




40 Recommended Reading Books for Year 4


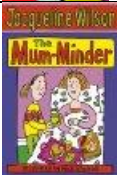
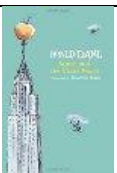



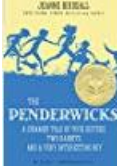



We have carefully selected books that will hopefully capture your imagination. This list contains colour-bands and a description of the book so that you are able to choose your favourites according to your book-band level and your personal interests. The 'Lexile rating' included measures the difficulty level of the text; a higher Lexile rating indicates a more difficult text. Certificates will be awarded as you read books from this list; you will need to record a brief response to a reading task in your reading record (such as a description of a character). A bronze certificate will be awarded once you have read 5 books from the list, a silver award will be awarded after 10, a gold award will be awarded once you have read 15 and a platinum award after 25.

| Title | Image | Author | ISBN | Overview | Lexile rating | Book Band | Date Read |
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| The ice monster |  | David Walliams | 9780008297244 | When Elsie, an orphan on the streets of Victorian London, hears about the mysterious Ice Monster – a woolly mammoth found at the North Pole – she's determined to discover more... | 560 | Gold | |
| Artemis Fowl |  | Eoin Colfer | 9780141339092 | Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius-and, above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy. | 600 | Gold | |
| Birthday boy |  | David Baddiel | 9780007967551 | This is the story of Sam Green, who really, really, really loves birthdays. | 640 | Silver | |
| Holes |  | Louis Sachar | 9783125781702 | Stanley is banished to Camp Green Lake – a detention centre for boys. He is mysteriously assigned to digging holes in the desert | 660 | Silver | |
| Storm breaker (Alex Rider book 1) |  | Anthony Horowitz | 9780142406113 | They told him his uncle died in an accident. He wasn't wearing his seatbelt, they said. | 670 | Silver | |
| The unwanted puppy |  | Holly Webb | 9781338313918 | Zoe loves dogs but hasn't had one of her own since her beloved Honey died. Then Zoe spies Scout, a gorgeous Bernese Mountain puppy. | 720 | Silver | |
| The naughtiest girl in school |  | Enid Blyton | 9781444918823 | Elizabeth is spoilt and selfish and has made up her mind to be the naughtiest pupil there's ever been! But soon she finds out that being bad isn't as simple as it seems ... | 720 | Silver | |
| The Land of stories: The wishing spell |  | Chris Colfer | 9780316406888 | When the twins' grandmother gives them a treasured fairy-tale book, they have no idea they're about to enter a land beyond all imagining: the Land of Stories, where fairy tales are real. | 720 | Silver | |

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| The secret of Nightingale Wood |  | Lucy Strange | 9781338157475 | Nanny Jane is too busy to pay any attention to Henrietta and the things she sees - or thinks she sees - in the shadows of their new home. | 730 | Emerald | |
| Chicken School |  | Jeremy Strong | 9780141322407 | 'I liked playing trains with my dad when I was seven or eight. But I'm eleven now. Where's the excitement . . . Where's my life?' | 750 | Emerald | |
| The Guggenheim Mystery |  | Robin Stevens | 978-0141377032 | A painting was stolen from the Guggenheim Museum, where Aunt Gloria works. Then Aunt Gloria was blamed for the theft... | 750 | Emerald | |
| Marley: A Dog like No other |  | John Grogan | 9780061240331 | Marley, a lovable Labrador retriever, is always getting himself into trouble. Some may say he is the world's worst dog. | 750 | Emerald | |
| The Iron Man |  | Ted Hughes | 9780571226122 | When a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world. | 760 | Ruby | |
| My Granny's Great Escape |  | Jeremy Strong | 9780141322414 | Nicholas's granny has fallen in love – with the elderly Hell's Angel next door! Yurrrgghhh. | 760 | Ruby | |
| The world's worst children |  | David Walliams | 97800808197032 | Are you ready to meet the World's Worst Children? From Dribbling Drew – a boy whose drool gets him into terrible trouble – to Sofia Sofa – a TV super-fan so stuck to the sofa that she's turning into one! | 760 | Ruby | |
| The House with Chicken Legs |  | Sophie Anderson | 978-1474940665 | Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. | 770 | Ruby | |
| Weird but true! |  | National Geographic kids | 9781426305948 | Well did you know that... Peanut butter can be converted into a diamond? The world's oldest pet goldfish lived to be 43 years old? | 770 | Ruby | |
| The amazing Story of Adolphus Tips |  | Michael Morpurgo | 9780439796613 | A stunning novel about friendship, war, and one girl's bravery which changes her life forever | 780 | Ruby | |
| The Borrowers |  | Mary Norton | 9780241340370 | Arietty Clock isn't your typical little girl. Although she is <i>little</i> . Very little and lives under the floorboards of house that doesn't belong to her family. | 780 | Ruby | |

