CLASSICS READING LIST

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WHAT IS A CLASSIC?

Strictly speaking, classic books represent models of excellence or works of enduring cultural relevance and values.

From a reader's standpoint, these are the books that keep us thinking long after we've finished them.

These books teach us through story. They ignite our imaginations and build our character. They show us something about humanity, whether good or bad.

Good books, like good friends, are few and chosen; the more select, the more enjoyable. — Louisa May Alcott



A CHILDREN'S STORY THAT CAN ONLY BE ENJOYED BY CHILDREN IS NOT A GOOD CHILDREN'S STORY IN THE SLIGHTEST.

~ C.S. LEWIS

Grades K-3



Are You My Mother? by P. D. Eastman

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain by Alice Dalgliesh

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey

Bravest Dog Ever: Story of Balto by Natalie Standiford

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

The Complete Adventures of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Chicken Little by Steven Kellogg

The Complete Adventures of Curious George by Margret Rey and H. A. Rey

The Complete Tales of Beatrix Potter by Beatrix Potter

Grades K–3



The Drinking Gourd: A Story of the Underground Railroad by F. N. Monjo

A Family Treasury of Little Golden Books by Ellen Lewis Buell

Five True Dog Stories by Margaret Davidson

Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel

Henner's Lydia by Marguerite de Angeli

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater

The Story about Ping by Marjorie Flack and Kurt Wiese

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes

A New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert

The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit

Grades 4-8



The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery

Ben Hur: Retold for Today's Children by Anne de Graaf

Big Red by Jim Kjelgaard

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner

The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare

Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

Calico Captive by Elizabeth George Speare

The Call of the Wild and White Fang by Jack London

Carry On, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham

Grades 4-8



Charlotte's Web by E. B. White

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

The Endless Steppe by Esther Hautzig

Five Little Peppers and How They Grew by Margaret Sidney

A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-1832 by Joan W. Blos

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes

King Arthur and His Knights by James Knowles

Heidi by Johanna Spyri

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Grades 4-8



Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Thee, Hannah! by Marguerite de Angeli

Skippack School by Marguerite de Angeli

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White

Uncle Tom's Cabin: Retold for Today's Children by Anne de Graaf

The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls



TAKE SOME BOOKS AND READ; THAT'S AN IMMENSE HELP; AND BOOKS ARE ALWAYS GOOD COMPANY IF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT SORT.

~ LOUISA MAY ALCOTT

Grades 9-12



All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

The Beggar Queen by Lloyd Alexander

Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ by Lewis Wallace

Christy by Catherine Marshall

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Newton Peck

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

A Family Apart by Joan Lowery Nixon

Fahrenheit 451: The Temperature at Which Book Paper Catches Fire, and Burns by Ray Bradbury

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

Grades 9–12



Heart of Darkness With the Congo Dairy by Joseph Conrad

I'll Watch the Moon by Ann Tatlock

The Keeper of the Bees by Gene Stratton-Porter

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

A Lantern in Her Hand by Bess Streeter Aldrich

Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers by Ralph Moody

Lord Jim by Joseph Conrad

Moby-Dick: Or, the Whale by Herman Melville

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

The Master's Quilt by Michael Webb

Grades 9–12



Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

The Story of My Life by Helen Keller

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

The World I Live in by Helen Keller

Quo Vadis? by Henry K. Sienkiewicz

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

WHERE TO FIND THE BOOKS



I have added these books (and several more) to collections on Amazon to make it easier for you to find them all.

Note: This is part of my storefront there, so I will earn a small commission if you make a purchase, but it will not cost anything extra for you.

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