Reluctant Reader Quick Picks
Grade 4: Action & Adventure

**Crimebiters!**
by Tom Greenwald
Spending reclusive days doing the same three things for fun until his father lets him get a puppy, Jimmy begins to suspect his puppy has superpowers, including a potential for solving crimes and helping Jimmy make human friends.

**I survived ...**
by Lauren Tarshis
Excited to board the Titanic with his aunt and little sister, 10-year-old George begins to explore the ill-fated ship's first-class storage cabin when the ship is rocked by a collision with an iceberg and begins to sink.

**Mighty Jack and Zita the spacegirl**
by Ben Hatke
Teaming up with new friend Zita the Spacegirl, Jack and Lilly embark on a dangerous confrontation with an army of giants and screeds preparing to attack Earth and end all human life.

**Hatchet**
by Gary Paulsen
After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

**The Last Kids on Earth**
by Max Brallier
After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg.

**Who was Amelia Earhart?**
by Kate Boehm Jerome
Provides the biography of the historical aviator who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1932 as well as the first woman to fly across the Pacific in 1935 before meeting a mysterious end in 1937 in her attempt to fly around the world.

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Grade 4: Friends & Family

**Phoebe and Her Unicorn: A Heavenly Nostril Chronicle**
by Dana Simpson
When Phoebe meets a unicorn named Marigold who grants her one wish, Phoebe wishes Marigold would become her best friend, and the two set off on adventures big and small.

**Amina’s Voice**
by Hena Khan
A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family’s vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school in the wake of a community tragedy. By the award-winning author of Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns.

**Cilla Lee-Jenkins: Future Author Extraordinaire**
by Susan Tan
So that her family will not forget her when her new sibling arrives, Cilla Lee-Jenkins begins writing her memoirs, in which she discusses the traditions she shares with her Chinese grandparents and how she was bald until age five.

**The One and Only Bob**
by Katherine Applegate
A sequel to the Newbery Medal-winning The One and Only Ivan finds Bob, helped by friends Ivan and Ruby, searching for his lost sister on a journey that is dangerously complicated by an approaching hurricane.

**Cupcake Diaries**
by Coco Simon
Katie Brown is miserable when her best friend is invited to join the Popular Girls Club and Katie is left out; fortunately, Katie finds her way with a great new group of friends—Mia, Emma and Alexis—and together they form the Cupcake Club!

**The Tail of Emily Windsnap**
by Liz Kessler
After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

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Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made
by Stephan Pastis
Resolving to earn money for his mother's bills, eleven-year-old Timmy launches a detective business with a lazy polar bear, but finds their enterprise challenged by a college-bound spy and a four-foot-tall girl whom Timmy refuses to acknowledge.

Jedi Academy
by Jeffrey Brown
When Roan's application to pilot school is rejected, he finds he has been invited to study under Master Yoda at the Jedi Academy.

The yeti files: meet the bigfeet
by Kevin Sherry
Devoting his life to studying cryptids like himself, yet Blizz Richards and his devoted team execute a secret rescue mission when his cousin goes missing in the wake of a media frenzy.

Big Nate in a class by himself
by Lincoln Peirce
Supremely confident middle-school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.

Comics Squad: recess!
by Jennifer L. Holm
A collection of comics about every kid's favorite school subject: recess.

Sunny side up
by Jennifer L. Holm
Sunny Lewin is sent to live with her grandfather for the summer in Florida, where she befriends Buzz, a boy completely obsessed with comic books, and faces the secret behind why she is in Florida in the first place.

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Grade 4: Nonfiction & Facts

Make Me the Best Soccer Player
by Todd Kortemeier
“Learn more about soccer’s top stars and what it takes to be the best of the best. The title features historical sidebars, how-to fact boxes, tips and drills, and a glossary.” --Publisher’s website

You Wouldn’t Want to Be Cleopatra!
by Jim Pipe
This lively, interactive series will enthrall young and reluctant readers by making them part of the story, inviting them to become the main character and revel in the gory, dark, horrific side of life during important eras in history.

National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry: 200 Poems that Squeak, Soar, and Roar
by J. Patrick Lewis
Combines sumptuous photography with lyrical text celebrating the animal world, in a dynamic compilation selected by the U.S. Children’s Poet Laureate that includes works by such poets as Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost and Rudyard Kipling.

Beauty and the Beak: How Science, Technology, and a 3D-Printed Beak Rescued a Bald Eagle
by Deborah Lee Rose
Presents the true story of an eagle that was injured and left with a damaged beak and how those that rescued her were able to 3D print a replacement beak for the bird.

Where is Alcatraz?
by Nico Medina
A natural expansion of the exceptional Who Was...? and What Was...? series, Where Is...? presents books that focus on a famous place: a landmark, a building or a natural wonder.

125 Cool Inventions
by Crispin Boyer
This fun-filled and informative book gives curious kids the inside scoop on 125 amazing real inventions, including super smart toilets, sweet dream machines, bread buttering toasters and flying hotels.

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