

Reading List

Preschool – First Grade

- Aesop
Fables (The translation by Robert L 'Estrange is the classic)
- Anderson, Hans Christian
Christine's Pictures Book
A Christmas Greeting: A Series of Stories
Fairy Tales
- Anno, Mitsumasa
Anno's Counting Book
- Arabian Nights (There are two classic translations, one expurgated for children by Edward Lane, the other complete by Richard Burton.)
- Barrett, Judith
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
- Bates, Lucy
Little Rabbit's Loose Tooth
- Belloc, Hilaire
The Bad Child's Book of Beasts
- Bemelmans, Ludwig
Madeline
Madeline Series
- Berenstain, Stan & Jan
Berenstain Bears Series
- Bourgeois, Paulette
Franklin in the Dark
Franklin Series
- Bridwell, Norman
Clifford Series
- Brown, Marcia
Stone Soup: An Old Tale
- Brown, Margaret
Goodnight Moon
Runaway Bunny
- Brunoff, Laurent de
Babar Series
- Burton, Virginia Lee
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
The Little House
- Caldecott, Randolph
Picture Books – 16 little vols. (published by Frederick Warne)
- Carle, Eric
The Grouchy Ladybug
The Very Hungry Caterpillar
The Very Busy Spider
The Very Quiet Cricket
- Collodi, Carlo (Carlo Lorenzini)
Pinochio
- Carroll, Lewis (preferably illustrated by Tenniel)
Alice in Wonderland
Through the Looking Glass
- De La Mare, Walter
Come Hither (the best anthology of poetry for "children of all ages")
Songs of Childhood
- Dougherty, James
Andy and the Lion
- Eastman, Philip O.
Are You My Mother?
- Edgeworth, Maria
Moral Tales
The Parent's Assistant

Ehlert, Lois
 Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf

Ewing, Juliana
 Jackanapes

Flack, Marjorie
 The Story about Ping
 Ask Mr. Bear
 Angus and the Cat

Freeman, Don
 Corduroy
 A Pocket for Corduroy
 Dandelion

Gág, Wanda
 Millions of Cats

Galdone, Paul
 Little Red Hen

Gesta Romanorum (translated by Swann [Scholarly Facsimiles])

Grahame, Kenneth
 Wind in the Willows

Gramatky, Hardie
 Little Toot

Greenaway, Kate (preferably published by Frederick Warner)
 An Apple Pie
 Birthday Book
 Marigold Garden
 Mother Goose
 The Language of Flowers
 Under the Window

Grimm
 Household Stories (illustrated by Walter Crane [Dover Facsimiles])

Harris, Joel Chandler
 Uncle Remus

Heller, Ruth
 Chickens Aren't the Only Ones

Hoban, Lillian
 Frances Series

Hoff, Syd
 Sammy, the Seal
 Danny and the Dinosaur

Hunt, Angela Elwell
 The Tale of Three Trees

Hutchens, Pat
 The Doorbell Rang
 Rosie's Walk

Johnson, Crocket
 Harold and the Purple Crayon

Joslin, Sesyle
 What Do You Say Dear?

Keats, Ezra Jack
 The Snowy Day
 Over in the Meadow
 Peter's Chair
 A Whistle for Willie

Kingsley, Rudyard
 Jungle Book (illustrated by Kipling)
 Just So Stories

Krauss, Ruth
 The Carrot Seed
 Leo the Late Bloomer

Lamb, Charles
 Beauty and the Beast
 Tales from Shakespeare

Lang, Andrew
Blue Book of Fairies, and other colors – five vols. (best illustrated
By H.J. Ford [Dover has facsimile editions])

Leaf, Munro
Story of Ferdinand

Lear, Edward
ABC (illustrated by Lear)
Nonsense Omnibus (illustrated by Lear [Warner])
The Pobble Who Has No Toes
The Quangle Wangles Hat

Lionni, Leo
Inch By Inch
Frederick
Swimmy

Lobel, Arnold
Frog and Toad Series

Lofting, Hugh
Dr. Dolittle: A Treasury
Dr. Dolittle and The Green Canary
Dr. Dolittle's Circus
Dr. Dolittle's Caravan
Dr. Dolittle's Garden
Dr. Dolittle's Zoo
Story of Doctor Dolittle
Voyages of Doctor Dolittle

