

Recommended Reading List



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Although BJU Press has made an effort to suggest titles that are free from objectionable elements, we urge you to use discernment when selecting reading materials for yourself or others.

AGES 4-8

- Adoniram Judson: God's Man in Burma*** – Sharon Hambrick (B)  
This life story of Adoniram Judson follows him from childhood and youthful unbelief to trust in Jesus Christ to service on the mission field of Burma.
- Alexander Graham Bell*** – Elizabeth Rider Montgomery (B)
This story is an easy-to-read encounter about Alexander and his brother and their “talking machine” invention. Alexander soon dedicates all his energies to inventions.
- The Biggest Bear*** – Lynd Ward (F)
Johnny Orchard sets out to bring back the biggest bear in the forest, but instead he comes home with a very little bear that becomes a general nuisance to everyone. How Johnny’s problem is solved gives a charming surprise ending to this story.
- Billy and Blaze*** – C. W. Anderson (F)
Billy receives a beautiful pony for his birthday. Billy’s adventures with his new pony begin in this first book of the *Billy and Blaze* series.
- Blueberries for Sal*** – Robert McCloskey (F)
Sal and her mother enjoy picking blueberries. While on a berry-picking excursion, they encounter a mother bear and her cub also gathering blueberries for the coming winter.
- Buttercup Hill*** – Eileen Berry (F)
Mrs. Bunny Fleet and Hopkin bring sunshine and friendship to their lonely neighbors.
- Carolina's Courage*** – Elizabeth Yates (F)  
Carolina Putnam is a little girl, but she finds out what it means to have the true spirit of a pioneer.
- Chickadee Winter*** – Dawn Watkins (F)
Jack doesn’t think he will ever get used to the cold and snow at his grandparents’ house.
- A Child's Garden of Verse*** – Robert Louis Stevenson (P)
with a nineteenth-century English flavor, these verses are still as fresh as ever.
- Corduroy*** – Don Freeman (F)
This is a story about a teddy bear named Corduroy who lives in a toy department but longs to be owned and loved. Unfortunately, a missing button on his overalls makes him a “poor purchase” until a little girl named Lisa comes along.
- Cowboy Small*** – Lois Lenski (F)
Cowboy Small keeps his horse at the Bar S Ranch. He takes good care of his horse and the ranch. There are pictures of equipment labeled for reference and a glossary of cowboy terms is included.
- The Cranky Blue Crab*** – Dawn Watkins (F)
Crusty the Crab leaves the sea hoping to live a perfect life on land.
- Eats: Poems*** – Arnold Adoff (P)
This is a delightful book of clever poetry about food. Children will enjoy the humor and unusual arrangement of some of the poems.
- Escape*** – Mona Dunkel (F)
An unusual bead turns out to be the most useful treasure Charlie has ever owned.
- Everyday Animals*** – Gertrude Allen (NF)
This informational book reveals fascinating details about the cottontail rabbit, chipmunk, white-footed mouse, striped skunk, porcupine, and gray squirrel.
- Farmer Dillo Set (3)*** – Jesse Adams (F)
Farmer Dillo teaches numbers, colors, and shapes in these three colorful books. Books included in this series are the following: *Farmer Dillo Paints His Barn*, *Farmer Dillo Counts His Chickens*, and *Farmer Dillo Shapes Things Up*.

