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Book List Recommendations Per Grade Level **“AdVentures in Reading”**

Entering Kindergarten

Suggested Bibles and Bible Reading

- *Jesus Calling Bible Storybook* by Sarah Young
- *The Growing Reader Phonics Bible* by Joy MacKenzie
- *The Beginner’s Bible* by Zondervan
- *Hey-O! Stories of the Bible* by Saddleback Kids

Classics

- *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* by Fred Rogers
- *The Berenstain Bears* by Stan and Jan Berenstain
- *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson
- *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans
- *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein
- *Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys, and Their Monkey Business* by Esphyr Slobodkina

Concepts

- *A Seed is Sleepy* by Dianna Hutts Aston
- *Alpha Oops! The Day the Z Went First* by Alethea Kontis
- *Black? White! Day? Night! A Book of Opposites* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger
- *Dog’s Colorful Day* by Emma Dodd
- *Mother Goose: Numbers on the Loose* by Leo & Diane Dillon
- *Every Color Soup* by Jorey Hurley

- *Ready, Set, Skip* by Jane O'Connor
- *Superhero ABC* by Bob McLeod
- *Ten Naughty Little Monkeys* by Suzanne Williams
- *White Is for Blueberry* by George Shannon

Stories in Song and Rhyme

- *Croaky Pokey!* By Ethan Long
- *Green as a Bean* by Karla Kuskin
- *Move Over, Rover!* by Karen Beaumont
- *Old McDonald Had a Truck* by Steve Goetz

Silly Stories

- *Blizzard* by John Rocco
- *The Big Cheese* by Jory John
- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt
- *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* by Drew Daywalt
- *Truck Full of Ducks* by Ross Burach
- *The Little Red Fort* by Brenda Maier
- *Too Much Glue* by Jason Lefebvre
- *The Three Pigs* by David Wiesner
- *Three Hens & A Peacock* by Lester Laminack
- *I Don't Want to be a Frog* by Dev Petty

Animal Stories

- *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman
- *Big Cat, Little Cat* by Elisha Cooper
- *Farmer Duck* by Martin Waddell
- *It's an Orange Aardvark!* by Michael Hall
- *Kiss Good Night* by Amy Hest
- *Being Frog* by April Pulley Sayre
- *Memoirs of a Parrot* by Devin Scillian
- *Memoirs of a Tortoise* by Devin Scillian
- *Nesting* by Henry Cole
- *Where, Oh Where is Baby Bear?* By Ashley Wolff

Friends and Families

- *A Chair for Mother* by Vera B Williams
- *A Splendid Friend, Indeed* by Suzanne Bloom
- *Boxitects* by Kim Smith
- *Friday Night Wrestlefest* by J.F. Fox
- *How to Babysit a Grandpa* by Jean Reagan
- *How to Babysit a Grandma* by Jean Reagan
- *If You Plant a Seed* by Kadir Nelson
- *Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev
- *My Grandma=Mi Abuelita* by Ginger Foglesong Guy
- *Olivia* by Ian Falconer
- *Sorry (Really Sorry)* by Joanna Cotler
- *The Old Truck* by Jarrett Pumphrey
- *A Cup of Love* by Michael Todd

School Stories

- *Look Out of Kindergarten, Here I Come!* By Nancy Carlson
- *Kindergarten Countdown* by Anna Jane Hays
- *First Day Critter Jitters* by Jory John
- *Clark the Shark* by Bruce Hale
- *How to Get Your Octopus to School* by Becky Scharnhorst
- *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate

Christian Stories

- *Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer: A True Story of How You Can Talk With God* by Laura Wifler
- *The Creator in You* by Jordan Raynor
- *When God Made You* by Matthew Paul Turner
- *God, I Feel Scared* by Michelle Nietert

Additional Stories

- *What Should Danny Do? On Vacation!* (The Power to Choose series) by Ganit Levy