Marshall, James
George and Martha

Martin, Bill
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

McCloskey, Robert
Blueberries for Sal
Make Way for Ducklings
One Morning in Maine

Milne, A.A.
Winnie the Pooh
Winnie the Pooh Series
The House at Pooh Corner
Now We Are Six
Once On a Time
Prince Rabbit

Minarik, Else Holmelund
Little Bear

Mother Goose (Dover Facsimiles; another ed. Illustrated by
Rackham, Viking Press)

Numeroff, Laura
If You Give A Mouse A Muffin
If You Give A Mouse A Cookie

Payne, Emmy
Katy No-Pocket

Perrault, Charles
Fairy Tales (illustrated by Doré [Dover])

Pfister, Marcus
The Rainbow Fish

Piper, Watty
The Little Engine that Could

Potter, Beatrix
- 23 little vols., some available in French, Spanish and Latin,
all illustrated by Potter, especially:
The Fairy Caravan
The Story of a Fierce Bad Rabbit
The Tailor of Gloucester

Potter, Beatrix (continued)
 The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck
 The Tale of Peter Rabbit
 The Tale of Pigling Bland
 The Tale of Samuel Whiskers
 The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin
 The Tale of Flopsy Bunnies
 The Tale of Tom Kitten
 The Tale of Two Bad Mice

Rey, Hans Augusto
 Curious George Series

Sendak, Maurice
 Where the Wild Things Are

Seuss, Dr.
 Horton Hatches the Egg
 Cat In The Hat
 Green Eggs and Ham

Spier, Peter
 Noah's Ark

Steig, William
 Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

Stevenson, Robert Louis
 A Child's Garden of Verses (Scribner's)

Waber, Bernard
 Ira Sleeps Over
 Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

White, E.B.
 Charlotte's Web

Williams, Vera
 The Velveteen Rabbit

Zion, Gene
 Harry, the Dirty Dog

Zolotow, Charlotte
 The Sleepy Book

Reading List

Second and Third Grades

- Aardema, Verna
Why Mosquitoes Buzz In People's Ears: A West African Tale
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain
- Ackerman, Karen
Song and Dance Man
- Adams, Andy
Cattle Brands
Log of a Cowboy (illustrated by N.C. Wyeth)
The Outlet
Why the Chisholm Trail Forks, and other tales of the cattle country
- Adamson, Joy
Born Free
- Allard, Harry
Miss Nelson is Missing!
- Anderson, Clarence W.
Billy and Blaze Series
- Anderson, Hans Christian
The Emperor's New Clothes
- Atwater, Richard Tupper
Mr. Popper's Penguins
- Bailey, Carolyn
Miss Hickory
- Barrett, Judith
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs
- Barrie, James
Peter Pan
- Belloc, Hilaire
Cautionary Tales for Children
- Bemelmans, Ludwig
Madeline
- Bianco, Margery Williams
The Velveteen Rabbit
- Bishop, Claire Hatched
Five Chinese Brothers
- Bond, Michael
Paddington Series
- Bridwell, Norman
Clifford Series
- Brink, Carol Ryrie
Caddie Woodlawn
- Brown, Marc
Arthur Series
- Brown, Marcia
Stone Soup
- Browning, Robert
The Pied Piper of Hamelin (illustrated by Kate Greenaway [Warner])
- Bulla, Clyde
Shoeshine Girl
- Bunyan, John
Pilgrim's Progress Simplified
- Burton, Virginia Lee
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
- Carle, Eric
The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Catling, Patrick
The Chocolate Touch

Cleary, Beverly
 The Mouse and the Motorcycle
 Ramona Series
 Henry Huggins

Cooney, Barbara
 Miss Rumphus

Dalgliesh, Alice
 The Courage of Sarah Noble
 The Bears on Hemlock Mountain

D'Aulaire, Ingri
 Abraham Lincoln

Davidson, Margaret
 Helen Keller

Davoll, Barbara
 Christopher Churchmouse Series

Decker, Marjorie
 The Christian Mother Goose

Dennis, Wesley
 Flip

Dobson, Danae
 Woof Finds A Family

Duvoisin, Roger
 Petunia Series

Eastman, Philip D.
 Are You My Mother?

