

STONY BROOK'S SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST 2009
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING 4th GRADE IN THE FALL

*All of these authors have written other good books.

Adler, David A. ***Cam Jansen and the Green School Mystery.*** On Green Day, Cam and her classmates discuss ways to protect the environment, but when money collected for the school's new skylights disappears, Cam uses her photographic memory to solve the mystery. This is the latest edition from the popular **Cam Jansen Adventure series.**

Barrows, Annie. **Ivy and Bean series.** Features humorous stories about two mischievous and delightful girlfriends, Ivy and Bean. **There are 5 titles in this series.**

Benton, Jim. ***Lunch Walks Among Us.*** Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she experiments with fitting in--which works until a monster erupts from the trashcan. The story continues with ***Attack of the 50 ft. Cupid, Invisible Fran, The Fran that Time Forgot and Franstastic Voyage, Fran with Four Brains.***

Blume, Judy. ***Pain and the Great One* series.** A six-year-old, The Pain, and his eight-year-old sister, The Great One, see each other as troublemakers and the best-loved in the family. **There are 5 books in this series.**

Blume, Judy. ***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing.*** Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem. Fudge continues to ruin Peter's life in ***Superfudge; Fudge-a Mania; Double Fudge.*** The character Sheila who appears in the books is featured in a related book, ***Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great.***

Buckley, Michael. ***The Sisters Grimm* series.** Fairy-tale detectives Sabrina and Daphne Grimm live in the town of Ferryport Landing, a community of fairy-tale characters, Everafters, who are now using magical disguises to remain undetected alongside their normal neighbors. Ogres work at the post office, witches run the diner, and the town mayor is the legendary Prince Charming. Can the Sisters Grimm solve the problems that befall this town? **There are 7 titles in this series.**

Bunford, Shelia. ***Incredible Journey.*** A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel miles together through the Canadian wilderness to find their family.

Byng, Georgia. ***Molly Moon.*** Molly Moon, living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town, discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way from one adventure to another--from one continent to another! **There are 3 books in this series.**

Cabot, Meg. ***Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls* series.** Nine-year-old Allie has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules. **There are 3 books in this series**

Catling, Patrick Skene. ***The Chocolate Touch.*** Everything John touches turns to chocolate.

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Cleary, Beverly. *Beezus and Ramona*. Beezus' biggest problem was her 4-year-old sister Ramona. Even though Beezus knew sisters were supposed to love each other, with a sister like Ramona, it seemed impossible. *Ramona the Pest; Ramona the brave; Ramona and Her Father; Ramona and Her Mother; Ramona Quimby, Age 8; Ramona, Forever*.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

DiTerlizzi, Tony. *The Field Guide* When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences. Books included in this series are, *Seeing Stone, Lucinda's Secret, The Ironwood Tree and The Wrath of Mulgrath*.

Dixon, Franklin. *The Secret Agent on Flight 101*. Frank and Joe, the Hardy Boys, solve a mystery involving a magician, American secret agents, and international spy ring, and a Scottish castle. This is part of the very popular **Hardy Boys** mysteries series.

Edwards, Julie. *The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles*. Lindy, Ben, and Tom, along with their friend Professor Savant, have to look beyond the ordinary to get to Whangdoodleland, a place full of magical creatures.

Enright, Dominique. *The Boys' Book : How to be the Best at Everything*. A book of activities for boys that provides step-by-step instructions for everything from reading a compass and building a raft to vanquishing vampires and hypnotizing chickens.

Foster, Juliana. *The Girls' Book : How to be the Best at Everything*. A book of activities for girls that provides step-by-step instructions for everything from strumming a guitar, eating with chopsticks, and making a camp in the wilderness to coping when zombies attack and surviving an alien invasion.

Gardiner, John Reynolds. *Stone Fox*. Little Willie hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters.

GO Girl! Series. (assorted authors) Fly away, Fairies! Push off, Princesses! Hello, Real Girls! This wildly popular series for 7- to 10-year-old girls comes to us from Australia. Features genuine and heartfelt narratives about girls and their daily lives at home, in school, with friends and family. These books represent a "community" of girls that readers will want to belong to. **There are 12 books in this series.**

Gutman, Dan. *Baseball Card Adventure series*. Funny and well-paced, perfect for fans of time-travel, fantasy, and baseball! Full of sports trivia and actual historical documents. Joe Stoshack travels back in time to meet baseball greats!! In *Ray and Me*, the latest tile, Joe learns a hard lesson about wearing his baseball helmet at the plate. Stosh travels back to 1920 to try to save minor league baseball player Ray Chapman, who is the only known player to die from being struck in the head by a baseball. **There are 9 books in this series.**

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Gutman, Dan. *Miss Daisy is Crazy*. Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J. This is the first book in the Weird School series, which continues with *Mr. Klutz is Nuts, Mrs. Roopy is Loopy, etc.*

Holm, Jennifer. *BabyMouse* series. Graphic novels that feature the comical and adventurous stories about the hopes and expectations of a very imaginative mouse. **There are 10 books in this series.**

Keene, Carolyn. *The Hidden Staircase*. Strange things happen when Nancy investigates threats against her father and an old house said to be haunted. This book is part of the very popular **Nancy Drew** mysteries series.

