

# 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 9–12

1. ***About Policemen Around the World*** – Les Landin (NF)  
This informational book describes the duties, uniforms, and other distinctions of policemen from France, England, Italy, Japan, Chile, Australia, Canada, and America
2. ***Adventures of an Arctic Missionary (3 books)*** – Gloria Repp (F)    
Missionaries Steve and Liz Bailey arrive in Koyalik, Alaska, with troubling questions. Books included in this series are the following: *Mik-Shrok*, *Charlie*, and *77 Zebra*.
3. ***The Adventures of Pinocchio*** – Carlo Collodi (F)  
Pinocchio, a simple piece of wood carved by Geppetto, becomes a living marionette. His curiosity, adventure-some spirit, and quick mind get Pinocchio in and out of trouble. Finally, he gets his desire to become a real boy.
4. ***Arby Jenkins Series (5 books)*** – Sharon Hambrick (F)    
Follow Arby Jenkins through difficult and humorous situations in this series. Arby's worries are introduced in the first book when he has to prepare a speech for sixth-grade graduation. Books included in this series are the following: *Arby Jenkins*; *Arby Jenkins Mighty Mustang*; *Arby Jenkins, Ready to Roll*; *Stuart's Run to Faith*; and *Arby Jenkins Meets His Match*
5. ***Bees and Beelines*** – Judy Hawes (NF)  
Children will learn much fascinating information about bees from this book. They will learn how bees communicate with each other, not by talking but by touching other bees and by movements that signify certain messages.
6. ***Ben and Me*** – Robert Lawson (F)  
In this fanciful tale, Amos, the mouse, finds his way into Ben Franklin's cap, and from this new dwelling he serves as Ben's advisor.
7. ***Best of Friends*** – Susan Walley (F)  
Katie Crawford wants to be friends with Renee, the talented new girl in town.
8. ***The Bottom of the Sea*** – Augusta Goldin (NF)  
Children seldom realize that the geography below the sea is similar to that above sea level. This book introduces children to an exciting new world.
9. ***Brave the Wild Trail*** – Milly Howard (HF)  
Join Josh and a group of cowboys on a long cattle drive through Florida's dangerous wilderness.
10. ***The Captain's Hat*** – Anita Williams (HF) (7–9)  
Pedro and Spud explore the Big River and romp through the tangled green jungle.
11. ***Caddie Woodlawn*** – Carol R. Brink (F)  
Caddie is an adventurous tomboy living in Wisconsin in 1864. This is the first in a series of stories about her pioneer life, based on the reminiscences of the author's grandmother.
12. ***Captive Treasure*** – Milly Howard (HF)   
Snatched from her family's wagon train by roving Indians, Carrie Talbot learns to rely on God for protection.
13. ***Charlotte's Web*** – E. B. White (F)  
In this barnyard setting with Charlotte, the spider, and Wilbur, the pig, Charlotte is able to save the pig's life by spinning messages in her web.
14. ***Chronicles of Narnia (7 books)*** – C. S. Lewis (F)  
Set in the fictional land of Narnia, a place where animals talk, magic is common, and good battles evil, the series narrates the adventures of various children who play central roles in the unfolding history of that world. Books included in this series are the following: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*; *The Magician's Nephew*;

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*The Horse and His Boy; Prince Caspian; The Voyage of the Dawn Treader; The Silver Chair; and The Last Battle.*

