

Book Suggestions for Grades 3 - 4

Read for the fun of it! Try one of these titles.

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Author and Title

- F WHELAN Whelan, Gloria. Angel on the square. New York: HarperCollins, 2001. In 1913 Russia, twelve-year-old Katya eagerly anticipates leaving her St. Petersburg home, though not her older cousin Misha, to join her mother, a lady in waiting in the household of Tsar Nicholas II. The ensuing years bring world war, revolution, and undreamed of changes to her life.
- F BLUME Blume, Judy. Double Fudge. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2002. His younger brother's obsession with money and the discovery of long-lost cousins Flora and Fauna provide many embarrassing moments for twelve-year-old Peter.
- F RYA Ryan, Pam Muñoz. Esperanza rising. New York: Scholastic, 2000. Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.
- F MCALLISTER McAllister, Margaret. Ghost at the window. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2002. Ewan and his parents love the isolated Scottish house they have moved to, but it slips in and out of different times, and Ewan finds he must help a young girl trapped by these time shifts and stuck between life and death.
- F WHELAN Whelan, Gloria. Homeless bird. New York: HarperCollins, c2000. When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.
- F GANTOS Gantos, Jack. Joey Pigza loses control. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2000. Joey, who is still taking medication to keep him from getting too wired, goes to spend the summer with the hard-drinking father he has never known and tries to help the baseball team he coaches win the championship.
- F SNICKET Snicket, Lemony. Lemony Snicket: the unauthorized autobiography. New York: HarperCollins, 2002. Fictional author Lemony Snicket, a character created by Brett Helquist to write "A Series of Unfortunate Events," provides a glimpse into his mysterious and sometimes confusing life, using fanciful letters, diary entries, and other miscellaneous documents as well as photographs and illustrations.
- F TOLAN Tolan, Stephanie S. Surviving the Applewhites. New York: HarperCollins, 2002. Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.
- F CLEMENTS Clements, Andrew. A week in the woods. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2002. The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.
- F FLE Fleischman, Sid. The whipping boy. Mahwah, NJ: Troll, 1986. Since it is forbidden to spank the heir to the throne, the Prince is known as Prince Brat and Jemmy, an orphan taken from the streets, serves as his whipping boy. Jemmy dreams of running away. The Prince joins him and they set off together on an adventure that will change their lives forever.
- F DAHL Dahl, Roald. The witches. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1983. A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother, who is an expert on witches, together foil a witches' plot to destroy the world's children by turning them into mice.
- F PECK Peck, Richard. A year down yonder. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2000. During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.

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