

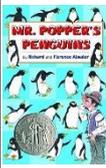


# Recommended Reads For Year 4



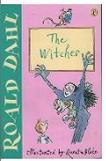
## Matilda by Roald Dahl

Matilda is a heroine with a love of books & some truly magical powers. Her parents may call her terrible things all the time, but the truth is she's a very special little girl. Forming a special bond with her teacher Miss Honey, both her parents & the angry, spiteful headmistress Miss Trunchbull soon find out they were wrong to underestimate Matilda so much...



## Mr Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater

The lovable Mr. Popper dreams of being an intrepid Antarctic explorer. So he is shocked one day, when the admiral responds to his fan letter by sending him a real, live penguin! Soon, this penguin is joined by another and before long Mr. Popper has an ice-rink in the basement & a dozen delightful penguins living in his house.



## The Witches by Roald Dahl

Witches really are a detestable breed. They disguise themselves as lovely ladies, but secretly they want to squish & squelch all the wretched children they despise. Luckily one boy & his grandmother know how to recognise the vile creatures, but can they get rid of them for good?



## Journey to Jo'burg by Beverley Naidoo

Frightened that their baby sister Dineo will die, thirteen-year-old Naledi and her younger brother Tiro run away from their grandmother to Johannesburg to find their mother, who works there as a maid...



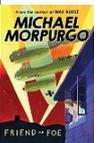
## Stitchhead by Guy Bass

When a travelling circus ringmaster, Fulbert Freakfinder, promises to make him a star, Stitch Head wonders whether this could be his chance of freedom. But first he has to catch the professor's latest creation – a monstrous three-armed creature that's causing mayhem in the castle...



## Children of Winter by Berlie Doherty

Catherine & her family are out for a walk when a sudden storm blows up, & they are forced to take shelter in a deserted barn which they have never seen before but which seems strangely familiar. The children find that they have slipped back to the time of the Black Death.



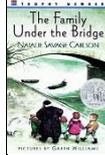
## Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo

Evacuated from London, David & Tucky feel like the war is a long way away from their new life. Then one night, the skyline of the moor is lit up with gun flashes, & the distant crump of bombing miles away brings the war back to them & shatters their new-found peace. When a German bomber crashes, the boys feel they should hate the airmen inside. But one of them saves David's life. .



## The Dream Master by Theresa Breslin

There are good dreams and there are rotten dreams, but once they're over, they're over. Or are they? For one morning, as Cy is about to wake up from a terrific dream about Ancient Egypt, he discovers that he can get back into his dream world.



## The Family Under The Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson

An old tramp, adopted by three fatherless children when their mother hides them under a bridge on the Seine, finds a home for mother and children & a job for himself.



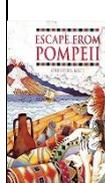
## How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Hiccup may now be considered the greatest Viking hero to have ever lived, but he didn't always have this reputation. As a child, he wasn't popular nor good at sports. But things began to change when he found a Dragon egg.



## The Water Horse by Dick King Smith

The story begins with a mysterious egg washed up on a Scottish beach, the morning after a great storm. Kirstie & her brother find the egg & take it home. The next day, it hatched into a tiny creature with a horse's head, warty skin, four flippers and a crocodile's tail. The baby sea monster soon becomes the family pet – but the trouble is, it just doesn't stop growing!



## Escape From Pompeii by Christina Balit

The eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79 meant death for most of the Roman citizens living in Pompeii. This tells of Tranio, an actor's son, and his friend Livia, the baker's daughter, who witness the destruction of their beloved city



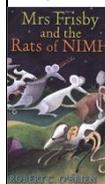
## Fly Eagle Fly by Christopher Gregorowski

After a stormy night, a farmer searching for his lost calf finds a baby eagle that has been blown out of its nest. He takes it home and raises it with his chickens. But when his friend comes to visit one day, he tells the farmer that an eagle should be flying high in the sky, not scrabbling on the ground for grain.



## Across the Roman Wall by Theresa Breslin

The minute Marinetta meets Lucius, she hates him. Pompous, stuck-up Roman officer's son! He thinks all Britons are uncivilised savages & she is sure that the Romans are good for nothing at all. Then, to their dismay, they are forced to act together.



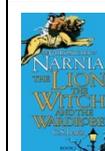
## Mrs Frisby And The Rats of NIMH by Robert C O'Brien

Time is running out for Mrs Frisby. She must move her family of mice before the farmer destroys their home. Help comes in the unexpected form of a group of mysterious, super-intelligent rats. But the rats are in danger too, & little by little Mrs Frisby discovers their extraordinary past . .



## A Nest Full of Stars by James Berry

This collection of poetry for children aged 9-11 is filled with warm and colourful memories of the author's Caribbean childhood.



