

A Book
by Edgar Guest

"Now" - said a good book unto me -
"Open my pages and you shall see
Jewels of wisdom and treasures fine,
Gold and silver in every line,
And you may claim them if you but will
Open my pages and take your fill.

"Open my pages and run them o'er,
Take what you choose of my golden store.
Be you greedy, I shall not care -
All that you seize I shall gladly spare;
There is never a lock on my treasure doors,
Come - here are my jewels, make them
yours!

"I am just a book on your mantel shelf,
But I can be part of your living self;
If only you'll travel my pages through,
Then I will travel the world with you.
As two wines blended make better wine,
Blend your mind with these truths of mine.

"I'll make you fitter to talk with men,
I'll touch with silver the lines you pen,
I'll lead you nearer the truth you seek,
I'll strengthen you when your faith grows
weak -
This place on your shelf is a prison cell,
Let me come into your mind to dwell!"

Summer Reading



Mintz Christian Academy
Required Summer Reading
Rising 4th Graders

Cricket in Times Square (G. Selden)

Give the name of the main character and tell something about that person.

In your own words, tell about the book.

Things to remember:

- Please bring your booklet filled out on the first day of school
- Don't wait until the last minute to start reading. Rushed work is never excellent! It also takes the joy out of reading.
- Make sure you use neat handwriting.
- Be prepared to share what you have written with the class.
- Visit the library often!



Charlotte's Web (E.B. White)

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RIISING FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS:

Recommended Classics (Choose and read at least one from the following list):

- Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary
- Strawberry Girl* by Lois Lenski
- Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan
- Charlotte's Web* by EB White
- The Trumpet of the Swan* by EB White
- Peter Pan* by JM Barrie
- Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- The Yearling* Marjorie Kennan Rawlings
- Treasure Island* by Stevenson
- The Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss
- Sarah Bishop* by Scott O'Dell
- The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day* by Scot O'Dell
- Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell
- Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleischman
- Little House books by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Indian in the Cupboard* by L. Banks
- The Black Stallion* (Farley)
- Bud, Not Buddy* (Christopher Paul Curtis)
- Misty of Chincoteague* (Henry)
- Stone Fox* (J. Gardiner)

Biography (Grade Level Appropriate)

Title of Book: _____

Author of Book: _____

Number of Pages: _____

Give the name of the main character and tell something about that person.

In your own words, tell about the book.

Historical Fiction

Title of Book: _____

Author of Book: _____

Number of Pages: _____

Give the name of the main character and tell something about that person.

In your own words, tell about the book.
