

# 2024 Summer Reading, Entering Fourth Grade

## Required Reading:

Students must read at least one book from the attached 2024 Texas Library Association Bluebonnet Reading List.

The titles listed below are additional suggestions for summer reading. Feel free to pick and choose based on your interests.

## Resource Lists and Websites

- Notable Children’s Books 2024: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>
- Reading Middle Grade: <https://readingmiddlegrade.com/>
- We Need Diverse Books: <https://diversebooks.org/>
- Reading Beyond: <https://www.cbcbooks.org/readers/reader-resources/reading-beyond/>
- New York Public Library Best Books: <https://www.nypl.org/spotlight/best-books-2023>
- Mr. Schu Reads blog: <http://mrschureads.blogspot.com/>

## Junior Fiction

*\*The Wonder of Wildflowers*, Anna Staniszewski  
*The Lost Boy’s Gift*, Kimberly Willis Holt  
*\*The One and Only Ruby*, Katherine Applegate  
*The Eyes & The Impossible*, Dave Eggers  
*The Year I Flew Away*, Marie Arnold  
*The House That Wasn’t There*, Elana K Arnold  
*The Enchanted Life of Valentina Mejia*, Alexandra Alessandri  
*Trashed!*, Martha Freeman  
*The Lost Fairy Tales (Pages & Co. Series)*, Anna James  
*\*Julius Zebra series*, Gary Northfield  
*\*Great Shelby Holmes series*, Elizabeth Eulberg  
*\*Cog*, Greg Van Eekhout  
*\*Mr. Lemoncello’s Library series*, Chris Grabenstein  
*\*The Problim Children*, Natalie Lloyd  
*\*Just Harriet*, Alana K. Arnold  
*\*Tom Swift Inventor’s Academy series*, Victor Appleton  
*\*Squished*, Megan Lloyd Wagner  
*The Takeout*, Tracy Badua  
*\*The Vanderbeekers Series*, Karina Yan Glaser  
*\*Frank Einstein*, Jon Sciescka  
*\*Land of Stories*, Chris Colfer

## Nonfiction

*Cut! How Lotte Reiniger and a Pair of Scissors Revolutionized Animation*, C.E. Winters  
*\*Washed Ashore: Making Art from Ocean Plastic*, Kelly Crull  
*Survival Scout: Lost in the Mountains*, Maxwell Eaton  
*How Old is a Whale?*, Lily Murray  
*There’s No Ham in Hamburgers: Facts and Folklore About Our Favorite Foods*, Kim Zachman  
*Solve This! Forensics: Super Science and Curious Capers for the Daring Detective in You*, Kate Mesner  
*The Last Plastic Straw: A Plastic Problem and Finding Ways to Fix it*, Dee Romito  
*\*Scientists in the Field series*  
*My Head Has a Bellyache: More Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups*, Andra Tsurumi  
*\*Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales*, Nathan Hale  
*\*Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World Series*, Traci Sorell  
*Weird but True! 300 Outrageous Facts*, National Geographic Kids  
*\*Big Ideas that Changed The World series*, Don Brown  
*Packing For Mars for Kids*, Mary Roach  
*\*Who Was? series*, various authors



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## Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List 2024-25

1. ***Caves*** by Nell Cross Beckerman. Illustrated by Kalen Chock.
2. ***The Cursed Moon*** by Angela Cervantes.
3. ***Daybreak on Raven Island*** by Fleur Bradley.
4. ***The Fire, The Water, and Maudie McGinn*** by Sally J. Pla.
5. ***The Ghost of Spruce Point*** by Nancy Tandon.
6. ***How to Stay Invisible*** by Maggie C. Rudd.
7. ***Ice Cream Man: How Augustus Jackson Made a Sweet Treat Better*** by Glenda Armand and Kim Freeman. Illustrated by Keith Mallett.
8. ***Jovita Wore Pants: The Story of a Mexican Freedom Fighter*** by Aida Salazar. Illustrated by Molly Mendoza.
9. ***Ketanji: Justice Jackson's Journey to the U.S. Supreme Court*** by Kekla Magoon. Illustrated by Laura Freeman.
10. ***Legends of Lotus Island: The Guardian Test*** by Christina Soontornvat. Illustrated by Kevin Hong.
11. ***The Mystery of the Monarchs*** by Barb Rosenstock. Illustrated by Erika Meza.
12. ***New Dragon City*** by Mari Mancusi.
13. ***Odder*** by Katherine Applegate. Illustrated by Charles Santoso.
14. ***A Rover's Story*** by Jasmine Warga.
15. ***Shermy & Shake, The Not-So-Nice Neighbor*** by Kirby Larson. Illustrated by Shinji Fujioka.
16. ***Something Like Home*** by Andrea Beatriz Arango.
17. ***Stars of the Night: The Courageous Children of the Czech Kindertransport*** by Caren Stelson. Illustrated by Selina Alko.
18. ***Two Tribes*** by Emily Bowen Cohen.
19. ***You Are Here: Connecting Flights***, edited by Ellen Oh.
20. ***Yuck You Suck! Poems about Animals That SIP, SLURP, SUCK*** by Jane Yolen and Heidi E. Y. Stemple. Illustrated by Eugenia Nobati.

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