15. **The Far Journey** – Lucille Travis (F)  
Many years ago, a lone mouse left her infant son in the care of the kind mice of Fleur Gardens. Now her son Horace has grown to mousehood, and he must set aside his own dream to defend his friends.
16. **Feather** – Susan Page Davis (F)  
Captured by a fierce, nomadic tribe, Feather learns to survive by making arrows for her new masters, hoping that one day she can rejoin her own people.
17. **George Mueller: A Father to the Fatherless** – Rebecca Davis (B)  
This is a biography about one of the most remarkable men of faith and prayer known outside of the Bible. But Mr. Mueller would want neither praise nor attention.
18. **The Human Body: The Ear** – Kathleen Elgin (NF)  
The ear is described and illustrated so that children can understand its role in the hearing process and in the body's sense of equilibrium.
19. **In Grandma's Attic** – Arleta Richardson (F)  
This is the first book in the Grandma's Attic series. Readers will be entertained by the mishaps and adventures of Mabel, a young girl growing up on a farm in the early nineteenth century.
20. **Ira Sankey Singing the Gospel** – Kelley Bruss (B)  
From the time he was very young, Ira Sankey loved to sing. And God had big plans for Ira's voice—plans that would take him all over America and Europe.
21. **Jericho Ride** – Betty Gaard (F)  
While working as a riding instructor at a Texas church camp over the summer, a teenage boy decides to repent of his sins and commit his life to Jesus Christ.
22. **John Bunyan: Writer of Pilgrim's Progress** – Sandy Dengler (B)  
This biography of John Bunyan for young readers presents the author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, which, besides the Bible, is the best-selling, most-widely read book in history. (F)
23. **Lassie Come Home** – Eric M. Knight (F)  
Lassie finds her way back across miles of rough mountain country to her beloved young master. The boy's family has to sell Lassie because of a financial crisis,

but Lassie's determination helps her escape from the Scottish kennels and get back to England.

24. **Little House in the Big Woods** – Laura Ingalls Wilder (F)  
This first book in a series relates the life of Laura and Mary and their parents in the Big Woods of Wisconsin. Their log cabin was miles away from any neighbors. Struggles with blizzards, wolves, and loneliness were certain, but Laura finds plenty of adventure.
25. **Little Princess, A** – Francis Hodgson Burnett (F)  
Sara lives a life of privilege at her boarding school, but suddenly she finds herself impoverished.
26. **Mary Poppins** – P. L. Travers (F)  
Mary Poppins becomes the British nursemaid for the Banks family. However, there are clues that things are a bit unusual when she arrives via an east wind.
27. **Medallion** – Dawn Watkins (F)    
Prince Trave lives in the royal city of Ganet, waiting for the day when he can take his rightful place on Gadalla's throne. With the help of his new friend, Trave embarks on a quest to find the medallion. Prequel: *Shield*
28. **Miss Pickerell Goes to Mars - Ellen MacGregor (F)**  
This science-fiction tale combines fantasy and fact that enliven children's curiosity. Miss Pickerell returns from vacation to find that a rocket ship is on her property. Before long she is aboard the rocket and finds herself on Mars.
29. **Misty of Chincoteague** – Marguerite Henry (F)  
Each year ponies from the island of Chincoteague in the Chesapeake Bay are sold for children's use. This is the story of Phantom, one of these wild freedom-loving ponies, and her foal, Misty.
30. **Mountain Adventures (3 books)** – Elizabeth Yates (F)    
Follow Michael and Merry through adventures in Iceland, Switzerland, and America during the years of WWII. Books included in this series are the following: *Iceland Adventure, American Haven, and Swiss Holiday.*
31. **Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH** – Robert C. O'Brien (F)  
In this science-fiction story Mrs. Frisby seeks advice from the rats concerning her mouse son, Timothy, who is sick. She learns that the rats had been part of an experiment at NIMH, and now they can read and write.
32. **Mushrooms and Molds** – Robert Froman (NF)  
Readers will learn that mushrooms and molds are

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different from most other plants. Suggested activities and demonstrations are given to help children understand these plants with which they have probably had little contact.

