

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 13–17

- Abraham Lincoln** – David R. Collins (B)
This is a simple biography of Abraham Lincoln.
- The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe** – Daniel Defoe (F)
Robinson Crusoe, the sole survivor of a shipwreck, lives on a deserted island many years before being rescued.
- Anne of Green Gables** – Lucy M. Montgomery (F)
This is the heart-warming story of the orphan, Anne, who finds a home with an elderly brother and sister. Anne, a redheaded tomboy who loves to dream, is a winsome girl who is at times hilariously funny.
- An Autobiography** – Fanny Crosby (B)
This is Fanny's story told in her own words. It is a reflection of her experience with God, a life lived fully and completely for God.
- Autobiography of George Mueller** – George Mueller (B)
Mueller used excerpts from his own diary to tell his story. He tells of struggles and triumphs as he establishes orphan homes to care for thousands of English orphans.
- Avery Series (2 Books)** – Deanna K. Klingel (F)  
In these two books, follow Avery Bennett and his dog Gunner as they journey through the battle-torn towns and countryside of Civil War America. What begins as a quest to find his uncle becomes a search for purpose and peace amid the chaos and violence of war. Books in this series include *Avery's Battlefield* and *Avery's Crossroad*.
- Beyond the Smoke** – Terry Burns (F)  
When Bryan Wheeler's parents are killed by Comanche raiders, he sets out to create a new life for himself in the western wilderness.
- Brain Games** – Sharon Hambrick (F) 
Whether facing the challenges of assembling a team of academically gifted students for the statewide Superbrains competition or battling cancer, Judson Christian High School's favorite teacher, Miss Thistle, depends on the Lord Jesus.
- Camp Sierra Secret** – Esther Wilkison (F)
Lynette's time at Camp Sierra helps her untangle the secrets of her past.
- Captains Courageous** – Rudyard Kipling (F)
A series of unexpected events forces a pampered American youth to work for his living. The experience, though difficult, proves to be invaluable in helping the boy mature into manhood.
- A Chance to Die** – Elisabeth Elliot (B)
Elliot vividly portrays the life of Amy Carmichael, missionary to India.
- Children of the Storm** – Natasha Vins (NF)  
A young girl tells of pain and persecution during the time of the Soviet Union.
- The Choctaw Code** – Brent Ashabranner, Russel G. Davis (HF)
A boy learns the art of living in the forest from a wise Indian friend with a mysterious past.
- The Count of Monte Cristo** – Alexander Dumas (F)
Edmond Dantes gains a fortune and becomes the Count of Monte Cristo, but this change of circumstances is only the beginning of his adventures.
- Danger Follows** – Goerky Smith (F)
While exploring nesting sites for turtles in the South Pacific, Jill and her parents rely on God's protection when they realize that their sailboat has been bugged, and they are being followed.
- David Copperfield** – Charles Dickens (F)
In this largely autobiographical work, David is sent by his harsh stepfather to London to work.

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17. ***Don Quixote*** – Miguel de Cervantes (F)
This humorous story about a bumbling Spanish knight is a classic satire on chivalry.
18. ***Dust of the Earth*** – Donnalynn Hess (F)
JT Pace builds a successful life, but success does not fill the emptiness in his heart.
19. ***Ellanor's Exchange*** – Linda Hayner (F)
Ellanor's debut into London high society proves to be as dangerous as it is exciting.
20. ***Emma*** – Jane Austen (F)
This is the story of a girl whose matchmaking attempts meet with little success and yet who becomes endeared to the reader.
21. ***False Coin, True Coin*** – Lois Hoadley Dick (HF)
The plague, the London fire, and a tinker called John Bunyan point Cissy Nidd to God.
22. ***The Girl in the Mirror*** – Michelle Grover (S)
This Bible study will help you sort out what is worthy of a godly girl from what is unworthy, with timeless advice you can count on.
23. ***Great Expectations*** – Charles Dickens (F)
Pip finds that he is to become a gentleman of "great expectations" due to an unknown benefactor.
24. ***Gunner's Run*** – Rick Barry (HF)
In 1943, nineteen-year-old Jim Yoder flees across Europe after his plane crashes in Nazi Germany.
25. ***The Hobbit*** – J. R. R. Tolkien (F)
Tolkien's elegant style and charming characterizations make this fantasy a classic. The unassuming Bilbo Baggins finds himself the unwilling warrior in the fight between good and evil.
26. ***The Holy War*** – John Bunyan (F)
Bunyan's allegorical novel, *The Holy War*, helps readers better understand spiritual warfare.
27. ***The House of Seven Gables*** – Nathaniel Hawthorne (F)
A troubled family of Puritan New England deals with an inherited curse. Hawthorne deals with the consequences of past sins.
28. ***How to Read a Book*** – Mortimer Adler (NF)
Mortimer Adler's classic guide to intelligent reading will help teens glean more from any type of literature.
29. ***The Human Body*** – Answers in Genesis (NF)
Scientists show how the amazing design of the human body points to a Divine Creator.
30. ***Jane Eyre*** – Charlotte Bronte (F)
The orphan Jane Eyre works as a governess to Mr. Rochester's ward and lives through some unusual circumstances and heartaches.
31. ***The Black Arrow*** – Robert Louis Stevenson (F)
Dick Shelton overcomes the schemes of many to win the hand of an orphaned heiress, Joanna Smedley, during the times of the English War of the Roses in the fifteenth century.
32. ***Kiriath's Quest*** – Rick Barry (F)
When King Jekoniah of Xandria is kidnapped by evil Grishnaki, the royal family searches for a way to save him.
33. ***Little Women*** – Louisa May Alcott (F)
Four sisters, each having her own struggles, grow up in New England during the Civil War.
34. ***The Man You Could Be*** – Paul Downey (S)
Paul Downey draws practical lessons from the successes and struggles of Joshua, a man who became all that he could be for God.
35. ***Moose*** – Deb Brammer (F)
High school student Moose is a new Christian and pretty rough around the edges when he joins his friend Cody, in the Montana wilderness for an unforgettable week at Moose Creek Bible Camp.
36. ***The Mystery at Number 31, New Inn*** – R. Austin Freeman (F)
When Thorndyke's assistant, Dr. Jervis, gets a mysterious summons to ride to an undisclosed location in a sealed-off carriage, there are signs of a dangerous plot afoot.
37. ***Out of Darkness*** – Alicia Petersen (HF)
A blind Roman friend and a dying mother spur Elhanan to search for the healer Jesus.
38. ***Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices*** – Paul Fleischman (P)
In this book of poetry, Fleischman uses vivid imagery and wonderful imaginative comparisons to recreate the "joyful noise" of a myriad of insects from bookworms to butterflies.

