

Rising Fourth Grade Summer 2026 Reading List

The following titles are age-appropriate books from a variety of genres that are considered to be excellent literature. These stories are recommended by our teachers to feed children's imaginations, fuel their excitement in learning, and nourish their souls during summer vacation. The reading is not required but highly encouraged for young and old alike.

Fiction and Historical Fiction

Huguenot Garden by Douglas M. Jones III +
Adam of the Road by Elizabeth Janet Gray +
The Magna Charta by James Daugherty +
The Beggar's Bible (John Wycliffe) by Louise A. Vernon +
The Bible Smuggler (William Tyndale) by Louise A. Vernon +
The Man Who Laid the Egg (Erasmus) by Louise A. Vernon +
Ink On His Fingers (Gutenberg) by Louise A. Vernon +
Son of Charlemagne by Barbara Willard and Emil Weiss +
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien
The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
The Borrowers by Mary Norton
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
Aladdin and Other Tales from the Arabian Nights by N. J. Dawood
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo
Faerie Gold: Treasures from the Lands of Enchantment edited by Kathryn Lindskoog and Ranelda Mack Hunsicker
The Shakespeare Stealer series by Gary Blackwood
The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling *

Biographies

Augustine the Farmers Boy of Tagaste by P. de Zeeuw +
The River of Grace (John Calvin) by Joyce McPherson +
Who Was Marco Polo? by Joan Holub +
Saint Patrick: Pioneer Missionary to Ireland by Michael J. McHugh
Some Writer!: The Story of E. B. White by Melissa Sweet
Along Came Galileo by Jeanne Bendick
A Piece of the Mountain (Pascal) by Joyce McPherson *

* Advanced Reading Level

+ Pertain to topics that will be studied in history during the upcoming year