## The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C S Lewis

When Peter, Susan, Edmund & Lucy - step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying, they find themselves in the land of Narnia.



## A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett

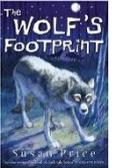
When wealthy Sara Crewe arrives at boarding school she's treated like a little princess. But then disaster strikes and Sara's world is turned upside down.



## The Secret of Platform 13 by Eva Ibbotson

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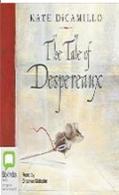
Under Platform 13 at King's Cross Station there is a secret door that leads to a magical island ...It appears only once every nine years. And when it opens, four mysterious figures step into the streets



## The Wolf's Footprint by Susan Price

Awake in the dark, Elka overhears her parents whispering. The next day their father takes them into the wood, to look for mushrooms. Daw goes along innocently, holding his father's hand. Elka follows because she doesn't want Daw to be alone.

The light fades. Their father vanishes into the darkness among the trees. He doesn't come back.



## The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

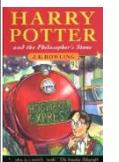
Despereaux, is a mouse who is in love with music, stories, & a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness & covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbours a simple, impossible wish. These

three characters embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, &, ultimately, into each other's lives.



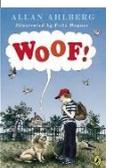
## The Dragon Charmer by Douglas Hill

Elynne is the daughter of a dragon charmer & desperately wants to help her father in his work, but she is a shy girl & the ferocious creatures terrify her. However, when a rare royal dragon flies into Elynne's life & gives birth to a baby male dragon, there seems to be some kind of strange connection between the baby prince & the girl.



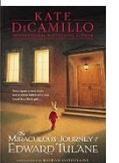
## Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J. K. Rowling

Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat.. Then, on Harry's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, a giant of a man bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, & he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft & Wizardry. An incredible adventure is about to begin!



## Woof by Alan Ahlberg

Eric is a perfectly ordinary boy. Perfectly ordinary that is, until the night when, in fifteen seconds flat, he turns into a dog! Eric & his best friend are determined to sniff out the truth - what makes an ordinary boy go 'woof'?



## The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

On a voyage from New York to London, Edward falls overboard & from there finds himself on an amazing journey. He travels with tramps, works as a scarecrow, comforts a dying child ... & finally learns what it is to truly love.



## Firebird by Saviour Pirotta

The firebird is stealing the tsar's famous golden apples. His two oldest sons fail to capture the bird, so their younger brother, Ivan, must set out on a quest to find it. Befriended by the wise grey wolf, Ivan wins the firebird and the hand of the beautiful Princess Helen.

## Fergus Crane by Paul Stewart & Chris Riddell



Fergus Crane has an almost ordinary life. But then a mysterious flying box appears at the window of his waterfront home - & Fergus is plunged headlong into an exciting adventure!



## Grandpa's Indian Summer by Jamila Gavin

When Neetu and Sanjay hear that Grandpa Chatterji is coming to stay with them, they try to imagine what he will be like. Will he be stern like their other grandpa? Will he be neat and tidy? They could never have imagined the Grandpa who arrives.



## The Angel of Nitshill Road by Anne Fine

The children are being relentlessly bullied by Barry. But then, Celeste arrives with a book & a gold pen, & each and every last horrible word or taunt is entered in the book, with witnesses. The children begin to take control of what's happening to them.



## Gregory Cool by Caroline Binch

When Gregory wakes up on his first day in Tobago with his grandparents, his heart sinks. The food is strange, the sun too hot, his cousin Lennox is on another wave length, & there are none of the televisions, video games & other high-tech gadgets that a cool city-boy takes for granted.



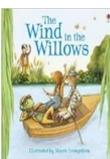
## Redwall by Brian Jacques

Redwall Abbey, tranquil home to a community of peace-loving mice is threatened by Cluny the Scourge - the evil-one-eyed rat warlord - & his battle-hardened horde of predators. Cluny is certain that Redwall will fall easily to his fearsome army but he hasn't bargained for the courage and strength of the combined forces of the Redwall mice & their loyal woodland friends. . .

## The Just SO Stories by Rudyard Kipling



Just So Stories is a collection of Rudyard Kipling's animals tales in which we learn about 'How the Whale Got His Throat', 'How the Camel Got His Hump', 'How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin', 'How the Leopard Got His Spots' & other beloved stories. These witty, inventive stories have delighted generations of children.



## The Wind in The Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Mole pokes his nose out of his burrow & discovers that the outside world is a very exciting place. On his travels he meets brave Ratty, kind old Badger & the rascally Mr. Toad & they all head off on an adventure together.



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