


# Great Reads for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders



*Selected by librarians from Milwaukee Public Library*

**The New Girl** by Meg Cabot. FIC CABOT.

“Rule #1: When you are starting your first day at a brand new school, you have to wear something good, so people will think you’re nice.” Allie has a rule for everything, but sometimes, Allie’s rules don’t work.

**Happy Birthday Bad Kitty** by Nick Bruel. INT BRUEL.

It’s Bad Kitty’s birthday and someone has absconded with the presents. Bad Kitty’s unapologetic, and curmudgeonly nature delivers laugh-out-loud humor.

**Bobby Vs. Girls (Accidentally)** by Lisa Yee. FIC YEE. Bobby and Holly have been best friends since babyhood, but during school their friendship is a secret. It’s the first week of 4th grade and secrets are about to be revealed.

**Bad News for Outlaws** by Vaunda Nelson. 92 R3318N. Exciting action and bird’s-eye-view illustrations introduce children to Bass Reeves, who was born a slave, but became one of the most feared and respected Deputy U.S. Marshals to tame the West.

**Winning Words: Sport’s Stories and Photographs** by Charles Smith Jr. FIC SMITH.

Teamwork, pride, taking chances and fearing failure, winning, losing, are all part of playing any sport. Smith puts readers directly into the minds and bodies of athletes—you can almost feel the sweat.

**Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute** by Jarrett Krosoczka. GRAPHIC KROSOCZK. Serving justice...and lunch! Lunch Lady, equipped with a variety of high-tech kitchen gadgets, takes on an army of cyborgs.

**Aliens and UFOs** by Christopher Evans. 001.942 E915. Readers become members of the Extraterrestrial Investigation Agency on an interactive journey into the world of aliens and unidentified flying objects.

**Horrible Harry Cracks the Code** by Suzy Kline. INT KLI.

Harry is determined to uncover the special set of numbers that the school cook uses to award the daily prizes in the cafeteria’s “February Fun” program and prove to the class that he is a great detective

**Sunny Holiday** by Coleen Paratore. INT PARATOR. Fourth-grader Sunny is dealing with a lot in her young life. Her father is in prison, her school is in danger of being shut down, and she is trying to come up with new holidays so that every month has a fun day.

**Maze of Bones** by Rick Riordan. MYS RIORDAN. What if you were given a choice, take a million dollars and walk away, or get the first Clue that would eventually lead to fame and fortune? If you’re Amy and Dan you take the Clue, and begin a very dangerous race.

**Butterflies and Moths** by Nic Bishop. 595.789 B622. With breathtaking full-page images, Nic introduces young readers to the beauty and diversity of these amazing insects, from the shockingly bright blue morpho butterfly to the nearly transparent glasswing butterfly.

**Phineas L. MacGuire--Blasts Off** by Frances O’Roark Dowell. INT DOWELL.

MacGuire wants to attend Space Camp, but he doesn’t have enough money. So he signs up as a dog walker for the slobberiest Labrador Retriever in existence. It’s a lot of work for very little money, until Mac finds a way to parlay dog spit into cash.

**Savvy** by Ingrid Law. FIC LAW. In Mississippi Beaumont’s family, turning 13 means your savvy, or special ability, kicks in. When her grandfather turned 13, he created Idaho. And when her brother turned 13, he caused a hurricane. But when Mississippi turns 13 her father is in the hospital in a coma and her ‘savvy’ is not what she expects.

**TIPS** for helping your child become a Super Reader:

*Encourage older children to read to their younger brothers and sisters.*

*Books in a series are natural picks for kids-- familiar characters and plots make for easier reading and they always have a new book to look forward to.*

*Encourage your child to re-read favorite books. Re-reading helps kids read more quickly and accurately.*



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