

RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

4th Grade Literature

UNIT 6: BUD, NOT BUDDY

Texts with Connecting Topics and Themes

Discovering home:

- *Homecoming* (The Tillerman Cycle) by Cynthia Voigt (630L)**
- *Ruby Holler* by Sharon Creech (660L)
- *The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond* by Brenda Woods (670L)
- *Beyond the Bright Sea* by Lauren Wolk (770L)
- *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli (820L)

The Great Depression:

- *Full of Beans* by Jennifer L. Holm (490L)*
- *Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer L. Holm (610L)
- *A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck (670L)
- *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool (800L)
- *Rose's Journal: The Story of a Girl in the Great Depression* by Marissa Moss (820L)
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor (920L)
- *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse (1040L)
- *Christmas After All: The Great Depression Diary of Minnie Swift* by Kathryn Lasky (770L)**
- *Dust to Eat: Drought and Depression in the 1930's* by Michael L. Cooper (1120L)

Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *Kit's World: A Girl's-Eye View of the Great Depression* by Harriet Brown and Teri Witkowski (NL)
- *Dear Mrs. Roosevelt: Letters from Children of the Great Depression* by Robert Cohen (NL)
- *Potato: A Tale from the Great Depression* by Kate Lied (500L) *
- *The Great Depression: An Interactive History Adventure* (You Choose series) by Michael Burgan (600L)
- *What Was the Great Depression?* by Janet B. Pascal (790L)*
- *We the People: The Great Depression* by Michael Burgan (910L)

Additional Texts by the Author

- *The Mighty Miss Malone* by Christopher Paul Curtis (750L)
- *The Madman of Piney Woods* by Christopher Paul Curtis (870L)
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham --1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis (920L)
- *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis (980L)

* lower Lexile or qualitative measures than core text

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