

# Fourth Grade

## Summer Reading 2009

### Juvenile Fiction (J):

**Barrett, Tracy.** The 100 year-old Secret. Xena and Xander discover they are the great-great-great grandchildren of Sherlock Holmes and attempt to solve the case of a famous missing painting.

**Cabot, Meg.** Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls. Allie likes to make rules, but her world is turned upside-down when she finds out her family is moving across town. Time for some new rules!

**Collins, Ross.** Medusa Jones. In ancient Greece, Medusa Jones, a gorgon, and her friends, a minotaur and a centaur, are mocked and sneered at by the other Acropolis Academy children whose parents are kings and gods, but when they go on a school camping trip together, the “freaks” become true heroes.

**Davis, Jacqueline.** Lemonade War. When Treski finds out that his younger sister will be skipping a grade and joining his class, the siblings compete to see who can raise more money.

**Griffin, Adele.** Vampire Island. Siblings Maddy, Lexie, and Hudson Livingstone, vampire-fruit bat hybrids, struggle to live as humans in New York City while maintaining their individual vampire strengths.

**Gutman, Dan.** Nightmare at the Book Fair. When fifth-grader Trip Dinkleman gets hit on the head by a heavy box and becomes a character in a series of different books – from a sports story, to a science fiction novel to an adventure story, his view of reading is changed forever.

**Jennings, Patrick.** We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes

A snake is captured by a young boy and added to his miserable menagerie. Though the snake is a loner, she does find friendship among the other animals which presents a problem when she wants to escape.

**Jones, Kimberly.** Genie Scheme. When Jana gives her hat to a cold stranger, she is rewarded when the stranger turns out to be a genie! But when wishes have consequences, owning everything isn't any fun.

**Kennedy, Marlane.** The Dog Days of Charlotte Hayes. Eleven-year-old Charlotte is not a dog person, but when her family neglects their St. Bernard puppy, she works on finding a good home for the gentle giant.

**Klise, Kate.** Dying to Meet You. This book, told through letters, drawings, and newspaper articles, is about I.B. Grumpy, an author who rents a home at 43 Old Cemetery Road for some peace and quiet. Unfortunately, the house is already occupied by an eleven-year old boy, his cat, and an irritable ghost.

**LaFevers, R.L.** Theodosia and the Serpent of Chaos. Part Indiana Jones, part Nancy Drew, twelve-year-old Theo encounters two secret societies, one sworn to protect the world from ancient Egyptian magic and one planning to harness it to bring chaos to the world.

**Law, Ingrid.** Savvy. This book recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday reveals her “savvy” –a magical power unique to each member of her family.

### **Juvenile Fiction, cont. (J):**

**Lupica, Mike.** Mike Lupica's Comeback Kids: Two Minute Drill. Brainy Scott, a great kicker who otherwise struggles with football, and star quarterback Chris, who has dyslexia, team up to help each other succeed in both football and school.

**Martin, Ann.** Doll People. A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor. First in a series, ending with 2008's Runaway Dolls.

### **Juvenile Fiction, cont. (J):**

**Mould, Chris.** Wooden Mile. When Stanley Buggle inherits a house from his great-uncle, he discovers the house has also come with some sinister neighbors, a talking stuffed fish, and a host of mysteries surrounding his great-uncle's death.

**Seidler, Tor.** Gully's Travels. Gully, a Lhasa Apso, lives a pampered life in a Manhattan apartment. When his master marries a woman who is allergic to dogs, Gully is sent to live with the doorman in Queens, and his misadventures begin.

**Silberberg, Alan.** Pond Scum. The animals of a local pond are determined to keep humans from moving into the house on their property by terrorizing the realtor and leaving "presents" inside.

### **Series (J) and (J Series wall):**

**Bee, Clair.** Chip Hilton.

**Black, Holly.** Beyond the Spiderwick Chronicles.

**Gliori, Debi.** Pure Dead Magic.

**Hale, Bruce.** Chet Gecko.

**Hunter, Erin.** Warriors.

**Rodda, Emily.** Deltora Quest and Rowan of Rin.

**Springer, Nancy.** Enola Holmes series.

**Thirty-nine.** 39 Clues series.

**Van Draanen, Wendelin.** Sammy Keyes

**Warner, Gertrude.** Boxcar Children

**Erickson, John.** (series wall) Hank the Cowdog.

**Moss, Marissa.** (series wall) Amelia's notebook

### **Non-fiction:**

Animals Up Close by Igor Siganowicz. If you love nature, you'll love these large-as-life photos and facts about animals big and small. **590 Si**

What's the Weather Inside? by Karma Wilson. If you like poetry by Shel Silverstein and Jack Prelutsky, you'll love this collection, too! **811.54 Wi**

Egyptology by Emily Sands. Sift through this fictional scrapbook of an amateur archaeologist gone missing during the height of 1920s "Egyptmania" and learn about the ancient world. **932 Sa**

Who Discovered America? by Valerie Wyatt. Who discovered America? The answer isn't as easy as it seems! **970.01 Wy**