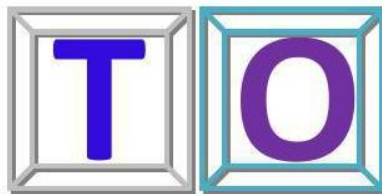
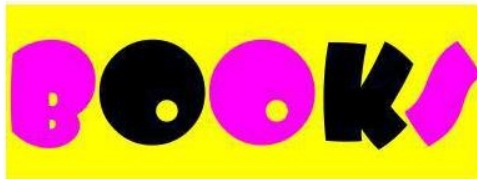


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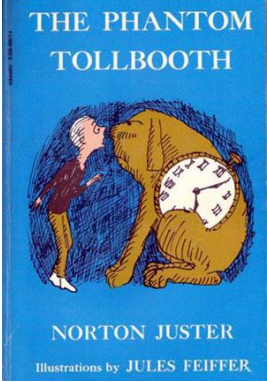
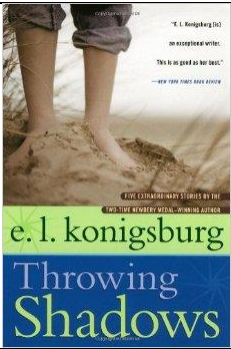
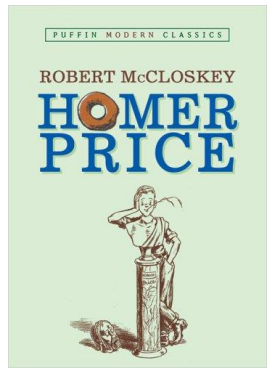
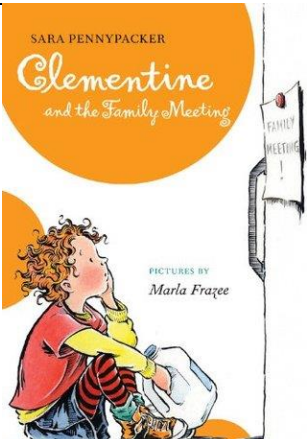
# Recommended Reading List for Year 4 - 6

Cover	Title	Author	Description
	Tales of Nasreddin	Henry Barnham	Originally published in 1923, the introduction is very disparaging of Turks and the Ottoman world, but the 180 tales are genuine Nasreddin.
	Extra Credit	Clements, Andrew	A 6th grade girl writes a pen pal letter to a village school in Afghanistan. The best English student there happens to be a boy. The legitimate concern of the village elders over the problems of a boy this age becoming the pen pal of a girl is thoughtful written, as is the budding romantic feelings when they do write and then have to break off their communication. Very well done.
	Emily's Runaway Imagination	Beverly Cleary	Emily lives on a farm in the early 1920s. The book centers on her trying to get a library for her small town in Oregon. Children will enjoy the funny misadventures Emily gets into as she waits for the books to arrive for the new library.
	Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party	Compestine, Ying Chang	Set in Mao's China in 1972, this a gripping story about a doctor's family and how 9-yr old Ling deals with China's cultural revolution when her family and friends have their lives torn apart as some disappear forever and others are 're-educated'.

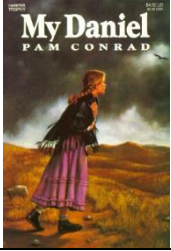
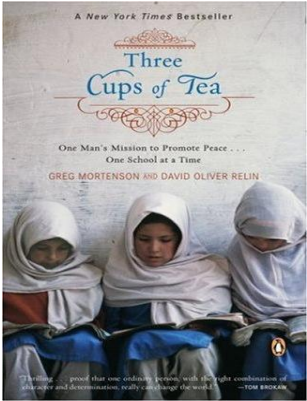
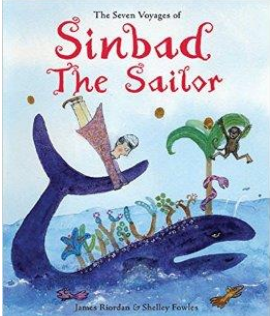
	<p><b>Gregor the Overlander (Book 1) and The Underland Chronicles</b></p>	<p><b>Collins, Suzanne</b></p>	<p>This is an excellent series about 11-yr old Gregor who loves his 2-yr old sister and volunteers to spend his summer taking care of her and his mother and has to work to support them. Gregor follows his little sister down a drain pipe into the underland where they encounter gigantic cockroaches and rats. The family interaction is especially good as they care for and help one another.</p>
	<p><b>Caddie Woodlawn</b></p>	<p><b>Carol Ryrie Brink</b></p>	<p>An American classic based on the true childhood of the author's grandmother, Caddie, who grew up as an adventurous tomboy in the 1860s in western Wisconsin.</p>
	<p><b>Lion Boy</b></p>	<p><b>Corder, Zizou</b></p>	<p>This is another excellent series. Charlie, whose mother is white and whose father is black, can communicate with cats. Talking to the local alley cats helps him track his parents who have been kidnapped. Along the way he befriends some circus lions who agree to help him if he will help them get back to Africa. His parents, who know that he will be trying to find them, try to escape so they can find him.</p>
	<p><b>Elijah of Buxton</b></p>	<p><b>Curtis, Christopher</b></p>	<p>11-yr old Elijah lives in Buxton, Canada, a town set up for freed and run-away slaves. Good family and community interaction, but dialect may be hard for some readers.</p>