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- *Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold
- *Froggy* by Jonathan London
- *Nate the Great* by Marjorie Sharmat
- *Jigsaw Jones Mysteries* by James Preller
- *Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy & Herman Parish
- *Little Bear* by Else Holmelund Minarik
- *Berenstain Bears* by Jan & Mike Berenstain *
- *King & Kayla* by Dori Hillestad Butler
- *Fancy Nancy* by Robin Preiss Glasser
- *Geronimo Stilton* by Geronimo Stilton
- *Bad Kitty* by Nick Bruel
- *The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls* series by M. J. Thomas *
- *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown
- *Katie Woo* by Fran Manushkin
- *Mother Bruce and other Bruce* stories by Ryan T. Higgins
- *Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo
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- *Owl Diaries* by Rebecca Elliot
- *Pet Vet* series by Sally and Darrel Odgers
- *Here's Hank* by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver
- *Humphrey's Tiny Tales* by Betty G. Birney
- *Good Dog* series by Cam Higgins
- *The Dead Sea Squirrels* by Mike Nawrocki *
- *Olivia's Secrets Scribbles* by Meredith Costain
- *Puppy Place & Kitty Corner* series by Ellen Miles
- *The Adventures in Odyssey* series by Focus on the Family *
- *Who Was...* series (biographies—Multiple authors)
- *Great Mouse Detective* by Eve Titus
- *Where Was...* (geography—Multiple authors)
- *You Wouldn't Want to...* series (multiple authors)
- *Freddie's Amazing Bakery* by Harriet Whitehorn
- *Wednesday & Woof* by Sheri Winston



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Entering Grade 3

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- *Jigsaw Jones Mysteries* series by James Preller – 1998
- *Imagination Station* series by Focus on the Family – 2011*
- *Magic Tree House* series by Mary Pope Osborne – 1992
- *Pony Pals* series by Jeanne Betancourt - 1992
- *The Campground Kids* series by C.R. Fulton – 2020
- *Game Day* series by Patty Mills – 2020
- *The One and Only Bob* by Katherine Applegate – 2020
- *Dog Diaries* series by Kate Klimo – 2013
- *Cam Jensen* series by David A. Adler – 1980's-2000s
- *Two Dogs In a Trench Coat* series by Julie Falatko – 2018
- *Geronimo Stilton* series by Geronimo Stilton – 2000s
- *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate – 2012
- *National Parks Mysteries* series by Aaron Johnson – 2011
- *Night Fairy* by Laura Ay Scnitz – 2010
- *Ryan Hart* series by Renee Watson – 2020

- *I Survived...* series by Lauren Tarshis – 2010s
- *Chocolate Fever* by Robert Kimmel Smith – 1972
- *Who Was...* series (biographies, various authors) – 2000-present
- *American Girl* series by Various authors – 1986-present
- *The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls* series by M.J. Thomas – 2017 *
- *Buttons for General Washington* by Connie and Peter Roop – 1986 *
- *The Baxter Family* series by Karen Kingsbury – 2020 *
- *Humphrey Adventure* series by Betty G. Birney – 2011
- *The Little House on the Prairie* series by Laura Ingalls Wilder - 1932-1943
- *The Dead Sea Squirrels* series by Mike Nawrocki – 2017-present *



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Entering Grade 4

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Suggested Reading List (with publication date)

- *The Magnificent Maya Tibbs* series by Crystal Allen - 2020
- *Bear Grylls* series by Bear Grylls - 2012
- *Nancy Drew Mysteries* by Carolyn Keene – 1930 onward
- *Life According to Og the Frog* series by Betty Birney – 2011
- *Mandie* series by Lois Leppard – 1996 *
- *The Chronicles of Narnia* series by C.S. Lewis – 1950-1956 *
- *The One and Only Ruby* by Katherine Applegate – 2020
- *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio – 2012
- *Masterpiece* by Elise Broach – 2008
- *Little Pilgrim's Progress* by Helen L. Taylor – 2002 *
- *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein – 2012
- *Thank You, Jackie Robinson* by Barbara Cohen – 1990
- *Dinosaur Boy* by Corey Putman Oakes – 2015
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia – 2010
- *Elvis and the Underdogs* by Jenny Lee – 2016
- *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton – 1952
- *Good Morning Mr. President* by Barbara Mitchell – 2024
- *The Harlem Charade* by Natasha Tarpley – 2017
- *Faith, Hope, and Ivy June* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor – 2008

