

O'Brien, R. ***Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh***

Having no one to help her with her problems, a mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

Parr, M. ***Astrid the Unstoppable***

Speed and self-confidence, that's Astrid's motto. Nicknamed the little thunderbolt, she loves to spend her days racing down the hillside on her sled and visiting Gunnvald, her grumpy godfather.

Selden, G. ***The Cricket in Times Square***

When a country cricket with unique musical talents lands in Times Square, he and his new-found friends put his unique musical skills to use and bring joy to the citizens of New York.



Stead, R. ***The Lost Library***

When a mysterious little free library appears overnight in the small town of Martinville, everything changes for eleven-year-old Evan. Evan and his best friend Rafe quickly discover a link between one of the old books and a long-ago event that none of the grown-ups want to talk about.

Travers, P.L. ***Mary Poppins***

The wind brings two English children a new nanny who slides up the banister and introduces them to some delightful people and experiences.

Voigt, C. ***Teddy & Co.***

A group of lost toys live on an island, and their community must adapt as new toys come and go



White, E.B. ***Charlotte's Web***

Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

See also: ***Stuart Little***

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These chapter books, located in Children's Fiction, are fourth grade reading level and up, but appeal to readers as young as four or five.

Aiken, J. ***The Serial Garden***

The Armitage family tries to find clever ways to cope with a variety of extraordinary events including stray unicorns in the garden, lessons in magic that go awry, and eviction from their house.

Atwater, R. ***Mr. Popper's Penguins***

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.



Bar-El, D. ***The Very, Very Far North***

As Duane, a polar bear, explores his new home he makes friends with the wide variety of creatures he encounters, despite their varied personalities.

Barklem, J. ***The Complete Brambly Hedge***

Step into the miniature world of the mice of Brambly Hedge, a community, living in perfect harmony with their surroundings

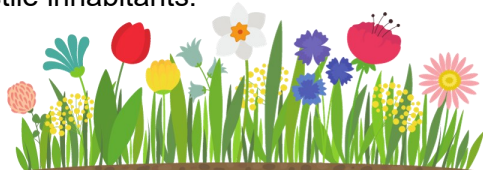
Bearn, E. ***Tumtum and Nutmeg***

Wealthy, married mice Tumtum and Nutmeg find adventure when they secretly try to help two human siblings who live in a tumbledown cottage with their absent minded inventor father.



Brown, P. ***The Wild Robot***

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.



Burnett, F. ***The Secret Garden***

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.



Cole, H. ***Brambleheart***

A young apprentice chipmunk in a guild of craftsanimals strikes up an unlikely relationship with a dragon who teaches him the meaning of true friendship.

Cronin, D. ***The Trouble with Chickens***

J.J. Tully, a hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog is having a hard time enjoying his retirement when a couple of chickens show up demanding his help to find their missing siblings.

Dahl, R. ***James and the Giant Peach***

A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach.

See also: ***The BFG***

DiCamillo, K. ***The Tale of Despereaux***

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

DiTerlizzi, T. ***Kenny & the Dragon***

Book-loving Kenny the rabbit must find a way to prevent a battle between his only friends, a bookstore owner and a dragon.

Fleming, I. ***Chitty Chitty Bang Bang***

Two children persuade their inventor father to purchase and restore an old car which turns out to have magical powers.

Graham, K. ***The Wind in the Willows***

The adventures of four amiable animals, Rat, Toad, Mole and Badger, along a river in the English countryside.

Haywood, C. ***"B" is for Betsy***

Betsy is scared about going to first grade, but she has more fun than she'd ever imagined.

Jenkins, E. ***Toys Go Out***

Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys.

King-Smith, D. ***Babe: The Gallant Pig***

A piglet comes to Farmer Hogget's farm, where he is adopted by an old sheepdog and accomplishes amazing things.

See also: ***Dinosaur Trouble***



Lawson, R. ***Rabbit Hill***

New folks are coming to live in the long-vacant Big House. The animals of Rabbit Hill wonder if they will plant a garden and be good providers.

Lovelace, M. ***Betsy-Tacy***

From the moment they meet at Betsy's fifth birthday party, Betsy and Tacy become such good friends that everyone starts to think of them as one person--Betsy-Tacy.

Martin, A. ***The Doll People***

A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for 100 years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

Milne, A.A. ***The World of Winnie-the-Pooh***

The classic adventures of Christopher Robin and his friends, where Pooh uses a balloon to get honey, Piglet meets a Heffalump, and Eeyore has a birthday.

Norton, M. ***The Borrowers***

Miniature people who live in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.