33. **The Mystery of the Indian Carvings** – Gloria Repp (F)  
A teenager's new-found faith is put to the test when she visits relatives in British Columbia and is swept into a controversy surrounding a missing Indian relic.
34. **The Mystery of the White Elephant** – Elspeth Campbell Murphy (F)  
This is the first book in the Three Cousins Detective Club® series. A valuable cookie jar mysteriously disappears, and the three cousins work to find out what happened to it.
35. **On Yonder Mountain** – Milly Howard (F) (7–9)  
As her first year of school approaches, Sarah hopes for another girl to play with. But when she reaches the one-room schoolhouse on Yonder Mountain, she finds only boys.
36. **Peanut Butter Friends in a Chop Suey World** – Deb Brammer (F)  
Amy is determined to be a good missionary in Taiwan, but making friends is not easy.
37. **Prairie Anna** – Peggy House (HF)    
Anna's family works hard to survive on the harsh prairie. But when hardship takes her away from familiar places and loved ones, Anna must decide what to do with the one choice she is given.
38. **Right-Hand Man** – Connie Williams (F)  
Sam Rogers is Mom-Jo's right-hand man, and he has to take a careful look at her prospects for a husband. But what happens when the wrong man shows up?
39. **River of Danger** – Denise Williamson (F)  
While spying on Samuel Kirkland, the first missionary to the Seneca Indians, Young-Wolf learns the meaning of friendship and bravery from his white-skinned brother during a life-threatening winter.
40. **Roots Are Food Finders** – Franklyn M. Branley (NF)  
The roots of some plants spread widely, others grow deep. All roots provide the food and nutrition needed by plants. Some easy-to-do experiments for children are included in the book.
41. **Salt** – Augusta Goldin (NF)  
This book contains interesting information, including the location of and the mining of salt. Also, it introduces the child to a simple experiment in which he sees salt crystals growing.
42. **The Secret Garden** – Frances H. Burnett (F)  
Cousins Mary and Colin discover an abandoned garden that once belonged to Colin's deceased mother. Besides the garden, a robin and a boy who loves nature cause a remarkable change in Mary and Colin.
43. **Shen of the Sea: Chinese Stories for Children** – Arthur B. Chrisman (F)  
This collection of Chinese stories reveals much about the thought and philosophy of the Chinese people. The tales of Ah Mee, the Rain King's daughter, and Ah Teha will amuse children while teaching them much about the Chinese people.
44. **Silent Road to Rescue** – Denise Williamson (HF)  
This story describes how former Olympic star Eric Liddell helped a young Chinese boy discover courage and the love of God during a Japanese invasion of his town.
45. **Some Summer** – Jean Vandevienne (F)  
Charlie's great idea about building a clubhouse during the summer takes an unexpected turn. Aunt Essie comes for a visit.
46. **Songbird** – Nancy Lohr (HF)  
When his father is imprisoned and faces death for maiming in a foundry accident, Truxton proves his love for his parent whose fate is in God's hands.
47. **Thimble Summer** – Elizabeth Enright (F)  
Girls will enjoy reading about Garnet's experiences on a Wisconsin farm. Her summer days of happiness begin as soon as she finds a silver thimble in the dried creek bed.
48. **The Tanglewood's Secret** – Patricia St. John (F)  
Ruth loves to play in the woods with her brother and friend. She struggles with laziness and a bad temper, but is able to overcome these sins with the help of the Good Shepherd.
49. **The Treasure of Pelican Cove** – Milly Howard (F)  
Jimmy and his dog, Blackie, visit Grandmother at Land's End and learn about a hidden treasure. Also: *Mystery at Pelican Cove*

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50. *Two Sides to Everything* – Deb Brammer (F)  
While his mother recovers from an accident, Josh stays at his Uncle Hamish’s New Zealand sheep farm.
51. *Understood Betsy* – Dorothy C. Fisher (F)  
A total life change is what Elizabeth Ann gets when she goes to visit her Vermont relatives, the Putneys. At first she doesn’t know what to think. And then she realizes that life on the Putney farm is far more exciting than life in the prim, old city house.
52. *The Wheel on the School* – Meindert DeJong (F)  
Children from the Dutch village of Shora learn that storks once perched on the roofs of the people’s houses. The children begin a campaign to get the storks back.
53. *Where I Belong* – Rebecca Kenney (HF)  
Captured from her home in Egypt by a band of raiders, Miu is eventually sold to Abraham as a slave for his wife, Sarah.
54. *The Wind in the Willows* – Kenneth Grahame (F)  
This classic work is about four friends whose charming personalities and myriad adventures are made irresistible through Grahame’s elegant style.
55. *The Window in the Wall* – Ginny Merritt (BF)    
As her city lies on the brink of battle, Talia must decide what she believes and have faith stronger than the city’s walls to survive what is coming.
56. *The Wizard of Oz* – Frank L. Baum (F)  
With the aid of a cyclone, Dorothy and her dog Toto are taken to the land of the Munchkins. During her time there, she meets several friends. She ultimately meets the Wizard of Oz, who is supposed to help Dorothy return to her family in Kansas.

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