first ingestible knowledge pills for jelly beans, his life suddenly changes, and he must use his new intelligence to try to figure out a way to save his school.

**Best Wishes** 

X Mlynowski, Sarah

After her best friend ditches her, leaving her feeling devastated and alone, Becca receives a magical bracelet that grants her wish for more friends. But having a dream come true is not so simple.

DaVinci's Cat

X Murdock. Catherine

Federico, a boy from the Italian Renaissance, and Bee, a girl from present-day New Jersey, use a mysterious wardrobe to travel through time.

Stuntboy, in the Meantime

X Reynolds, Jason

Portico Reeves's secret identity as Stuntboy allows him to use his superpower to keep everybody safe, but when his parents start fighting a lot he feels the responsibility to save them.

Mañanaland

X Ryan, Pam Muñoz

Max, armed only with a treasured compass and legends about a mythical gatekeeper, sets out on a dangerous quest to discover if he is true of heart and what the future holds.

The Guardian Test

X Soontornvat, Christina

Plum is shocked to discover that she's been accepted to the Guardian Academy, an elite school where kids learn how to transform into magical creatures who protect the natural world.

Skunk and Badger

X Timberlake, Amy

The last thing Badger wants is a roommate, and certainly not Skunk, who brings mayhem wherever he goes. Soon, everything in Badger's quiet and ordered life is turned upside down.

#### Historical

A Place to Hang the Moon

X Albus, Kate

In World War II England, orphaned siblings William, Edmund, and Anna are evacuated from London to the countryside, where they bounce from home to home in search of someone willing to adopt them.

Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna

X Dobbs, Alda P.

Based on a true story, the tale of one girl's perilous journey to cross the U.S. border and lead her family to safety during the Mexican Revolution.

#### **Science Fiction**

Finn and the Intergalactic Lunchbox X Buckley. M.

Finn's lunchbox is very unusual... things keep coming out of it, like a huge robot and a dangerous weapon that get's stuck in Finn's chest.

Sal & Gabi Break the Universe

X Hernandez, Carlos

In order to heal after the death of his mother, Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things from other universes.

The Lion of Mars

X Holm, Jennifer L.

Bell has spent his whole life, all eleven years of it, on Mars. But he's still just a regular kid who loves cats, any kind of cake, and is curious about the secrets the adults in the US colony are keeping.

**Astronuts** 

X Scieszka, Jon

The end of the world is nigh and it's time to look elsewhere to find a new home. When the AstroNuts find a new planet, it looks lush with plant life and full of natural food. But is it uninhabited?