

The selection of books in this list are a guide for children aged 8-9 in Year 4 at school. The books range various genres to cover all interests. If your child is a competent reader or has read many of these titles then try the books from the Year 5 reading list.

Animals

- Dumb Creatures – Jeanne Willis
- The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo
- The Peppermint Pig – Nina Bowden
- The Last Bear – Hannah Gold
- A Dog Called Flow – Pippa Goodhart
- Doctor Dolittle – Hugh Lofting
- The Village Dinosaur – Phyllis Arckle
- The Tales of Olga da Polga – Michael Bond
- The Great Elephant Chase – Gillian Cross
- Vetman and his Bionic Animal Clan – Noel Fitzpatrick

Spooky/Mystery

- The Way to Sattin Shore – Phillipa Pearce
- The Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth – Eoin Colfer
- Amari and the Night Brothers – BB Alston
- The Sandman and the Turtles – Michael Morpurgo
- Beaver Towers – Nigel Hinton
- The Watchers – Helen Cresswell
- The Snow Spider Trilogy – Jenny Nimmo

Humour

- Jeremy James Series -David Henry Wilson
- Vlad the Drac Series – Ann Jungman
- Walking the Bridge of your Nose – Michael Rosen
- Little Wolf – Ian Whybrow
- Just William – Richard Crompton
- Vernon Bright Series – Steve Barlow
- Eddie Dicken Series – Philip Ardagh
- Desirable – Frank Cottrell Boyce
- The 13 Storey Treehouse – Andy Griffiths
- The Boy with Wings – Lenny Henry
- The Great Dream Robbery – Greg James and Chris Smith
- My Friend's a Werewolf – Pete Johnson
- How to Train Your Parents – Pete Johnson
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series – Jeff Kinney
- Give Peas a Chance – Morris Gleitzman

History/Politics

- The Children of Green Knowe – Lucy M Boston
- War Game – Michael Foreman
- Hidden Figures – Margot Lee Shetterly
- Coming to England – Baroness Floella Benjamin
- The Roman Mysteries: The Thieves of Ostia – C7 Caroline Lawrence
- Carrie's War – Nina Bawden
- Boy oh Boy - Cliff Leek
- The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips – Michael Morpurgo
- William Shakespeare Scenes from the Life of the World's Greatest Writer – Mick Manning
- How to Change the World – Rashmi Sirdeshpande and Annabel Tempest
- History Atlas – Thiago de Moraes
- Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos – Monica Brown
- The Undefeated – Kwame Alexander



Fantasy

- Earth Giant - Melvyn Burgess
- Dragon City Series - Katie and Kevin Tsang
- Shifted Code: From Digital to Reality - Elijah Frederick
- The Magical Reality of Nadia - Bassem Yousef
- Angels Unlimited - Annie Dalton
- The Spiderwick Chronicles - Tony Diterlizzi
- Araminta Spook series - Angie Sage
- The Strongest Girl in the World - Sally Gardner
- The Boy Who Could fly - Sally Gardner
- The Invisible Boy - Sally Gardner
- The Smallest Girl Ever - Sally Gardner



Big Feelings

- What to Do When You Worry Too Much – Dawn Huebner
- Bad Girls – Jacqueline Wilson
- Pansy Boy – Paul Harfleet
- Rise Up: Ordinary Kids with Extraordinary Stories – Amanda Li
- Michael Rosen's Sad Book – Michael Rosen and Quentin Blake



Celebrating Diversity

- Front Desk – Kelly Yang
- The Boy in the Dress – David Walliams
- Just Like Me: 40 neurologically and physically diverse people who broke stereotypes – Louise Gooding
- Let's Celebrate: Festival Poems from Around the World – Debjani Chatterjee and Brian D'Arcy
- When Stars are Scattered – Victoria Jamieson