



Recommended Books, Stories, and Poems

Learning for Life Years (Ages 12+)

Short Stories and Read-a-louds

- Acres of Diamonds, Russell Conwell
- Aesop's Fables
- Andersen's Fairy Tales
- Antigone, Sophocles
- Don Quixote, Miguel DeCervantes
- Grimm's Fairy Tales
- Kon-Tiki, Thor Heyerdahl
- Our Country's Founders – A Book of Advice for Young People, Bennett
- Rip Van Winkle, Washington Irving
- Sir Gwain and the Green Knight, The Pearl Poet
- Stories in the Forgotten Classics Family Library by Libraries of Hope (librariesofhope.com)
 - World History Series
 - Stories of Great Lives Series
 - The Freedom Series
- The Death of Socrates, Plato
- The Great Stone Face, Nathaniel Hawthorne
- The Mansion, Henry Van Dyke
- The Pit and the Pendulum, Edgar Allan Poe
- The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, James Thurber
- The Tell-Tale Heart, Edgar Allan Poe
- To Build a Fire, Jack London
- Walden, Henry David Thoreau

Poetry

- A Red, Red Rose, Robert Burns
- Amazing Grace, John Newton
- Annabel Lee, Edgar Allan Poe
- Anthony's Oration Over Caesar's Dead Body, Shakespeare (Lesson CVI, McGuffey's Fourth Reader)
- Because I Could Not Stop for Death, Emily Dickinson
- Best Loved Poems of the American People, Felleman and Allen
- Bonnie Barbara Allan
- Hiawatha's Wooing, Longfellow
- How Gentle God's Commands, Philip Doddridge
- In Flanders Fields, McCrae
- Invictus, William Ernest Henley
- Jesus, Lover of My Soul, Charles Wesley
- Lochinvar, Sir Walter Scott
- Make Way for Liberty, Montgomery (Lesson XXV, McGuffey's Fourth Reader)
- O Captain! My Captain, Whitman
- Paul Revere's Ride, Longfellow
- Satan and Death at the Gate of Hell, Milton (Lesson LXXVI, McGuffey's Fourth Reader)
- Sonnets, Shakespeare

- The Destruction of Sennacherib, George Gordon, Lord Byron
- The Erl-king, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
- The Heavens Declare Thy Glory, Lord, Isaac Watts
- The Highwayman, Alfred Noyes

- The Pied Piper of Hamelin, Robert Browning
- The Raven, Edgar Allan Poe
- The Road Not Taken, Robert Frost
- The Village Blacksmith, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- William Tell, Knowles (Lesson CXV – CXVII, McGuffey’s Fourth Reader)

Novels, Biographies, and Non-Fiction Books

- A Brief History of Time, Hawking
- A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court, Twain
- A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Shakespeare
- A Wrinkle in Time, L’Engle
- Aladdin and Other Favorite Arabian Night Stories, Smith
- All’s Well That Ends Well, Shakespeare
- Animal Farm, Orwell
- Anne of Green Gables, Montgomery
- At the Back of the North Wind, MacDonald
- Atlas Shrugged, Rand
- Black Beauty, Sewell
- Bonds That Makes Us Free, Warner
- Caddie Woodlawn, Brink
- Calico Bush, Field
- Carry On, Mr. Bowditch, Latham
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Dahl
- Charlotte’s Web, White
- Chronicles of Narnia Series, Lewis
- Common Sense, Paine
- Democracy in America, Toqueville
- Elantris, Sanderson
- Emma, Austin

- Ender’s Game, Card
- Freedom Factor, Lund
- Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death, Henry
- Hamlet, Shakespeare
- Huckleberry Finn, Twain
- I Have a Dream, King
- Iliad, Homer
- Impossible Journey, Whelan
- Island of the Blue Dolphins, O’Dell
- Jo’s Boys, Alcott
- Johnny Appleseed, Lindbergh
- Johnny Tremain, Forbes
- Leadership and Self-Deception, Arbinger
- Les Miserables, Hugo
- Little Britches, Moody
- Little Men, Alcott
- Little Pilgrims Progress, Taylor
- Little Women, Alcott
- Man of the Family, Moody
- Michael Vey Series, Evans
- Moccasin Trail, McGraw
- My Side of the Mountain, George
- Mythology, Hamilton
- Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, Douglass
- Notebooks, Da Vinci

- Odyssey, Homer
- Old Yeller, Gipson
- Othello, Shakespeare
- Our Home, Sargent
- Pollyanna Grows Up, Porter
- Pollyanna, Porter
- Prelude to Glory Series, Carter
- Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare
- Saint Joan, Twain
- Sarah Bishop, O'Dell
- Stuart Little, White
- Tales from Shakespeare, Lamb
- Tarzan of the Apes, Burroughs
- The 5000 Year Leap, Skousen
- The Alliance, Lund
- The Anatomy of Peace, Arbinger
- The Art of War, Tzu
- The Book of Three, Alexander
- The Bronze Bow, Speare
- The Defender, Kalashnikoff
- The Discovery of Freedom, Lane
- The Door in the Wall, Angeli
- The Foundation series, Asimov
- The Giver, Lowry
- The Golden Goblet, McGraw
- The Hiding Place, Ten Boom
- The Hobbit, Tolkien
- The Jungle Book, Kipling
- The Kingdom and the Crown Series, Lund
- The Little House on the Prairie Series, Wilder
- The Little Prince, Saint-Exupery
- The Lord of the Rings trilogy, Tolkein
- The Naked Communist, Skousen
- The Phantom Toll Booth, Juster
- The Present Crisis, Lowell
- The Princess and Curdie, MacDonald
- The Princess and the Goblin, MacDonald
- The Real George Washington, Parry
- The Real Thomas Jefferson, Allison
- The Science of Getting Rich, Wattles
- The Screwtape Letters, Lewis
- The Sign of the Beaver, Speare
- The Trial and Death of Socrates, Plato
- The Trumpet of the Swan, White
- The Trumpeter of Krakow, Kelly
- The Witch of Blackbird Pond, Speare
- The Wizard of Oz, Baum
- Toby Tyler, Otis
- Tom Sawyer, Twain
- Where the Red Fern Grows, Rawls
- Wind in the Willows, Grahame
- Winter of Fire, Jordan

This is just a sampling of some great stories, poems, read-a-louds, and novels for the youth.