- *Peter Pan and Wendy* by James Barrie – 1911
- *Spacebound* series by J.R. Harbor – 2021
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett – 1911
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl – 1964
- *Lucky Luke's Adventures* by Kevin Lovegreen – 2016
- *The Green Ember* series by S.D Smith – 2014-2018 *



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Entering Grade 5

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Christian Books

- *The Amazing Tales of Max & Liz* series by Jeremy L. Cote
- *The Cooper Kids Adventure* series by Frank E. Peretti *
- *The Door Within* by Wayne Thomas
- *Girls of 622 Harbor View* series by Melody Carlson
- *Kingdom* series by Chuck Black *
- *Left Behind: The Kids* series by Jerry B. Jenkins *
- *The Prince Warrior* series by Priscilla Shirer *
- *Red Wall* series by Brian Jacques
- *Sons of Angels* series by Jerel Law

Fiction

- *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg
- *The Land of Stories* series by Chris Colfer
- *The Library Card* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Misty of Chincoteague* by Marguerite Henry
- *No Talking* by Andrew Clements
- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
- *Old Yeller* by Fred Gibson
- *One-Handed Catch* by MJ Auch

- *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper
- *Rush Revere* series by Rush Limbaugh
- *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio



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Entering Grade 6

Developing Book List

- *The Wanderer* by Sharon Creech
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* by Kate DiCamillo
- *The Slave Dancer* by Paula Fox
- *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* by Russell Freedman
- *The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights* by Russell Freedman
- *The Wright Brothers* by Russell Freedman
- *Spy Camp* by Stuart Gibbs
- *Our Only May Amelia* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *The Neptune Project* by Polly Holyoke
- *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park
- *Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin* by Liesl Shurtliff
- *Counting by 7's* by Holly Goldberry Sloan
- *Liar and Spy* by Rebecca Stead

- *Surviving the Applewhites* by Stephanie S. Tolan

Growing Book List

- *The Black Cauldron* by Lloyd Alexander
- *The High King* by Lloyd Alexander
- *The Blue Sword* by Robin McKinley
- *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
- *A Corner of the Universe* by Ann M. Martin

Challenging Book List

- *The Moorchild* by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
- *A String in the Harp* by Nancy Bond
- *The Hero and the Crown* by Robin McKinley
- *An American Plague* by Jim Murphy
- *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose
- *Savvy* by Ingrid Law
- *Catherine, Called Birdy* by Karen Cushman



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Entering Grade 7

Tier 1 – Developing

- *Robin Hood* by Paul Creswick
- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- *Kisses from Katie: A Story of Relentless Love* by Katie Davis
- *Amos Fortune, Free Man* by Elizabeth Yates
- *The Best Short Stories of O. Henry* by O. Henry
- *The Ascendance Series* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder
- *Sonnets from the Portuguese* by Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- *The Poems of Robert Frost: Poetry for the Ages* by Robert Frost
- *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
- *Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt
- *Let's Roll* by Lisa Beamer
- *Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart* by Candace Fleming
- *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose
- *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery
- *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream* by Tanya Lee Stone

Tier 2 – Growing

- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story* by Ben Carson
- *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- *Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes* by Edith Hamilton
- *Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust* by Doreen Rappaport

Tier 3 – Challenging

- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- *Up from Slavery* by Booker T. Washington
- *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens
- *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens
- *Into the West: From Reconstruction to the Final Days of The American Frontier* by James M. McPherson
- *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *Revolutionary Characters: What Made the Founders Different* by Gordon Wood
- *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving
- *The Prince and the Pauper* by Mark Twain