Flack, Marjorie
 The Story About Ping

Freeman, Don
 Corduroy
 Dandelion

Gág, Wanda
 Millions of Cats

Gire, Ken
 Adventures in the Big Thicket

Grahame, Kenneth
 The Wind in the Willows

Gramatky, Hardie
 Little Toot

Hader, Elmer
 The Big Snow

Hall, Donald
 Ox-Cart Man

Hoban, Russell
 Frances Series

Hoff, Syd
 Danny and the Dinosaur

Hoffman, Mary
 Amazing Grace

James, Will (illustrated by James [Scribner's])
 Book of Cowboys
 Lone Cowboy
 Smoky

Keats, Ezra Jack
 The Snowy Day

Kraus, Robert
 Leo the Late Bloomer

Levine, Nancy
 Alex Series

Lewis, C.S.
 The Chronicles of Narnia

Lindgren, Astrid
 Pippi Longstocking

Lionni, Leo
 Frederick

Lobel, Arnold
 Frog and Toad Are Friends

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth
 Evangeline
 Hiawatha

Martin, Bill
 Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

McCloskey, Robert
 Make Way For Ducklings
 Homer Price

Minarik, Else
 Little Bear Series

Murphy, Elspeth
 The Mystery of the Carousel Horse

Noble, Trinka Hayes
 The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash

Norton, Mary
 The Borrowers

Parish, Peggy
 Amelia Bedelia

Potter, Beatrix
 The Tale of Peter Rabbit

Reid Bank, Lynne
 The Indian in the Cupboard

Rey, Hans Augusto
 Curious George

Seldon, George
 Cricket in Times Square

Sendak, Maurice
 Where the Wild Things Are

Sharmat, Marjorie
 Nate the Great Series

Shaw, Janet Beeler
 Meet Kristin, An American Girl

Slobodkina, Esphyr
 Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler
 Some Monkeys
 Their Monkey Business

Sperry, Armstrong
 Call it Courage

Stevenson, Robert Louis (preferably illustrated by Wyeth)
 Across the Plains
 From Clyde to Sandy Hook
 Kidnapped
 The Silverado Squatters
 Treasure Island

Tresselt, Alvin R.
 The Mitten: An Old Ukrainian Folktale

Tripp, Valerie
 American Girl Series

Ungerer, Tomi
 Cricotor

Viorst, Judith
 Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Waber, Bernard
 IRA Sleeps Over

Warner, Gertrude Chandler
 The Boxcar Children

White, E.B.
 Stuart Little

Wilder, Laura Ingalls
Little House in the Big Woods
Little House on the Prairie
Farmer Boy
On the Banks of Plum Creek
By the Shores of Silver Lake
The Long Winter
Little Town on the Prairie
These Happy Golden Years

Williams, Margery
The Velveteen Rabbit

Wister, Owen
Indispensable Information for Infants

Wyss, Johann
Swiss Family Robinson
Willis the Pilot

Yashuma, Taro
Crow Boy

Zion, Gene
Harry, The Dirty Dog

Reading List

Fourth and Fifth Grades

Alcott, Louisa May

Little Women

Little Men

Jo's Boys, and how they turned out (a sequel to "Little Men")

Aunt Jo's Scrap-Bag – 6 vols.

An Old Fashioned Girl

Eight Cousins; or, The Aunt-Hill

A Free Bed

Rose in Bloom (a sequel to "Eight Cousins")