Lupica, Mike. **Comeback Kids** series. Young sport aficionados team up to help each other succeed in both sports and school. **There are 4 books in this series.**

Martin, Ann. *The Doll People*. A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor. Sequels: *The Meanest Doll in the World* and *Runaway Dolls*.

McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody series** The spirited text and wry illustrations will delight any child who's known a bad mood or a bad day--and managed to laugh anyway! **There are 9 books in this series.**

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *Boys Start the War*. Disgusted that a family with three girls moves into the house across the river, nine-year-old Wally and his three brothers declare a practical joke war on the girls. This is the first book in the Hatford Boys which continues with *The Girls Get Even, Boys Against the Girls, The Girls' Revenge* etc.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. *Shiloh*. Marty must make some painful decisions about returning a dog to his abusive owner. Newbery Medal 1992

O'Brien, Robert C. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*. Mrs. Frisby, a widowed field mouse with a problem, is befriended by a group of super intelligent laboratory rats and manages to save their lives. Newbery Medal 1972.

Osborne, Mary Pope. **Magic Tree House series**. With its strong characters, imaginative plots, and just the right dose of history and science, this series is perfect for early chapter-book readers. **There are 40 books in this popular series.** The most recent addition is *Moonlight on the Magic Flute* where Jack and Annie travel to Vienna, Austria, in 1762, where they meet the young Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and his sister and help save the budding genius' life.

Pennypacker, Sara. *Clementine*. Features hilarious stories about the irrepressible eight year old Clementine. **There are 3 books in this series.**

Reiche, Dietlof. *I, Freddy*. Freddy, a remarkably intelligent golden hamster, learns how to read and how to write on a computer and escapes captivity to become an independent and civilized creature.

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Riordan, Rick. **Percy Jackson & the Olympians series.** Beginning with *The Lightning Thief*. Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war. *Sea of Monsters*, *Titan's Curse* and *Battle of the Labyrinth*, and *The Last Olympian* continue this popular series.

Smith, Jeff. **Bone.** Graphic Novels present the adventures of three cousins from Boneville, Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone. **There are 9 books in this series.**

Statler, Alexander. **Julian Rodriguez, Trash crisis on earth!** Eight-year-old Julian Rodriguez is sent to his room for refusing to take out the trash, and imagines that he is a space warrior.

Stewart, Paul. **Beyond the Deepwoods.** Thirteen-year-old Twig, having always looked and felt different from his woodtroll family, learns that he is adopted and travels out of his Deepwoods home to find the place where he belongs. This is the first book in the Edge Chronicles, which continues with *Stormchaser*, *Mightnight over Sanctaphrax*, etc.

Thaler, Mike. **The Class Trip from the Black Lagoon.** The students must deal with a scary bus driver named Mr. Fenderbender, mosquitoes as large as Dracula, and their mean teacher, Mrs. Green, on their class trip to the Black Lagoon. This is the first book in Black Lagoon Adventures which continues with *The Talent Show from the Black Lagoon*, *The Class Election from the Black Lagoon*, etc.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. **Secret Identity.** (Shredderman 1). Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity--Shredderman! **There are 4 books in this series.**

Weeks, Sarah. **Oggie Cooder.** Quirky fourth-grader Oggie Cooder goes from being shunned to everyone's best friend when his uncanny ability to chew slices of cheese into the shapes of states wins him a slot on a popular television talent show, but he soon learns the perils of being a celebrity--and having a neighbor girl as his manager.

White, E. B. **Charlotte's Web.** Wilbur, the pig, is horrified when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. **Little House- The Laura Years series.** Ten stories narrate the life of the author and her family during the 1870's and 1880's. Laura Ingalls Wilder focuses on what the daily life of her pioneer family was like as the frontier era in this country was ending.

Winkler, Henry. **Hank Zipzer series contains 15 titles** starting with *Niagra Falls, or Does It?* Fourth-graders Hank, Ashley, and Frankie are excitedly preparing for a magic show at the Rock 'N Bowl when Hank's creative alternative to an English essay lands him in detention and grounded the week of the show. The **Hank Zipzer series** continues with *I Got a "D" in Salami*, *Day of the Iguana*, *Zippety Zinger*, *The Night I Flunked My Field Trip*, *Holy Enchilada*, etc.