

RECOMMENDED READING LIST, Children's Edition

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CHILDREN'S READING LIST

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Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women, Little Men, Jo's Boys*, etc.

Aldrich, Thomas Bailey. *The Story of a Bad Boy*.

Andersen, Hans Christian. *Andersen's Fairy Tales*.

Applegate, Katherine. *The One and Only Ivan*.

Avi. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Coyle*.

Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting*.

Barrie, J.M. *Peter Pan*.

Bauer, Joan. *Stand Tall*.

Bunyan, John. *Pilgrim's Progress*. See new retelling by Gary Schmidt

Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *The Secret Garden, A Little Princess*.

Carroll, Lewis. *Alice in Wonderland*.

Cleary, Beverly. *Dear Mr. Henshaw*.

Cooper, Susan. *The Grey King*.

Cummings, Samuel. *Golden Legends*.

Dahl, Roald. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, etc.

DeJong, Meindert. *The Wheel on the Schoolhouse, The House of Sixty Fathers*, etc.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Flora and Ulysses; The Tale of Despereaux*.

de Saint- Exupéry, Antoine. *The Little Prince*.

Dickinson and Dickinson, eds. *Children's Second Book of Patriotic Stories*.

Dodge, Mary. *Hans Brinker, or The Silver Skates*.

Durrell, Gerald. *My Family and Other Animals*.

Enright, Elizabeth. *Gone-Away Lake; Thimble Summer*; etc.

Estes, Eleanor. *Ginger Pye; The Moffatts*; etc.

Fleming, Candace. *The Day I Died*.

Grahame, Kenneth. *The Golden Age; The Wind in the Willows*.

Grimm. *Grimm's Fairy Tales*.

Haggard, H. Rider. *King Solomon's Mines*.

Hesse, Karen. *Out of the Dust*.

Hinton, S.E. *The Outsiders*. (teenagers)

Hunt, Irene. *Across Five Aprils*.

Johnston, Annie Fellows. *The Little Colonel*. (a series of books...may be out of print. Read online at <http://www.littlecolonel.com/>, <http://www.online-literature.com/annie-johnston/> or <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/9407>)

Juster, Norton. *The Phantom Tollbooth*.

Kingsley, Charles. *The Water-Babies*.

Kipling, Rudyard. *Kipling Stories and Poems Every Child Should Know*.

Konigsburg, E.L. *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*.

L'Engle, Madeline. *A Wrinkle in Time*; etc.

Lewis, C.S. *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

Lindgren, Astrid. *Pippi Longstocking*.

Lowry, Lois. *The Giver*; *Number the Stars*; etc.

MacDonald, George. *Gifts of the Child Christ, The Princess and Curdie, The Golden Key, The Princess and the Goblin, The Lost Princess* (sometimes called *The Wise Woman*)—great fiction for parenting

Magorian, Michelle. *Goodnight, Mister Tom*.

McKinley, Robin. *Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast; The Outlaws of Sherwood; The Blue Sword; The Hero and the Crown*.

Merrill, Jean. *The Pushcart War, The Toothpaste Millionaire*.

Milne, A.A. *Winnie-the-Pooh*.

Montgomery, L.M. *Anne of Green Gables*.

Moody, Ralph. *Little Britches*. (series of 8 books)

Mowat, Farley. *The Dog Who Wouldn't Be*.

Mulock Craik, Dinah Maria. *The Adventures of a Brownie, The Little Lame Prince*.

Neville, Emily Cheney. *It's Like This, Cat*.

O'Brien, Robert C. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh*.

Paterson, Katherine. *Bridge to Terabithia, Jacob Have I Loved, The Great Gilly Hopkins*.

Paulsen, Gary. *Hatchet*. (a boy learns to survive in the wilderness)

Polacco, Patricia. *Thank you, Mr. Falker; Pink and Say; Chicken Sunday; The Butterfly*

Potter, Beatrix. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, etc.

Raskin, Ellen. *The Westing Game*.

Rawls, Wilson. *Where the Red Fern Grows*.

Ruskin, John. *The King of the Golden River*.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. *Echo; Esperanza Rising*.

Sachar, Louis. *Holes*.

Seredy, Kate. *The Good Master, The Singing Tree, The White Stag*, etc.

Sewell, Anna. *Black Beauty*.

Sidney, Margaret. *The Five Little Peppers and How They Grew*. (series)

Silverstein, Shel. *The Giving Tree*.

Smith, Dodie. *I Capture the Castle*.

Spyri, Johanna. *Heidi*.

St. John, Patricia. *Treasures of the Snow*; etc. (wonderful Christian writer)
 Steinbeck, John. *The Acts of King Arthur and His Noble Knights*
 Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*; *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*; etc.
 Voigt, Cynthia. *The Tillerman books (7 books)*; *The Kingdom books (4 books)*.
 White, E.B. *Charlotte's Web*; *Stuart Little*; *The Trumpet of the Swan*.
 White, John. *The Tower of Geburah*.
 Wiggin, Kate Douglas. *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*.
 Wilde, Oscar. *Fairy Tales and Poems in Prose*.
 Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House on the Prairie*; etc.
 Williams, Margery. *The Velveteen Rabbit*.