Flower Fables

Hospital Sketches, and Camp and Fireside Stories

Jack and Jill: a Village Story

Lulu's Library – 3 vols. collection of stories

Moods

Morning-glories, and Other Stories

On Picket Duty

Silver Pitchers and Independence, a Centennial Love Story

Spinning-Wheel Stories

Three Proverb Stories – Kitty's Class Day, Aunt Kipp, Psyche's Art

Under the Lilacs

Work: A Story of Experience

Aldrich, Thomas Bailey

An Old Town by the Sea

The Ballad of Baby Bell, and other poems

Cloth of Gold, and other poems

The Course of True Love Never Did Run Smooth

Daisy's Necklace: and What Came Of It

Flower and Thorn, later poems

Friar Jerome's Beautiful Book

The Little Violinist

Marjorie Daw

A Midnight Fantasy

Miss Mehetabel's Son

Our Neighbors at Ponkapog

Poems of T.B. Aldrich

The Stillwater Tragedy

Story of a Bad Boy

Two Bites at a Cherry, with other tales

Armstrong, William

Souder

Burnett, Frances Hodgson

Little Lord Fauntleroy

The Secret Garden

The Little Princess

Burnford, Sheila

The Incredible Journey

Burroughs, Edgar Rice

Apache Devil

Back to the Stone Age

Chessman of Mars

John Carter of Mars

Jungle Tales of Tarzan

Tales of Three Planets

Tarzan

The Return of Tarzan

The Son of Tarzan

Cooper, James Fenimore
Afloat and Ashore
The Bravo
The Chainbearer
The Crater
The Deerslayer
The Headsman
The Heidenmauer
Home as Found
Homeward Bound
Jack Tier
The Last of the Mohicans
Lionel Lincoln
Mercedes of Castile
Miles Wallingford
The Monikins
The Oak Openings
The Path Finder
The Pioneers
The Pilot
The Prairie
Precaution
The Red Rover
The Redskins
Satan's Toe
The Sea Lions
The Two Admirals
The Water-Witch
The Ways of the Hour
The Wing and Wing
The Wept of Wish-ton-wish
Wayandotte

Cowper, William
John Gilpin's Ride (illustrated by Caldecott [Warne])

Dalgliesh, Alice
The Courage of Sarah Noble

Dana, Richard Henry
Two Years Before the Mast

Daugherty, James
Daniel Boone

Davidson, Margaret
Helen Keller

Defoe, Daniel
Robinson Crusoe

DeJong, Meindert
The Wheel on the School

Dickens, Charles
A Christmas Carol
Cricket on the Hearth
David Copperfield
Oliver Twist (The latter two may be reserved for adolescence or reread.)

Dixon, Franklin W.
The Tower Treasure

Dixon, Franklin
Hardy Boys Series

Dodge, Mary Mapes
Hans Brinker

du Bois, William Pene
Twenty-One Balloons

Fleischman, Sid
The Whipping Boy

Fritz, Jean
 The Cabin Faced West

Gardiner, John Reynolds
 Stone Fox

Garland, Hamlin
 The Light of the Star
 The Long Trail
 Main-Travelled Roads
 Prairie Folks
 Son of the Middle Border
 The Spirit of Sweetwater

George, Jean Craighead
 My Side of the Mountain

Gipson, Fred
 Old Yeller

Henry, Marguerite
 Misty of Chincoteague

Hutchens, Paul
 Sugar Creek Gang Series

Irving, Washington
 Sketch Book

Keene, Carolyn
 Nancy Drew Series

Kingsley, Charles
 Westward Ho

Kipling, Rudyard
 Captians Courageous
 Kim
 Stalky and Co. (illustrated by Miller)

Knight, Eric
 Lassie Come Home

Lawson, Robert
 Ben and Me: A New and Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin as written by his good mouse, Amos,
 lately discovered
 Rabbit Hill

Lenski, Lois
 Strawberry Girl

Lewis, C.S.
 The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe

Lindgren, Astrid
 Pippi Longstocking

Lofting, Hugh
 The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle

Lowry, Lois
 Number the Stars

McDonald, Goerge
 The Princess and Curdie
 The Princess and the Goblin

McSwigan, Marie
 Snow Treause

Marryat, Frederick
 Masterman Ready
 Mr. Mindshipman Easy

Masefield, John
 Jim Davis

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

O'Dell, Scott
 Island of the Blue Dolphins

Peretti, Frank E.
 The Door in the Dragon's Throat

Pyle, Howard
 Otto of the Silver Hand
 Robin Hood (illustrated by Pyle [Dover])