	<p><b>Iqbal</b></p>	<p><b>D'Adamo, Francesco</b></p>	<p>This is a fictional account of the real Iqbal Masih who was the courageous child carpet weaver. He was able to challenge the inhuman treatment of child carpet weavers in Pakistan and was killed by the ???masters??? when he was 13.</p>
	<p><b>The World Above</b></p>	<p><b>Dokey, Cameron</b></p>	<p>This author has retold many fairy tales. This is Jack &amp; the Beanstalk. Jack is a dreamer, and his sister Gen is thoughtful and practical. They only steal back what was stolen from their family. Good family relations.</p>
	<p><b>Johnny Tremain</b></p>	<p><b>Forbes, Esther</b></p>	<p>Engaging historical fiction about a boy involved in the Boston Tea Party and events leading to the American Revolution. Although Johnny is an orphan, good family interactions surround him. A must read for American history classes.</p>
	<p><b>Blue Willow</b></p>	<p><b>Gates, Doris</b></p>	<p>An American classic. Janey???s father is a migrant worker in the cotton fields, and they are very poor. She yearns for a real house where they can stay as long as they want to. Her step-mother and father love, trust, and help each other and Janey deal bravely with whatever happens.</p>



 <p><b>THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH</b></p> <p>NORTON JUSTER</p> <p>Illustrations by JULES FEIFFER</p>	<p><b>The Phantom Tollbooth</b></p>	<p><b>Juster, Norton</b></p>	<p>A very bored Milo enters a world where words and numbers are supremely and wittily important. He is accompanied by his watchdog (who has a clock in his stomach). An excellent book for the teacher to read aloud, it is both funny and instructive in its use of puns and other figures of speech.</p>
 <p>e. l. konigsburg</p> <p><b>Throwing Shadows</b></p>	<p><b>Throwing shadows</b></p>	<p><b>Konigsburg, E.L.</b></p>	<p>Five short stories about five different youth who learn something important about themselves as they learn to appreciate differences and the pleasure of helping others. Excellent for class discussion.</p>
 <p>PUFFIN MODERN CLASSICS</p> <p>ROBERT McCLOSKEY</p> <p><b>HOMER PRICE</b></p>	<p><b>Homer Price</b></p>	<p><b>McCloskey, Robert</b></p>	<p>This American classic was written in 1943, but its characters are as wonderful today as they were then. Homer is a polite, clever small town kid, willing to help whenever he's asked and able to find solutions to problems the town adults can't figure out.</p>
 <p>SARA PENNYPACKER</p> <p><b>Clementine</b> <i>and the Family Meeting</i></p> <p>PICTURES BY Marla Frazee</p>	<p><b>Clementine and the Family Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Pennypacker, Sara</b></p>	<p>Part of the Clementine series that is both funny and excellent in its family relations. Clementine's parents call a family meeting to discuss with her and her brother the possibility of having another baby. Good book about sibling rivalry.</p>

	<b>Rickshaw Girl</b>	<b>Perkins, Mitali</b>	<p>A sympathetic portrayal of a very poor girl in Bangladesh who wants to help her rickshaw driving father. Realistic showing problems of poverty but also showing a loving family who try to help each other.</p>
	<b>The Equal King</b>	<b>Paterson, Katherine</b>	<p>A dying king makes his son his heir ?on one condition: the vain Prince Raphael must marry a woman who is his equal in beauty, intelligence, and wealth. A search throughout the kingdom appears to be fruitless until the lovely Rosamund appears at the palace. She is intelligent and wealthy, as well as beautiful? certainly his equal, Raphael thinks. But what does the mysterious Rosamund think?</p>
	<b>The Grand Mosque of Paris: A Story of How Muslims Rescued Jews During the Holocaust</b>	<b>Ruelle, Karen Gray</b>	<p>It is unfortunate that this factual and important event is put into a picture book that looks like it is for young children. Every Muslim and non Muslim should read this book, and it should be discussed in school. The Muslims of Paris helped the Jews, as good Muslims should, when their lives were threatened by the Nazis. It is told as a documentary, using what the few accounts that survived reveal about what was done and how the Muslims were able to help so many Jews.</p>

		<b>My Daniel</b>	<b>Conrad, Pam</b>	<b>A grandmother tells her grandchildren about her life with her brother, Daniel, growing up in Nebraska and finding dinosaur bones.</b>
		<b>The Young Reader Edition: Three Cups of Tea: One Mans Journey to Change the World ? One Child at a Time</b>	<b>Mortenson, Greg and David Oliver Relin</b>	<b>This young readers edition of the worldwide bestseller Three Cups of Tea has been specially adapted for younger readers and updated by Greg Mortenson to bring his remarkable story of humanitarianism up to date for the present. Includes new photos and illustrations, as well as a special interview by Greg's twelve-year-old daughter, Amira, who has traveled with her father as an advocate for the Pennies for Peace program for children.</b>
		<b>Dicey's Song</b>	<b>Voigt Cynthia</b>	<b>Eighth grader Dicey takes good care of her younger brothers and sister when her Mom gets sick. They now live with their grandmother who, despite her eccentricities, is full of concern for her family.</b>
		<b>My Name is Sally Little Song</b>	<b>Woods, Brenda</b>	<b>This is excellent historical fiction about a slave family that escapes to the safety of a Seminole tribe in the Everglade swamps.</b>
		<b>The Seven Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor</b>	<b>Yeoman, John</b>	<b>Sinbad's adventures are the most fantastic of the stories in The Thousand and One Nights. Sindbad the Sailor went to sea seven times.</b>