Abbreviation Key

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17. ***Farmer John's Tractor*** – Sally Sutton (F)
When a flood traps a family's car, multiple types of vehicles come to the rescue, but they all cannot reach the family. Will Farmer John's tractor be able to help?
18. ***The Gardener's Gold Ring*** – Nancy Bopp (F)
A gardener learns that it is possible to find another treasure while looking for a lost one.
19. ***Giggly-Wiggly, Snickety-Snick*** – Robyn Supraner (F)
This book introduces children to the adjectives hard, soft, smooth, bumpy, tickly, short, sticky, stretchy, cold, hot, crunchy, squishy, fluffy, curly, and straight.
20. ***Grandpa's Gizmos*** – John Menken (F)
Grandpa Winslow and his grandson share all kinds of gizmos in his backyard.
21. ***Great Monster Hunt, The*** – Norbert Landa (F)
Animal friends work together to discover the source of the strange sound coming from underneath Duck's bed. As the hunt progresses, the noise becomes greatly exaggerated, but when the friends finally look underneath the bed, they find something quite harmless.
22. ***A Hippo with Feathers*** – Joyce Rand (F)
What a confusing place our world would be if God hadn't coordinated every detail of His creation! But God in His wisdom has made all things perfect—just as they should be.
23. ***I Like Trains*** – Catherine Woolley (NF)
This informational book tells about freight trains, passenger trains, and express trains. It describes the facilities of the passenger train.
24. ***Janette Oke's Animal Friends series*** – Janette Oke (F)
Each title features an animal that learns an important life lesson. Titles include: *Trouble in a Fur Coat*, *New Kid in Town*, *A Cote of Many Colors*, *This Little Pig*, *Maury Had a Little Lamb*, *Spunky's Diary*, *The Prodigal Cat*, *Pordy's Prickly Problem*, *Ducktails*, *Who's New at the Zoo*, *Prairie Dog Town*, and *The Impatient Turtle*.
25. ***Johnny Appleseed*** – Steven Kellogg (B)
This is the story about the life of John Chapman, better known as Johnny Appleseed. The story describes his love of nature, his kindness to animals, and his physical fortitude.
26. ***A King for Brass Cobweb*** – Dawn Watkins (F)
Chipmunk leaves home to seek for the Kingdom of Brass Cobweb – a king who is wise and brave and true.
27. ***The Lighthouse Book*** – Michael Berenstain (NF)
This is a simple book with readable text and intriguing illustrations that describe several well-known lighthouses, various methods of illumination, and the automated structures used today.
28. ***Little Bear*** – Else Minarik (F)
This anthology of several short stories centers on an imaginative, lovable bear cub. In this anthology, Little Bear plays in the snow, celebrates his birthday, and takes an imaginary trip to the moon.
29. ***The Little Engine that Could*** – Watty Piper (F)
The little train has food and toys for the children on the other side of the mountain, but the engine breaks down. The little blue engine pulls the loaded cars over the mountain.
30. ***The Little House*** – Virginia Burton (F)
This is a well-loved story that describes the changes imposed by civilization on a small house.
31. ***Looking for Home*** – Eileen Berry (F)
After living in the country, having to be quiet and follow all the rules of their apartment complex is hard for Micah and Liz.
32. ***Make Way for Ducklings*** – Robert McCloskey (F)
Mr. and Mrs. Mallard search for a site to raise a family. They decide to make their home on the island in the city park.
33. ***Mice of the Herring Bone series (5)*** – Tim Davis (F)
Two brave mice decide to rescue the Queen's treasure from pirate sea dogs. Books included in this series are the following: *Mice of the Herring Bone*  
Mice of the Nine Lives
Mice of the Seven Seas
Mice of the Westing Wind, Book 1
Mice of the Westing Wind, Book 2
34. ***Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*** – Virginia Burton (F)
Mike Mulligan uses his steam shovel to dig the foundation of the town hall in Popperville. He soon realizes that this is only the beginning of their contribution to the people of Popperville.
35. ***Millions of Cats*** – Wanda Gag (F)
When an older couple decides they want a cat for a pet, the man finds millions of them. He cannot decide which one to take home.

