

**Summer Reading Challenge Book List
Rising Fourth Grade 2026**

BOOK TITLE	LEVEL	AUTHOR
REQUIRED READING		
The Horse & His Boy (ISBN#: 9780064405010)	The Chronicles of Narnia	C.S. Lewis
CLASSICS		
101 Dalmatians		Dodie Smith
A Gathering of Days	Newbery Medal	Joan Blos
A Little Princess		Frances Hodgson Burnett
Alice in Wonderland		Lewis Carroll
All of a Kind Family		Sydney Taylor
Anne of Green Gables		L.M. Montgomery
Because of Winn-Dixie	Newbery Honor	Kate DiCamillo
Black Beauty		Anna Sewell
Brother Hugo and the Bear		Katy Beebe
Bud, Not Buddy	Newbery Medal	Christopher Paul Curtis
Caddie Woodlawn		Carol Brink
Captain Kidd's Cat		Robert Lawson
Castle		David Macaulay
Cathedral		David Macaulay
Catherine Called Birdy	Newbery Honor	Karen Cushman
Charlotte's Web		E.B. White
Crispin, the Cross of Lead	Newbery Medal	Avi
Crusaders	Usborne Young Reading	Rob Lloyd Jones
David & the Mighty Eighth		Marjorie Hodgson Parker
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Newbery Medal	Beverly Cleary
Detectives in Togas		Henry Winterfeld
From the Good Mountain: How Gutenberg Changed the World		James Rumford
From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	Newbery Medal	E.L. Konigsburg
George Washington's Breakfast		Jean Fritz
Gone Away Lake	Newbery Honor	Elizabeth Enright
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices...Medieval Village	Newbery Medal	Laura Amy Schlitz
Heidi		Johanna Spyri
Henry Huggins		Beverly Cleary
Homer Price		Robert McCloskey
Ink on His Fingers		Louise Vernon
Iron Thunder		Avi
Island of the Blue Dolphins		Scott O'Dell
James and the Giant Peach		Roald Dahl
Joan of Arc	Landmark Books	Nancy Wilson Ross
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Johann Gutenberg & the Amazing Printing Press		Bruce Koscielniak
Lad: A Dog		Albert Payson Terhune

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Life as a Knight		Rachel Hanel
Locomotive	Caldecott Medal	Brian Floca
Mary on Horseback		Rosemary Wells
Mary Poppins		P.L. Travers
Miracles on Maple Hill	Newbery Medal	Virginia Sorenson
Miss Hickory	Newbery Medal	Carolyn Sherwin Bailey
Mr. Revere and I		Robert Lawson
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	Newbery Medal	Robert C. O'Brien
Mystery of the Roman Ransom		Henry Winterfeld
Old Yeller		Fred Gipson
Out of the Dust	Newbery Medal	Karen Hess
Peter Pan		J.M. Barrie
Pollyanna		Eleanor Porter
Rabbit Hill	Newbery Medal	Robert Lawsen
Rascal	Newbery Honor	Sterling North
Roller Skates	Newbery Medal	Ruth Sawyer
Saint George and the Dragon	Caldecott Medal	Margaret Hodges
Shakespeare's Scribe		Gary Blackwood
Shanghai Messenger		Andrea Cheng
Show Way	Newbery Honor	Jacqueline Woodson
Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille		Jen Bryant
Snow Dog		Jim Kjelgaard
Starlight in Tourrone		Suzanne Butler
Stone Fox		Jon Reynolds-Gardiner
Story of the Treasure Seekers		E. Nesbit
Strawberry Girl	Newbery Medal	Lois Lenski
Stuart Little		E.B. White
Swords of Heaven		C.D. Baker
The Art of the Catapult		William Gerstelle
The BFG		Roald Dahl
The Black Stallion		Walter Farley
The Chestry Oak		Kate Seredy
The Cricket in Times Square		George Selden
The Door in the Wall	Newbery Medal	Marguerite De Angeli
The Great Wheel	Newbery Honor	Robert Lawson
The Inquisitor's Tale	Newbery Honor	Adam Gidwitz
The Lacemaker and the Princess		Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
The Light Beyond the Forest: The Quest for the Holy Grail		Rosemary Sutcliff
The Matchlock Gun		Walter Edmonds
The Midwife's Apprentice	Newbery Medal	Karen Cushman

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The Phantom Tollbooth		Norton Juster
The Railway Children		E. Nesbit
The Seven Wonders of Sassafra Springs		Betty G. Birney
The Shakespeare Stealer		Gary Blackwood
The Sword in the Tree		Clyde Robert Bulla
The Tale of Despereaux	Newbery Medal	Kate DiCamillo
The Three Musketeers	Usborne Young Reading	Alexander Dumas
The Trumpet of the Swan		E.B. White
The Trumpeter of Krakow	Newbery Medal	Eric P. Kelly
The Wheel on the School	Newbery Medal	Meindert DeJong
The Whipping Boy	Newbery Medal	Sid Fleischman
The Wonderful Year		Nancy Barnes
The Year of Miss Agnes		Kirkpatrick Hill
Thimble Summer		Elizabeth Enright
Treasures of the Snow		Patricia St. John
Viking Adventure		Clyde Robert Bulla
Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?		Jean Fritz
Wind in the Willows		Kenneth Grahame
Young Thomas Edison		Michael Dooling
SERIES BOOKS (any title in series)		
Adventures of Tin Tin		Herge
Betsy-Tacy		Maud Hart Lovelace
Boys of Grit Who Became Men of Honor	Lamplighter Publishing Rare Collector Series	Archer Wallace
DK Eyewitness Readers	Levels 4 & 5	various
Dr. Doolittle		Hugh Lofting
Freddy the Pig		Walter R. Brooks
Great Illustrated Classics		various
Half-Magic		Edward Eager
Hardy Boys		Franklin Dixon
Landmark History Books		various
Melendy Quartet		Elizabeth Enright
Misty of Chincoteague		Marguerite Henry
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle		Betty MacDonald
Nancy Drew		Carolyn G. Keene
Pippi Longstocking		Astrid Lindgren
Ragweed (Poppy series)		Avi
Scraps of Time		Patricia McKissack
Sir Cumference and the Great Knight of Angleland		Cindy Neuschwander
The Borrowers		Mary Norton
The Indian in the Cupboard		Lynn Banks

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The Kingdom Series (Kingdom Dawn, Kingdom Hope, etc)		Chuck Black
The Knights of Arrethtrae		Chuck Black
The Protector of the Small		Tamara Pierce
The Royal Diaries		various
Tucker's Countryside (Cricket in Times Square)		George Selden
Usborne Illustrated Classics		Various
Usborne Illustrated Originals (ex. Little Women)		Various
Wayside School		Louis Sachar