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| The Rotten Romans |  | Terry Deary | 9780590031523 | Go back into the really rotten times of the Romans, where there were beastly battles, deadly doctors and marvellous myths. | 780 | Ruby | |
| The Mum Minder |  | Jacqueline Wilson | 9780440868255 | Mum's a childminder, but she doesn't have to mind me. I can mind myself, easy-peasy. Lucky for Mum, because now she's got the flu, so I've got to mind her — and help with all the babies! | 780 | Ruby | |
| James & The Giant peach |  | Roald Dahl | 9780425287651 | When James drops magic crystals by the peach tree, the peach starts growing... | 790 | Ruby | |
| Wonder |  | R. J. Palacio | 9780375869020 | 'My name is August. I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse.' | 790 | Ruby | |
| Who let the Gods out? |  | Mary Evans | 9781910655412 | When a shooting star crashes to earth, it lands Eliot smack bang in the path of Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. | 800 | Ruby | |
| The Butterfly Lion |  | Michael Morpurgo | 9780670874613 | Sold to the circus years ago, Bertie's only clue to finding the lion is a tattered circus poster. | 800 | Ruby | |
| The Penderwicks |  | Jeanne Birdsall | 9780440420477 | The Penderwicks: four sisters, as different as chalk from cheese, yet as close as can be. | 800 | Ruby | |
| The book scavenger |  | Jennifer Bertman | 9781627795265 | For Emily, the best thing about moving to San Francisco is that it's the home city of her literary idol: Garrison Griswold, creator of the online sensation Book Scavenger (a game where books are hidden in cities and clues to find them are revealed through puzzles). | 810 | Ruby | |
| Planet Oma Accidental Trouble Magnet |  | Zanib Mian | 9781444951226 | My parents decided it would be a good idea to move house AND move me to a new school at the same time. The class bully seems to think I'm the perfect target.... | 820 | Ruby | |
| Asha and the spirit bird |  | Jasbinder Bilan | 978-1911490197 | Asha lives in the foothills of the Himalayas. Money is tight and she misses her papa who works in the city. When he suddenly stops sending his wages, a ruthless moneylender ransacks their home and her mother talks of leaving. | 840 | Ruby | |

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| Esio Trot |  | Roald Dahl | 97801 41304 649 | Retired bachelor Mr. Hoppy is hopelessly in love with his neighbour Mrs. Silver, but she is only interested in her pet tortoise Alfie... | 840 | Ruby | |
| Matilda |  | Roald Dahl | 97814 17786 138 | For most kids, The Trunchbull is pure terror, but for Matilda, she is a sitting duck | 840 | Ruby | |
| Dear Hound |  | Jill Murphy | 97808 02721 907 | Alfie's your average deer hound puppy – curious about the world around him, happy to chase the cat... | 840 | Ruby | |
| Hamlet |  | William Shakespeare | 97818 41213 408 | An action-packed re-telling of Shakespeare's dark tale of revenge and murder. | 850 | Ruby | |
| Burping Bertha |  | Michael Rosen | | A burp so extraordinary. A burp so big that very soon it's causing havoc ...Such a burptastic secret cannot stay quiet for long. | 880 | Ruby | |
| The Never-ending story |  | Michael Ende | 97801 40317 930 | Shy, awkward Bastian is amazed to discover that he has become a character in the mysterious book he is reading and that he has an important mission to fulfill. | 930 | Sapphire | |
| Ballet shoes |  | Noel Streatfield | 97806 79847 595 | In this story, three orphan girls vow to make a name for themselves and find their own special talents. Originally published in 1937. | 930 | Sapphire | |
| The boy at the back of the class |  | Onjali Rauf | 97815 10105 010 | He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets | 940 | Sapphire | |
| Brain Boggling Body |  | Nick Arnold | 97814 07162 096 | The Horrible guide that tells young scientists everything they need to know about their body. | 950 | Sapphire | |
| National Geographic Kids: Everything Big Cats |  | Elizabeth Carney | 97814 26308 055 | Packed with facts and tantalising anecdotes from experts and bursting with colour photographs, learn all about big cats in this fresh take on the subject that kids with love. | 950 | Sapphire | |
| Women in Science |  | Rachel Ignotofsky | 97816 07749 769 | This book highlights the contributions of fifty notable women to the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, from both the ancient and modern worlds. | 990 | Sapphire | |

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