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39. ***The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*** – Washington Irving (F)
Iciahbod Crane vies with Brom Bones for the hand of Katrina Van Tassel and encounters the headless horseman.
40. ***Margaret Thatcher: Britain's Prime Minister*** – Dorothy Hole (B)
This is an interesting biography that also provides an intriguing glimpse into Britain's system of government and its whirlwind political life.
41. ***Pride and Prejudice*** – Jane Austen (F)
The gradual union of two people comes about after pride and prejudice are no longer paramount obstacles.
42. ***Regina Silsby's Secret War*** – Thomas J. Brodeur (HF)
Rachel Winslow of Boston uses a disguise and a dreaded name to frighten the British soldiers. Also: *Regina Silsby's Phantom Militia*
43. ***Scarhaven Keep*** – J. S. Fletcher (F)
When a famous actor goes missing, the search leads playwright Richard Coplestone to the seaside town of Scarhaven. But every clue he finds seems to raise only more questions about the town and its leading family.
44. ***Silas Marner*** – George Eliot (F)
Silas, despairing after being falsely accused of theft, raises a baby girl and through her love becomes a kind man again.
45. ***The Silent*** – Rebecca Kenney (F)
When threatening emails are sent to the teachers at Mourning High School, Nikki Altemann teams up with a local detective to uncover the person behind the threats.
46. ***Sonnets from the Portuguese*** – Elizabeth Barrett Browning (P)
These poems were written over a period of seven years. They were likely inspired by the author's love for her husband, Robert Browning.
47. ***A Sparrow Alone*** – Alicia Petersen (HF)
Mala, a young Jewish seamstress, finds hope when she meets Jesus of Nazareth.
48. ***Stepping Heavenward*** – Elizabeth Prentiss (F)
This book, written in the style of a diary, details a young woman's spiritual journey.
49. ***The Stolen Years*** – Gloria Repp (F)
David Durant and his sister, Susan, begin a search for a lost family heirloom.
50. ***Susanna, Mother of the Wesleys*** – Rebecca Lamar Harmon (B)
Read about Susanna's novel approach to homeschooling and how she and Samuel provided for the family on a country parson's penurious income.
51. ***The Theft*** – Betty Gaard (F)
When the original for the history exam turns up missing, Mike knows what has happened to it.
52. ***Through Gates of Splendor*** – Elisabeth Elliot (B)
Elisabeth Elliot tells the story of her husband, Jim Elliot, and the other 4 missionaries who were killed by the Auca Indians in 1953.
53. ***Westward, Ho!*** – Charles Kingsley (F)
This romance of sixteenth-century England and South America shows the Great Armada in battle and tells of Drake and Raleigh as they sail the seas in search of treasure for Queen Elizabeth.
54. ***What about Cimmaron?*** – Lauraine Snelling (F)
Sarah must find a way to get back into Toutle Valley to save Cimmaron from the eruption of Mount St. Helens.
55. ***What's Stopping You?*** – Nathan D. Thomas (NF)
Sin, fear, and discouragement often prevent Christian youth from moving forward for God. If you're a teen frustrated with your own spiritual inaction, make a choice today to change the status quo and step out for God.
56. ***William Carey: Father of Modern Missions*** – Basil Miller (B)
The amazing story of a simple English cobbler who became a self-taught scholar of Hebrew and Greek, a botanist, a minister, and finally a pioneer missionary to India! His life became the model for modern missions.
57. ***The Witch of Blackbird Pond*** – Elizabeth George Speare (F)
Katherine Tyler, an English girl from Barbados, comes to Connecticut unannounced to live with the Puritan uncle and aunt. Her different ways not only make her feel like an outcast but also place her in grave danger.
58. ***Zoli's Legacy*** – Dawn L. Watkins (HF)
Zoli, a student in Hungary between the world wars, struggles for his future.

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