



Recommended Books, Stories, and Poems

Love for Learning Years (ages 8-12)

Stories

Consider learning some of these stories well enough to share from memory

- Heroic Stories from [Restoring the Art of Storytelling in the Home](#) by Marlene Peterson. Marlene provides the stories in her book. See the section on Heroic Stories. These stories include:
 - A Hero of Valley Forge
 - A Prince Who Was Not Afraid of Giants
 - Androclus and the Lion
 - Bruce and the Spider
 - Cornelia and her Jewels
 - Dama's Jewels
 - Damon and Pythias
 - Dick Whittington and His Cat
 - Dolly Madison
 - Henry Fawcett, The Blind Postmaster General
 - King Alfred and the Beggar
 - Margaret of New Orleans
 - More stories can be found in the Forgotten Classics Family Library from Libraries of Hope
 - Nahum Prince
 - Patient Griselda
 - Picciola
 - Richard Montgomery: American Hero
 - Sir Humphrey Davy
 - Sir Philip Sidney
 - The Banyan
 - The Boy Who Was Made King
 - The Boy Whose Dreams Came True
 - The Burning of the Rice Fields
 - The Choice of Hercules
 - The Fiery Furnace
 - The Fight Against Yellow Fever
 - The Good Bishop
 - The Happy Prince
 - The Honest Farmer
 - The Lady of Stavoren
 - The Lame Boy
 - The Little Hero of Haarlem
 - The Little Loaf
 - The Little Persian
 - The Lover of Men
 - The Magic Shirt
 - The Making of the Sword
 - The Persian and His Three Sons
 - The Plowman Who Found Content
 - The Price of a Song
 - The Prince's Visit
 - The Quails
 - The Queen's Necklace
 - The Story of Cincinnatus
 - The Story of General Gordon
 - The Story of Roland
 - The Surveyor and the Little Boy

- The Three Cakes
 - The Two Travelers
 - Why He Carried the Turkey
 - William Tell and his Son
- Stories from The Children's Book of Home and Family, edited by William J. Bennett
These stories include:
 - A Father's Return
 - Cornelia's Jewels
 - Elizabeth's Roses
 - Grandmother's Table, Grimm
 - Jane Addams and Hull House
 - Louisa May Alcott's Dream
 - Monica and Augustine
 - Penelope's Web, Baldwin
 - Ruth and Naomi
 - Teddy Roosevelt: Family Man
 - The Bundle of Sticks, Aesop
 - The Golden Touch, Hawthorne
 - The Golden Windows
 - The Hill, Richards
 - The Husband Who Was to Mind the House
 - The Legend of the Hummingbird
 - The Line of Golden Light, Harrison
 - The Place of Brotherhood
 - The Water of Youth, Baumbach
 - The Wright Brothers
 - What Bradley Owed, Kerr

Poetry

- A Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson
- Casey at Bat
- Paul Revere's Ride
- T'was the Night Before Christmas
- The Song of Hiawatha

Read-a-loud Books

- Aesop's Fables
- Andersen's Fairy Tales
- Beauty and the Beast
- Carry On Mr. Bowditch
- Charlotte's Web
- Dinotopia series
- Farmer Boy
- Grimm's Fairy Tales
- Laddie
- Little House in the Big Woods
- Little House on the Prairie
- Man of the Family
- Mary Emma and Company
- Peter Pan
- Puss-in-Boots
- Riki Tiki Tavi
- Robin Hood
- Rudyard Kipling "Just So" Stories
- Sleeping Beauty
- Tales of the Arabian Nights
- The Cricket in Times Square
- The Fields of Home
- The Fourth Wise Man
- The Gift of the Magi
- The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
- The Pied Piper of Hamelin
- The Wind in the Willows
- The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

- Trumpet of the Swans
- Where the Red Fern Grows
- See Patriot's Reading List of HFA website for age-specific books about America.

For Growing Readers

- Aladdin and Other Favorite Arabian Night Stories, Smith
- At the Back of the North Wind, MacDonald
- Black Beauty, Sewell
- Caddie Woodlawn, Brink
- Calico Bush, Field
- Carry On, Mr. Bowditch, Latham
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Dahl
- Charlotte's Web, White
- Chronicles of Narnia, Lewis
- Classic Starts Series from Barnes and Noble (Adapted classics for young readers)
- Impossible Journey, Whelan
- Island of the Blue Dolphins, O'Dell
- Johnny Appleseed, Lindbergh
- Little Pilgrim's Progress, Taylor
- Moccasin Trail, McGraw
- My Side of the Mountain, George
- Old Yeller, Gipson
- Pollyanna Grows Up, Porter
- Pollyanna, Porter
- Sarah Bishop, O'Dell
- Stuart Little, White
- Tales from Shakespeare, Lamb
- Tarzan of the Apes, Burroughs
- The Bronze Bow, Speare
- The Defender, Kalashnikoff
- The Door in the Wall, Angeli
- The Giver, Lowry
- The Golden Goblet, McGraw
- The Little House on the Prairie Series, Wilder
- The Little Prince, Saint-Exupery
- The Princess and Curdie, MacDonald
- The Princess and the Goblin, MacDonald
- The Sign of the Beaver, Speare
- The Trumpet of the Swan, White
- The Trumpeter of Krakow, Kelly
- The Witch of Blackbird Pond, Speare
- Toby Tyler, Otis
- Wind in the Willows, Grahame
- Winter of Fire, Jordan

This is just a sampling of some great stories, poems, read-a-louds, and beginning readers for children. We encourage families to visit the library often and seek out the best books for the education of their children.