Rawls, Wilson
 Where the Red Fern Grows

Sewall, Anna
 Black Beauty

Sobol, Donald J.
 Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective

Spyri, Johanna
 Chell
 Heidi

Stratton-Porter, Gene
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 Charlotte's Web
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Under the Lilacs
Work: A story of experience
- Armstrong, William
Souder
- Babbitt, Natalie
Tuck Everlasting
- Beatty, Patricia
Turn Homeward, Hannalee
- Brink, Carol Ryrie
Caddie Woodlawn
- Burnett, Frances Hodgson
The Secret Garden
- Burnford, Sheila
The Incredible Journey
- Byars, Betsy
The Summer of the Swans
- Cleary, Beverly
Dear Mr. Henshaw
- Cooper, James Fenimore
Afloat and Ashore
The Bravo
The Chainbearer
The Crater
The Deerslayer
The Headsman
The Heidenmauer
Home as Found
Homeward Bound
Jack Tier
The Last of the Mohicans
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Hans Brinker; or
The Silver Skates

Enright, Elizabeth
Thimble Summer

Farley, Walter
The Black Stallion

Field, Rachel
Hitty: Her First Hundred Years

Forbes, Esther
Johnny Tremain

Gates, Doris
Blue Willow

George, Jean Craighead
Julie of the Wolves
My Side of the Mountain

Gipson, Fred
Old Yeller

Grahame, Kenneth
The Wind in the Willows

Hawthorne, Nathaniel
Tanglewood Tales

Henry, Marguerite
King of the Wind

Hess, Donna Lynn
A Father's Promise

Irving, Washington
Sketch Book

Juster, Norton
The Phantom Tollbooth

Kipling, Rudyard
The Jungle Book

Kjelgaard, Jim
Big Red

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

Latham, Jean Lee
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch

Lewis, C.S.
 The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe

London, Jack
 Call of the Wild
 White Fang

Lowry, Lois
 Number the Stars

Martin, Ann M.
 Kristy's Great Idea

McDonald, Goerge
 The Princess and Curdie
 The Princess and the Goblin

Marryat, Frederick
 Masterman Ready
 Mr. Mindshipman Easy

Masefield, John
 Jim Davis

Morey, Walt
 Gentle Ben

Motgomery, L.M
 Anne of Green Gables Series

North, Sterling
 Rascal

Norton, Mary
 The Borrowers

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

O'Dell, Scott
 Island of the Blue Dolphins

Paterson, Katherine
 Bridge to Terabithia

Paulsen, Gary
 Hatchet

Peritti, Frank
 Cooper Kids Adventure Series

Porter, Elizabeth
 Pollyanna

Pyle, Howard
 Otto of the Silver Hand
 Robin Hood (illustrated by Pyle [Dover])

Rawlings, Marjorie
 The Yearling

Rawls, Wilson
 Where the Red Fern Grows

Reid Banks, Lynne
 The Indian in the Cupboard

Robinson, Barbara
 The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Seredy, Kate
 The Good Master

Sewell, Anna
 Black Beauty

Shakespeare, William
 Comedy of Errors

Sorensen, Virginia
 Maricles on Maple Hill

Speare, Elizabeth George
 The Sign of the Beaver
 The Bronze Bow
 The Witch of Blackbird Pond

Sperry, Armstrong
 Call It Courage

Sterling, Dorothy
Freedom Train

Stevenson, Robert Louis
Treasure Island
Kidnapped

St. John, Patricia
Star Light
The Tanglewood Secret

Stowe, Harriet Beecher
Uncle Tom's Cabin

Stratton-Porter, Gene
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Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Taylor, Theodore
The Cry

Til Eulenspiegel (Translated by Mackenzie)

Tolkien, J.R.R.
The Hobbit

Verne, Jules
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
800 Leagues on the Amazon
Around the in World in 80 days
Caesar Cascabel
From the Earth to the Moon
Hector Servadac
Journey into the Interior of the Earth
The Lighthouse at the End of the World
Mysterious Island
On the Track
Voyages and Adventures of Captain Hatteras

White, E.B.
Charlotte's Web

Wyss, Johann
The Swiss Family Robinson

Yates, Elizabeth
Amos Fortune, Free Man