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36. ***Mole Had Everything*** – Jamison Odone (F)
Mole is content until a friend suggests that needs more stuff. Mole goes scavaging for more things, but he learns that having a lot of material possessions adds a burden to his life that he did not expect.
37. ***Mumsi Meets a Lion*** – Kim Stegall (F)
Mumsi has been taught what to do if he ever meets a lion. Will he remember on the most terrifying night of his life?
38. ***My Creation Bible*** – Ken Ham (NF)
The story of Creation, the flood, the Tower of Babel, and the birth and death of Christ is told in simple verse.
39. ***A No-Fuss Christmas*** – Susan Kirby (F) (7–9)
Set during the Great Depression, Sueker wants a big, fragrant Christmas tree with red bows and lots of candy and presents. But little food, no rain, and dusty, empty streets make it hard for Sueker and her family to believe.
40. ***Noah's Ark*** – Peter Spier (NF)
With the exception of a poem at the beginning, this is a wordless book giving a pictorial story of Noah and the ark. Readers of all ages will find the detailed illustrations appealing.
41. ***Noodle Soup*** – Gloria Repp (F)
When Jon's family moves to the city, he is homesick, curious, and excited all at once. He begins to wonder if his mother thinks moving was a good idea.
42. ***The Old Woman and Her Pig*** – Paul Galdone (F)
This folktale tells of the creative plan a little old woman must implement in order to coax her pig over a stile and to bring him safely home.
43. ***Over, Under, and All Around*** – Sylvia Root Tester (F)
This concept book introduces various spatial relationships, such as over, under, around, and behind.
44. ***Petunia, I Love You*** – Roger Duvoisin (F)
Petunia, a clever goose, manages to avoid all of Raccoon's attempts to eat her. Eventually the two become friends.
45. ***Pocket Change*** – Dawn Watkins (F)
The five fables in *Pocket Change* tell of alligators, monkeys, and cheetahs that do and say remarkable things.
46. ***Pulling Together*** – Dawn Watkins (F)
What can a boy do to help his family keep its horses?
Matthew takes a risk and makes a sacrifice so that Ben and Dolly can compete at the county fair.
47. ***A Question of Yams*** – Gloria Repp (F)
Kuri's father dares to serve God, defying the traditions of the Head men, and Kuri watches to see what will happen.
48. ***The Rag Coat*** – Lauren Mills (F)
Minna wants very badly to attend school, but she doesn't have a coat, and her family cannot afford one. A group of ladies get together to make her a unique coat that eventually becomes appreciated by all.
49. ***A Ram for Isaac*** – Ginny Merritt (BF)
Told from Isaac's perspective, the retelling of Abraham's great test of faith.
50. ***Rodney Robbins and the Rainy-Day Pond*** – Kim Stegall (F)
Every time it rains, the street in front of Mr. Hamilton's house becomes a pond. So Rodney Robbins and Mr. Hamilton decide to fix it themselves—in a very unusual way.
51. ***The Spelling Window*** – Dawn Watkins (F)
During a trip to the state capitol, Shelly is embarrassed by her deaf neighbor Seth's loud voice and exuberance, until an accident brings her a new respect for his feelings.
52. ***Sticky Flies, Whirling Squirrels, and Plucky Ducks*** – Eileen Berry (F) (7–9)
Stories of kings and lions, mice and squirrels, pearls and honey pots. Stories that help us all to be a little wiser.
53. ***The Tale of Peter Rabbit*** – Beatrix Potter (F)
Peter, a feisty little rabbit, disobeys his mother and gets caught in Mr. McGregor's garden.
54. ***These Are My People*** – Mildred Howard (B) (7–9)
Gladys Aylward and dozens of orphans travel through China, fleeing the Japanese invasion.
55. ***They Didn't Use Their Heads*** – Jo Ann Stover (F)
This amusing and rhyming tale makes an unforgettable case for good behavior.
56. ***Thy Friend, Obadiah*** – Brinton Turkle (HF)
This story is about Obadiah, a little boy of colonial America living on Nantucket Island, and his friend, a sea gull.

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57. *Very Like a Star* – Dawn Watkins (F)
Little Rigel of Buzzle Hive discovers that she is like the star for which she is named.
58. *What's the Big Idea, Molly?* – Valeri Gorbachev (F)
Molly and her friends want to give Turtle a present for his birthday, but they all have the same idea. Then Molly has a really big idea that allows each of her friends to work together to create something extra special.
59. *Welcome Home, Mouse* – Elisa Kleven (F)
Stanley accidently ruins Mouse's house, but he creatively uses everyday household items to build Mouse another home.

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