



## Books for Fourth Grade SRC 2010

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

**Barnett, Mac.** The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity.

When twelve year old Steve Brixton, a fan of Bailey Brothers detective novels, is mistaken for a real detective, he must elude librarians, police, and the mysterious Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information.

**Cole, Henry.** A Nest for Celeste: A Story about Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home.

Celeste, a mouse longing for a real home, becomes a source of inspiration to teenaged Joseph, assistant to the artist and naturalist John James Audubon, at a New Orleans, Louisiana, plantation in 1821.

**Davies, Jacqueline.** Lemonade War.

Evan (people-smart) and his sister Jessie (book-smart) compete to see who can sell the most lemonade in what starts as a friendly competition.

**Gaiman, Neil.** Odd and the Frost Giants.

In a village in ancient Norway lives a boy named Odd, and he's had some very bad luck: His father perished in a Viking expedition; a tree fell on and shattered his leg; the endless freezing winter is making villagers dangerously grumpy. Out in the forest Odd encounters a bear, a fox, and an eagle—three creatures with a strange story to tell. Now Odd is forced on a journey to save Asgard, city of the gods, from the Frost Giants who have invaded it.

**Giff, Patricia Reilly.** Wild Girl.

When twelve-year-old Lidie leaves Brazil to join her father and brother on a horse ranch in New York, she has a hard time adjusting to her changed circumstances, as does a new horse that has come to the ranch.

**Horvath, Polly.** Northward to the Moon.

When Jane's stepfather, Ned, is fired from his job as a high school French teacher (he doesn't actually speak French) the family packs up and heads off on a series of adventures.

**Klise, Kate.** Dying To Meet You: 43 Old Cemetery Road.

Ignatius B. Grumply moves into the Victorian mansion at 43 Old Cemetery Road hoping to find some peace and quiet so he can crack a wicked case of writer's block. But 43 Old Cemetery Road is already occupied! Told through a series of letters and newspaper articles. Fun to read!

**Messner, Kate.** Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.

Gianna is having a hard time focusing on school, and now a dreadful leaf project stands between her and her spot on the school's Cross-Country team.

**Parry, Rosanne.** Heart of a Shepherd.

Ignatius "Brother" Alderman, nearly twelve, promises to help his grandparents keep the family's Oregon ranch the same while his brothers are away and his father is deployed to Iraq.

**Peirce, Lincoln.** Big Nate: In a Class by Himself.

Fans of Captain Underpants and The Diary of a Wimpy Kid books will enjoy this book about Nate, a middle schooler who tries to set various records, but keeps getting detention slips instead.

**Snyder, Laurel.** Any Which Wall.

If you had a magic wall that could transport you to any place and any time, where would you go? This is just what Henry, Emma, Roy, and Susan must decide when they find a magic wall in the middle of an Iowa cornfield.

**Soup, Cuthbert.** A Whole Nother Story.

Readers who enjoyed the “Lemony Snicket” series will want to read this book. Ethan Cheeseman and his three children are always on the run because of the time machine that Mr. Cheeseman is developing. Spies and government agents are in pursuit – will the family ever be able to settle down?

**Stadler, Alexander.** Trash Crisis on Earth.

After being sent to his room, Julian reports to the Mothership the humiliation he has experienced at the hands of his earthling parents, teachers, and classmates. The last straw is, of course, being forced to "dispose of a large canister, filled to the brim with humanoid refuse," which leads to his "trash crisis on Earth."

**Tracy, Kristen.** Camille McPhee Fell Under the Bus.

Poor Camille. Life is not fair. She just found out that she has low blood sugar and has to carry a cooler around school (uncool!) and her best friend has just moved to Japan. But now she has a plan—be a lone wolf and don’t worry about making any new friends.

**Umansky, Kaye.** Clover Twig and the Magical Cottage.

Clover goes to work for a messy witch but finds herself in trouble when the evil Mesmeranza shows up to wreak havoc.

**Williams, Maia.** The Fizzy Whiz Kid.

Mitchell Mathis feels like the only unfamous kid in his Hollywood school, but when he is cast in a soda commercial—his entire life changes. Things are great... at first.

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

**Bozarth, Jan.** Fairy Godmother Academy series.

Great books for fans of Daisy Meadows’ Rainbow Magic series.

**Nimmo, Jenny.** Children of the Red King (Charlie Bone).

Charlie Bone discovers he has supernatural powers and is sent off to a school for special youngsters, where he makes friends and enemies and finds himself in fantastic adventures.

## **Nonfiction**

**Nesbit, Kenn.** My Hippo Has Hiccups.

A hilarious collection of poetry. **(811.54 Ne)**

**Singer, Marilyn.** Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse.

A collection of poems based on fairy tales that can be read in two ways – up and down. The poems are reverse images of themselves and have one meaning when read down the page and a different meaning when read up the page.

**(811.54 Si)**

**Woodward, John.** How to Be a Genius: Your Brain and How to Train It.

Learn how the brain works, how it helps you survive in the world, and how it makes you who you are. Complete with fun games and activities that can get your brain working even better. **(152.82 Wo)**