POETRY

de la Mare, Walter. *Songs of Childhood*.
 Knapp, John. *A Pillar of Pepper and Other Bible Rhymes*.
 Koch, Kenneth. *Rose, Where Did You Get That Red?*
 O'Neill, Mary. *Hailstones and Halibut Bones: Adventures in Poetry and Color*.
 Silverstein, Shel. *Where the Sidewalk Ends*.
 Stevenson, Robert Louis. *A Child's Garden of Verses*
 Untermeyer, Louis. Has many collections.

READING LIST: JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

(Some adult level books. You'll have to pace your child—some may do better than others with these)

Brontë, Charlotte. *Jane Eyre* (demanding reading)
 Chesterton, G.K. *The Amazing Adventures of Father Brown* (mystery), *The Man Who Was Thursday*.
 Crane, Stephen. *The Red Badge of Courage* (history, adventure-- Civil War story)
 Defoe, Daniel. *Robinson Crusoe* (adventure—wonderful study in the sovereignty of God. Somewhat demanding.)
 Dickens, Charles. *David Copperfield*; etc.
 Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*.
 Dumas, Alexander. *The Count of Monte Cristo*.
 Fleming, Ian. *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (adventure)
 Forbes, Esther Hoskins. *Johnny Tremain* (adventure, history)
 Gilbreth, Frank B., and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey. *Cheaper by the Dozen* (wonderful true story about a family with 12 children)
 Hilton, James. *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*.
 Hugo, Victor. *Les Misérables* (abridged)

Lee, Harper. *To Kill a Mockingbird* (wonderful-teaches integrity and the evil of racism)
 Lewis, C.S. *The Space Trilogy*
 Meader, Stephen. *Shadow in the Pines* (mystery).
 Murphy, Robert. *The Pond*.
 Orczy, Baroness Emma. *The Scarlet Pimpernel*.
 Potok, Chaim. *The Chosen; The Promise* (stories about friendship in the Hasidic Jewish community).
 Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan. *The Yearling* (the movie is wonderful, too).
 Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Treasure Island; Kidnapped*.
 Thurber, James. *The 13 Clocks* (humor).
 Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit; The Lord of the Rings* trilogy (4 volumes--fantasy)
 Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn; The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.
 White, T.H. *The Once and Future King*.
 Zindel, Paul. *The Pigman*.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND BOOKS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Guroian, Vigen. *Tending the Heart of Virtue: How Classic Stories Awaken a Child's Moral Imagination*.
 (superlative look at these issues)
 Hunt, Gladys. *Honey for a Child's Heart*.
 Russell, William F. *Classics to Read Aloud to Your Children*.
 Trelease, Jim. *The Read-Aloud Handbook*.
 Wilson, Elizabeth. *Books Children Love*.

YOUNGER CHILDREN'S LITERATURE BIBLIOGRAPHY

Ackerman, Karen. *Song and Dance Man*.
 Blos, Joan W. *Old Henry*.
 Blume, Judy. *The Pain and the Great One*.
 Bourgeois, Paulette. *Franklin Fibs*.
 Douglass, Barbara. *Good as New*.
 Dragonwagon, Crescent. *Home Place*.
 Graham, Amanda. *Who Wants Arthur?*
 Hall, Donald. *Ox-Cart Man*.
 Henry, Marguerite. *Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin*.
 Hoban, Russell. *Bedtime for Frances*.
 Hoffman, Mary. *Amazing Grace*.
 Houston, Gloria. *My Great-Aunt Arizona*.
 Howard, Jane R. *When I'm Sleepy*.
 Jukes, Mavis. *Like Jake and Me*.

Keats, Ezra Jack. *Goggles!; Pet Show!; Whistle for Willie.*

MacLachlan, Patricia. *Through Grandpa's Eyes.*

Martin, Rafe. *The Rough-Face Girl.*

McCloskey, Robert. *Blueberries for Sal; Make Way for Ducklings.*

McCully, Emily Arnold. *Mirette on the High Wire.*

McLerran, Alice. *Roxaboxen.*

Paterson, Katherine. *The Tale of the Mandarin Ducks.*

Rylant, Cynthia. *The Relatives Came; When I Was Young in the Mountains.*

Say, Allen. *The Bicycle Man.*

Sebestyen, Ouida. *Words by Heart.* (beautiful, painful story of an African American family)

Waber, Bernard. *Ira Sleeps Over.*

Williams, Vera B. *A Chair for My Mother.*

GUIDE TO TEACHING CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH/TEACHING GUIDES

Dunlop, Cheryl. *Follow Me As I Follow Christ: A Guide for Teaching Children in a Church.*

Wise, Jesse and Susan Wise Bauer. *The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home.*