

Good Books for Fourth Graders!
La Grange Public Library

***Sideways Stories from Wayside School* by Louis Sachar**

Wayside School was built to be one story with 30 classrooms, but it is sideways! It has thirty one-story classrooms that are far from normal.

***Half Magic* by Edward Eager**

A classic book about four siblings who find a coin that is half magic. When you make a wish, only half of it comes true, with some surprising results.

***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume**

This is the story of older brother, Peter, and his trials and tribulations with his younger brother. Fudge can do no wrong and Peter is constantly annoyed. Any older sibling will be able to relate.

***True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi**

On a voyage from England to Rhode Island in 1832, Charlotte joins in a seafaring crew and is accused of murder. A great swashbuckling adventure!

***Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket**

Don't read these. Turn back. Nothing good ever happens to the Baudelaire children. Their parents are killed off in the first book, and it's all downhill from there. These stories are so gloomy, that you must not read them when depressed.

***Charlie Bone* series by Jenny Nimmo**

For Harry Potter fans! Charlie Bone is a boy who has recently discovered that he has magical powers and is sent to a secret school for others with these abilities.

***Joey Pigza* series by Jack Gantos**

Joey keeps his sense of humor as he copes with an attention deficit disorder and his dysfunctional family.

***Freddy the Hamster* books by Dietlof Reiche**

Freddy is a golden hamster that in hopes of being adopted, teaches himself to read and write. What results is a funny autobiography of this lovable little rodent.

***The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School* by Candace Fleming**

A new teacher takes over the fourth grade class, with surprising results.

***Medusa Jones* by Ross Collins**

Medusa the gorgon, along with her friends the Minotaur and centaur are put down by the children of gods and kings, but triumph over a perilous rock slide.

***Ellie McDoodle, Have Pen Will Travel* by Ruth Barshaw**

Ellie McDoodle's illustrated journal of her camping trip with her aunt, uncle, and cousins.

***The Report Card* by Andrew Clements**

Nora has always been a great student, but when she brings home a terrible report card to prove that grades are not important, some things backfire.

***Granny Torrelli Make Soup* by Sharon Creech**

Tales from Granny's past help Rosie to overcome ups and downs in her life today.

The *Phineas L. MacGuire* series by Frances O'Roark Dowell

Mac wants to be the best scientist ever in this amusing series of books filled with interesting experiments and everyday life.

***Being Bee* by Catherine Bateson**

Bee's mom died a while ago, and she is having some trouble accepting her dad's new girlfriend.

***Barnstormer* series by Phil Bildner and Loren Long**

Nostalgic stories about three brothers who play baseball in 1899.

***Rotten School* series by R. L. Stine**

From the creator of Goosebumps, about Bernie Bridges and everything disgusting, slimy, smelly and gross.

***Vet Volunteers* series (PB) by Laurie Halse Anderson**

Stories for animal lovers, about veterinarian Dr. Mac and her young helpers.

***Pretty Freakin' Scary* series (PB) by Chris P. Flesh**

Very odd, funny stories about how hard it is to live life in the Land of the Living when you are dead.

***Jack Sparrow* series (PB) by TK**

Stories about Jack Sparrow from *Pirate of the Caribbean*, and his life when he was a teenager.

***Main Street* series (PB) by Ann Martin**

Great new series by the author of the *Babysitters Club* books, about girls in a small town in New England.

***Carole Marsh Mysteries* (PB) by Carole Marsh**

These mysteries, like the *Magic Tree House* series for younger kids, combine a good story with information about places as diverse as China's Great Wall and Washington D.C., or even Dracula's castle.

***Candy Apple* series (PB) by various authors**

Stories about Charlie and her best friend Nicole as they struggle with crushes, school, and siblings.

***Chet Gecko Mysteries* by Bruce Hale**

Author Bruce Hale says that he has a "serious thing for lizards," so he wrote these not-so-serious books about a private eye who just happens to be a gecko.

