

Children's Literature Books Checklist

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You will find here a list of children's books by age and by genre that you can use. Don't hesitate to print it and to mark the books that you have already read or the books that you are planning to read. Many of the books included were selected by the National Education Association. All the books span a variety of genres and subjects.

AGES 4-8

- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst (fiction)
- Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman (fiction)
- Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish (fiction)
- Animalia by Graeme Base (fiction, animal characters)
- Are You My Mother? by Philip Eastman (fiction, children's classic)
- The Art Lesson by Tomie DePaola (fiction)
- Arthur series by Marc Tolon Brown (fiction)
- Basil of Baker Street by Eve Titus (fiction)
- Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary (fiction)
- Birds by Kevin Henkes (fiction, illustrated book)
- Blackout by John Rocco (fiction)
- Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey (fiction, children's classic)
- The Bracelet by Yoshiko Uchida (historical fiction)
- Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina (fiction, children's classic)
- The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss (fiction)
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by John Archambault (picture book)
- Clifford the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell (fiction)
- The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne (fantasy, animal characters)
- Curious George by Hans Augusto Rey (fiction)
- Dear Juno by Soyung Pak (fiction)
- Does the Moon Change Shape? by Meish Goldish (non-fiction, science)
- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems (fantasy, animal characters)
- The Dot (fiction, illustrated book)
- A Giraffe and a Half by Shel Silverstein (poetry)
- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein (fantasy, picture book)
- Gossie by Olivier Dunrea (fiction, animal characters)
- Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss (fantasy, children's classic)
- Happy Birthday, America! by Marsha Wilson Chall (fiction)
- Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson (fiction, children's classic)
- Honeybees by Deborah Heiligman (non-fiction, science)
- Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss (fiction)
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss (fiction, children's classic)
- I Had a Friend Named Peter by Janice Cohn (fiction)
- I Took the Moon for a Walk by Carolyn Curtis (poetry, illustrated book)
- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff (fiction)
- Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein (fiction, animal characters)
- Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg (fantasy picture book)
- A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein (poetry)
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes (picture book)

- The Lion and the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney (fiction, animal characters)
- The Little Engine that Could by Watty Piper (fantasy, illustrated book)
- The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton (fiction, illustrated book)
- The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear (fiction, animal characters)
- Lizards for Lunch - A Roadrunner's Tale by Conrad Stord (fiction, illustrated animal book)
- The Lorax by Dr. Seuss (fiction)
- Love You Forever by Robert Munsch (picture book, children's classic)
- Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans (fiction)
- Martin's Big Words by Doreen Rappaport (non-fiction, biography)
- Math Curse by Jon Scieszka (picture book)
- The Mitten by Jan Brett (fiction, animal characters)
- The Napping House by Audrey Wood (rhyming board book)
- Not a Box (fiction, animal characters)
- Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss (fiction)
- Owl Moon by Jane Yolen (fiction)
- The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch (fiction, illustrated book)
- A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman by David A. Adler (biography)
- The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg (fiction, children's classic)
- Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary (fiction)
- Smoky Night by Eve Bunting (fiction)
- The Snowy Day (fiction, illustrated book)
- So Far From the Sea by Eve Bunting (fiction)
- Swimmy (fiction, animal characters)
- Stellaluna by Janell Cannon (fiction)
- Strega Nona by Tomie De Paola (fiction)
- Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt by Deborah Hopkinson (fiction)
- Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig (picture book)
- The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter (fiction, illustrated book)
- That Summer by Tony Johnston (fiction)
- The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka (fiction)
- The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams (fiction, illustrated book)
- What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page (non-fiction, science)
- What makes Day and Night by Franklyn M. Branley (non-fiction, science)
- What Do People Do All Day? by Richard Scarry (fiction, illustrated book with animal characters)
- When Dinosaurs Die: A Guide to Understanding Death by Laurie Krasny and Marc Brown (fiction, illustrated book)
- Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein (poetry)
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak (picture book)
- Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox (fiction, illustrated book)
- Yoko by Rosemary Wells (fiction, animal characters)

