

# RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

## 4th Grade Literature

### UNIT 5: JOEY PIGZA SWALLOWED THE KEY

#### Texts with Connecting Topics and Themes

Celebrating differences:

- *El Deafo* by Cece Bell (NL)
- *Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier (GN300L)
- *Waiting for Normal* by Leslie Connor (570L)
- *Anything but Typical* by Nora Raleigh Baskin (640L)
- *Sahara Special* by Esme Raji Codell (660L)
- *Rules* by Cynthia Lord (670L)
- *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper (700L)
- *As Brave as You* by Jason Reynolds (750L)
- *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Solan (770L)
- *George* by Alex Gino (790L)\*\*
- *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio (790L)
- *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick (930L)

#### Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *Learning to Slow Down and Pay Attention: A Book for Kids about ADHD* by Ellen B. Dixon and Kathleen G. Nadeau (NL)
- *The Survival Guide for Kids with ADHD* by John F. Taylor (860L)

#### Additional Texts by the Author

- *Jack Adrift: Fourth Grade Without a Clue* (Jack Henry Series) by Jack Gantos (730L)
- *Joey Pigza Loses Control* by Jack Gantos (800L)
- *What Would Joey Do?* by Jack Gantos (860L)
- *I Am Not Joey Pigza* by Jack Gantos (860L)
- *The Key that Swallowed Joey Pigza* by Jack Gantos (970L)

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