



2011 Suggested Summer Reading for 4th Grade

Title	Author	Summary	Copyright	Award List
Balarama: A Royal Elephant	Lewin, Ted and Betsy	Meet Balarama the Royal Elephant who is leading the celebration on the last day of Dasara in India. His debut as the specially selected chariot carrier is imminent. Will he be successful?	2009	Bluebonnet
The Witch's Guide to Cooking with Children	McGowan, Keith	Hansel and Gretel is only a fairy tale, right? Sol and his little sister Connie have just moved into a neighborhood devoid of children. Their father and stepmother are acting very strange, and a dog keeps digging up bones...	2009	Bluebonnet
The Storm in the Barn	Phelan, Matt	Eleven-year old Jack Clark lives Kansas in 1937 where it hasn't rained for so long people are starting to see strange things. There is water and a presence in the barn that he cannot explain. Is his imagination playing tricks on him?	2009	Bluebonnet
Black Elk's Vision: A Lakota Story	Nelson, S. D.	Told from Black Elk's point of view, S. D. Nelson vividly describes the plight of the Lakota and their struggles to maintain their way of life. Dynamic illustrations and historical photographs bring his message of hope to life.	2010	Bluebonnet
Turtle in Paradise	Holm, Jennifer L.	Life for Turtle in 1935 is no day at the beach. Her mother's new job means that she is sent to live with family members she has never even met. Photos and notes show what life was really like in this humorous historical novel.	2010	Bluebonnet
The Duchess of Whimsy: An Absolutely Delicious Fairy Tale	de Seve, Randall	Will a simple sandwich unite an extraordinary royal with an ordinary fellow? This beautifully illustrated, delicious, and whimsical fairy tale proves that people are not always who they seem, and simple things mean a lot.	2009	Bluebonnet
Happenstance Found	Catanese, P. W.	Happenstance awakens in a cavern beneath an active volcano, remembering nothing about himself. He is rescued by the extraordinary Lord Umber, the irascible Oates, and the mysterious Sophie, in an adventure of discovery.	2009	Bluebonnet
Wild Times at the Bed and Biscuit	Carris, Joan	Grandpa Bender along with Ernest the mini pig run The Bed & Biscuit, a boarding house for wounded animals. There, Grampa and the animals nurse a wounded goose, a cranky old muskrat and two feisty fox kits back to health.	2009	Bluebonnet
The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity	Barnett, Mac	How could a library book on quilting begin aspiring detective Steve's first case? Falsely accused by ninja librarians of being a criminal, Steve turns to his trusty Bailey Brothers' Detective Handbook to solve this mystery.	2009	Bluebonnet
The Shadows	West, Jacqueline	When Olive and her parents move to an old completely furnished house, Olive discovers very strange things including secrets in the basement and cats that are much more than they seem.	2010	Bluebonnet

Award Explanations

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This list does not represent required reading, nor are students restricted to the suggested grade level. The list is intended to give students a wide variety of reading levels, topics, genres, points of view, and ideas for summer reading. We hope that every student will enjoy these books or will find other titles of interest at the library.

Questions may be referred to SAISD Library Media Services 299-3766.

All books can be applied to the Mayor's Summer Reading Club: *Dig Up a Good Book! Excave un libro bueno!* beginning June 1.

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