AGES 8-12

- The Adventures of Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey (fantasy)
- And One for All by Theresa Nelson (historical fiction)
- Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery (fiction)
- Are You There God? It's Me Margaret by Judy Blume (fiction)
- Bat 6 by Virginia Euwer Wolff (fiction)
- Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (fiction)
- Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary (fiction)
- The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson (fiction)
- The BFG by Roald Dahl (fiction)
- The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner (fiction)
- Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis (historical fiction)
- The Cay by Theodore Taylor (historical fiction)
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl (fantasy, children's classic)
- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White (fantasy, children's classic)
- The Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis (fantasy)
- The Composition by Antonio Skármeta (fiction)
- Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin (fantasy, animal characters)
- Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel (fiction, animal characters)
- A Giraffe and a Half by Shel Silverstein (poetry)
- The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson (fiction)
- Habibi by Naomi Shihab Nye (semi-autobiographical)
- Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh (fiction)
- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J. K. Rowling (fantasy)
- Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J. K. Rowling (fantasy)
- Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J.K. Rowling (fantasy)
- Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J. K. Rowling (fantasy)
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J. K. Rowling (fantasy)
- Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez by Kathleen Krull (biography)
- Hi! Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold (fantasy)
- The House of Sixty Fathers by Meinder DeJong (fiction)
- The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford (fiction)
- The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynn Reid Banks (fantasy) \
- Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell (fiction)
- Ivy & Bean by Annie Barrows (fiction)
- James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl (fiction)
- Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg (fantasy, picture book)
- A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein (poetry)
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis (fantasy)
- Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder (historical fiction)
- Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder (historical fiction)
- The Little Princess by Francis Hodgson Burnett (fiction)
- Little Town on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder (historical fiction)
- Living Sunlight by Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm (non-fiction, science)
- Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli (fiction)
- Matilda by Roald Dahl (fantasy)
- The Magic School Bus at the Waterworks by Joanna Cole (fantasy)
- The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan (fiction)
- The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman (historical fiction)

- Missing May by Cynthia Rylant (fiction)
- My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett (fiction)
- My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother by Patricia Polacco (fiction)
- The Monument by Gary Paulsen (fiction)
- Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater (fiction)
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (historical fiction)
- Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse (poetry)
- The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster (fantasy)
- Puss in Boots by Charles Perault (fairy tales)
- Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary (fiction)
- Ramona's World by Beverly Cleary (fiction)
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor (historical fiction)
- The Reptile Room by Lemony Snicket (gothic fiction)
- Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan (fiction)
- The Secret Garden by Francis Hodgson Burnett (fiction)
- Shiloh by Phyllis Naylor (fiction)
- The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth Speare (historical fiction)
- Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner (fiction)
- Stuart Little by E. B. White (fiction)
- Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls (fiction)
- Superfudge by Judy Blume (fiction)
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume (fiction)
- Tea with Milk by Allen Say (fiction)
- The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White (fiction)
- These Happy Golden Years by Laura Ingalls Wilder (fiction)
- Tiger Eyes by Judy Blume (fiction)
- The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White (fiction)
- Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt (fantasy)
- Under the Blood-Red Sun by Graham Salisbury (historical fiction)
- Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech (fiction)
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis (historical fiction)
- We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States by David Catrow (historical non-fiction)
- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin (fantasy)
- Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein (fiction, poetry)
- When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson by Pam Muñoz Ryan (biography)
- The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare (fiction)
- The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame (fantasy)
- Zen Shorts by John J. Muth (fantasy)

AGES 12 AND UP (GRADE 7)

- Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt (historical fiction)
- Adam of the Road by Elizabeth Janet Gray (historical fiction)
- Anne of Avonlea by Lucy Maud Montgomery (fiction)
- Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery (fiction)
- Anne of the Island by Lucy Maud Montgomery (fiction)
- April Morning by Howard Fast (historical fiction)
- The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket (fantasy)
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson (fiction, illustrated book)

- Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman (historical fiction)
- Chasing Redbird by Sharon Creech (fiction)
- The Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis (fantasy)
- Commodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun by Rhoda Blumberg
- A Country of Strangers by Conrad Richter (A continued examination of Native American culture.)
- A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Peck (historical fiction)
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney (fiction)
- Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levin (fiction)
- Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick (fiction)
- From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg (fiction)
- A Gathering of Days by Joan Blos (fiction)
- A Gift of Magic by Lois Duncan (fiction)
- The Giver by Lois Lowry (science fiction)
- The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman (fantasy)
- Guts: The True Stories Behind the Hatchet Books by Gary Paulsen (autobiography)
- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J. K. Rowling (fantasy)
- Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J. K. Rowling (fantasy)
- Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J.K. Rowling (fantasy)
- Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J. K. Rowling (fantasy)
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J. K. Rowling (fantasy)
- Holes by Louis Sachar (fiction)
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (science fiction)
- Iggie's House by Judy Blume (fiction)
- Incident at Hawk's Hill by Allan Eckert (non-fiction)
- The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick (fiction, illustrated book)
- Izzy, Willy-Nilly by Cynthia Voight (fiction) \
- Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices by Paul Fleischman (fantasy)
- The Light in the Forest by Conrad Richter (historical fiction)
- The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan (fantasy)
- The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint Exupery (fiction)
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (fiction)
- Lincoln: A Photobiography by Russell Freedman (non-fiction, biography)
- Lyddie by Katherine Paterson (fiction)
- The Miracle Worker by William Gibson (play)
- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brien (fantasy, animal characters)
- Peacebound Trains by Haemi Balgassi (historical fiction)
- The Reptile Room by Lemony Snicket (fiction)
- Rimshots: Basketball Pix, Rolls, and Rhythms by Charles Smith (poetry)
- The River by Gary Paulsen (fiction)
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor (historical fiction)
- Rules by Cynthia Lord (fiction)
- Sing Down the Moon by Scott O'Dell (fiction)
- A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park (historical fiction)
- Sounder by William Armstrong (fiction)
- Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon by Catherine Thimmesh (non-fiction, science)
- The Summer of Swans by Betsy Byars (fiction)
- Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements (fiction)
- Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges (non-fiction, autobiography)
- Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls (fiction)
- The Wide Window by Lemony Snicket (gothic fiction)

- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle (science fiction)
- A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck (historical fiction)

AGES 15 AND UP (GRADE 10)

- 1984 by George Orwell (science-fiction)
- The Accidental Tourist by Anne Tyler (fiction)
- Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain (satirical novel)
- Alive by Piers Paul Read (non-fiction)
- All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque (historical fiction)
- Anthem by Ayn Rand (science fiction)
- Between a Rock and a Hard Place by Alden Carter (autobiography)
- The Crucible by Arthur Miller (tragedy)
- Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank (autobiography)
- Exodus by Leon Uris (historical fiction)
- The Fellowship of the Ring by J. R. R. Tolkien (fantasy)
- Fountainhead by Ayn Rand (philosophical novel)
- The Godfather by Mario Puzo (historical fiction)
- The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck (historical fiction)
- Hamlet by William Shakespeare (tragedy)
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (fiction)
- How Green Was My Valley by Richard Llewellyn (historical fiction)
- Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer (non-fiction)
- Lost Horizon by James Hilton (fantasy)
- Lost Moon: the Perilous Voyage of Apollo 13 by Jim Lovell (non-fiction)
- The Night of the Grizzlies by Jack Olsen (non-fiction)
- Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens (fiction)
- Ordinary People by Judith Guest (philosophical novel)
- Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard (non-fiction)
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen (novel of manners)
- The Prince of Tides by Pat Conroy (fiction)
- The Princess Bride by William Goldman (fantasy)
- The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane (historical novel)
- Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe (historical fiction)
- A Separate Peace by John Knowles (historical fiction)
- Shoeless Joe by W.P. Kinsella (fiction)
- Tomorrow: When the War Began by John Marsden (adventure novel)
- A Walk to Remember by Nicholas Sparks (romance)
- Watership Down by Richard Adams (fantasy)

AGES 17 AND UP (GRADE 12)

- Among Grizzlies: Living With Wild Bears in Alaska by Timothy Treadwell (non-fiction)
- Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky (philosophical novel)
- The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood by Rebecca Wells (fiction)
- Education of Little Tree by Forrest Carter (fiction)
- The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition by Caroline Alexander (non-fiction)
- The French Lieutenant's Woman by John Fowles (historical fiction)

- A Gathering of Old Men by Ernest Gaines (fiction)
- Henderson the Rain King by Saul Bellow (fiction)
- The Hunt for Red October by Tom Clancy (fiction)
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou (autobiography)
- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (gothic fiction)
- The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan (fiction)
- The Man Who Rode Sharks by William R. Royal (non-fiction)
- The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare (play)
- Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt (fiction)
- Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare (play)
- Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare (play)
- Othello by William Shakespeare (tragedy)
- The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Younger (non-fiction)
- The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane (historical fiction)
- Reservation Blues by Sherman Alexie (fiction)
- The Return of the King by J. R. R. Tolkien (fantasy)
- The Shipping News by Annie E. Proulx (fiction)
- The Story of My Life by Helen Keller (autobiography)
- The Tempest by William Shakespeare (tragedy)
- Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare (tragedy)
- Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys (fiction)
- Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte (romance)