



## Books for Fourth Grade SRC 2012

### **Chapter Books (J)**

**Carman, Patrick.** Floors.

Ten-year-old Leo's future and the fate of the extraordinary Whippet Hotel, where his father is the maintenance man, are at stake when a series of cryptic boxes leads Leo to hidden floors, strange puzzles, and unexpected alliances.

**Deedy, Carmen Agra.** The Cheshire Cheese Cat.

A community of mice and a cheese-loving cat form an unlikely alliance at London's Cheshire Cheese, an inn where Charles Dickens finds inspiration and Queen Victoria makes an unexpected appearance.

**Epstein, Adam Jay.** Secrets of the Crown.

When human magic is destroyed, familiars Aldwyn the cat, Skylar the blue jay, and Gilbert the tree frog set out without their wizards to seek the Crown of the Snow Leopard--the only object that can save the kingdom of Vastia from the evil hare Paksahara.

**Forester, Victoria.** The Girl Who Could Fly.

When homeschooled farm girl Piper McCloud reveals her ability to fly, she is quickly taken to a secret government facility to be trained with other exceptional children, but she soon realizes that something is very wrong and begins working with brilliant and wealthy Conrad to escape.

**George, Jessica Day.** Tuesdays at the Castle.

11-year-old Princess Celie lives with her parents and her brothers and sister at Castle Glower, which adds rooms or stairways or secret passageways most every Tuesday. When the king and queen are ambushed while travelling, it is up to Celie--the castle's favorite subject--with her secret knowledge of its never-ending twists and turns, to protect their home and save their kingdom.

**Horvath, Polly.** Mr. and Mrs. Bunny -- Detective's Extraordinaire!

Madeline's parents have disappeared and it is up to her to find them. When she sees a fox driving a car and meets a pair of bunny detectives she finds herself in an unusual mystery that involves her hippy parents, an uncle in a coma, code breaking marmots, factory owning foxes, and a pair of fedora wearing bunny detectives.

**Ibbotson, Eva.** The Ogre of Oglefort.

When the Hag of Dribble, an orphan boy, and a troll called Ulf are sent to rescue a princess from an ogre, it turns out to be far from the routine magical mission they expect.

**Lai, Thanhha.** Inside Out and Back Again.

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

**Lin, Grace.** Dumpling Days.

When Pacy, her two sisters, and their parents go to Taiwan to celebrate Grandma's sixtieth birthday, the girls learn a great deal about their heritage.

**McElligott, Matthew.** Benjamin Franklinshtein Meets the Fright Brothers.

Victor and his friends, aided by Benjamin Franklin, uncover an evil scheme involving giant bats and two mysterious brothers, and learn more about the secretive Modern Order of Prometheus.

**Selfors, Suzanne.** Smells Like Dog.

When farm boy Homer Pudding's explorer-uncle dies and leaves him a droopy dog with a mysterious coin hidden on its collar, it leads him to The City, where they meet Madame La Directeur, the conniving head of the Natural History Museum, who is trying to steal the coin and take Homer's place in a secret society of adventurers.

**Sherry, Maureen.** Walls Within Walls.

When the Smithfork family moves into a lavish Manhattan apartment building, they discover clues to a decades-old mystery hidden behind the walls of their new home.

**Snyder, Laurel.** Bigger Than a Breadbox.

Devastated when her parents separate, twelve-year-old Rebecca must move to Gran's house in Atlanta, where Rebecca discovers an old breadbox with the power to grant any wish--so long as the wished-for thing fits in the breadbox.

**Van Eekhout, Greg.** The Boy at the End of the World.

Born half-grown in a world that is being destroyed, Fisher has instinctive knowledge of many things, including that he must avoid the robot that knows his name.

## **Chapter Book Series (J)**

**Grisham, John.** Theodore Boone.

With two attorneys for parents, thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone knows more about the law than most lawyers do. But when a high profile murder trial comes to his small town and Theo gets pulled into it, it's up to this amateur attorney to save the day.

**London, C. Alexander.** Accidental Adventure.

As the children of two world-famous explorers, eleven-year-old twins Celia and Oliver prefer television-watching to adventure-seeking until their father takes them on adventures.

**Look, Lenore.** Alvin Ho.

A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.

## **Graphic Novels (J)**

**Hatke, Ben.** Zita the Spacegirl.

When young Zita discovers a device that opens a portal to another place, and her best friend is abducted, she is compelled to set out on a strange journey from star to star in order to get back home.

**Rex, Michael.** Fangbone.

Eastwood Elementary has a new student, and he's nothing like the other kids in 3G. Fangbone is a barbarian warrior from another world! And he's been charged with the task of keeping a deadly weapon from Skullbania's vilest villain, Venomous Drool. Can Fangbone's new classmates team up to help him triumph over hound-snakes, lava-ferrets, and his first pop quiz?

**Santat, Dan.** Sidekicks.

When Captain Amazing feels he is getting too old to be a reliable superhero, he tries to hire a new sidekick, but his pets have different ideas.

## **Non-Fiction**

**Burris, Judy.** The Secret Lives of Backyard Bugs.

Provides information about insects commonly found in backyards and explains the many advantages they provide. **(595.7 Bu)**

**Cusick, Dawn.** Cool Animal Names.

Discover weird animals such as the wolf spider, panther chameleon, and ant lion, which stalk prey the way their large mammal namesakes do, or animals such as the elephant shrew and elephant fish, which were named for their trunk-like appendages.

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**Ripley's.** Ripley's Believe It or Not: Curioddities.

Offers a collection of brief reports of unusual and noteworthy developments, including a twenty-seven pound rabbit, a hotel made of salt crystals, and tea parties on top of a hot-air balloon. **(031.02 Ri)**

**Silverstein, Shel.** Everything on It.

This poetry collection includes more than one hundred and thirty never-before-seen poems and drawings completed by the cherished American artist and selected by his family from his archives. **(811.54 Si)**