



FOURTH GRADE HOOSIERS 2018 — 2019

1. **The Flashback Four: The Lincoln Project.** Dan Gutman. Miss Z, a mysterious billionaire, is sending her four recruits back in time on a mission to capture, for the first time, one of the most important moments in American history—Abraham Lincoln giving his famous Gettysburg address. **Lexile 700 Points 10**
2. **Garvey's Choice.** Nikki Grimes. Preferring science and reading to the sports his father wants him to play, Garvey comforts himself with food and endures bullying before joining the school chorus, where he learns how to accept himself and bond with his father. **Lexile 620 Points 4**
3. **The Great Shelby Holmes.** Elizabeth Eulberg. Nine-year-old Shelby Holmes, the best detective in her Harlem neighborhood, and her new easy-going friend from downstairs, eleven-year-old John Watson, become partners in a dog-napping case. **Lexile 690 Points 11**
4. **Maxi's Secrets.** Lynn Plourde. Fifth-grader Timminy, who's small for his age and new in town, isn't eager to start Middle School—but he gets a great consolation prize in Maxi, a big, deaf, lovable dog. **Lexile 650 Points 11**
5. **Mighty Jack.** Ben Hatke. Jack may be the only kid in the world who is dreading the summer—because he has to babysit his autistic sister who doesn't talk. Then one day at the flea market, she finally does talk—she tells Jack to trade their mother's car for a box of mysterious beans. Soon, the planted beans turn their yard into a magical jungle-garden, complete with a dragon! **Lexile 200 Points 3**
6. **The Rookie Of The Year.** Phil Bildner. Rip and Red find that fifth grade continues to challenge them in brand-new ways and discover that sometimes radical change is nothing to be afraid of. **Lexile 550 Points 10**
7. **Steamboat School : inspired by a true story.** Deborah Hopkinson. In 1847 St. Louis, Missouri, when a new law against educating African-Americans forces Reverend John to close his school, he finds an ingenious solution to the new state law by moving his school to a steamboat in the Mississippi River. **Lex. 660 Pts. 2**
8. **Step Right Up : How Doc and Jim Key Taught The World About Kindness.** Donna Bowman. A picture book biography of Dr. William Key, a former slave and self-trained veterinarian who taught his horse, Jim, to read and write! The two became one of the most famous traveling performance acts around the turn of the 20th century. **Lexile 910 Points 3**
9. **The Sweetest Sound.** Sherri Winston. Shy ten-year-old Cadence deals with an overprotective father, a mother who has skipped town to chase stardom, and what to do when a recording of her amazing voice leaks before she is ready to share it with the world. **TEST NOT YET AVAILABLE**
10. **Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream Of Inventions.** Chris Barton. A biography of Lonnie Johnson, an engineer at NASA, who is best known for inventing the Super Soaker water gun. **Lexile 820 Points 2**