



# Booklist for the Well-Read Child: Years 1 - 3

## Core Classics

Old & new classics

*Selected Aesop's Fables*

*Selected Fairy Tales* by Hans Christian Andersen, The Brothers Grimm and/or Andrew Lang

*Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie

*Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum

*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*A Little Princess* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*Little Lord Fauntleroy* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carrol

*Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi

*The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame

*The Reluctant Dragon* by Kenneth Grahame

*Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling

*The Princess and the Goblin* by George MacDonald

*The Complete Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh* by A.A. Milne

*Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell

*Heidi* by Johanna Spyri

*Mary Poppins* by P.L. Travers

*Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White

*Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder

*Farmer Boy* by Laura Ingalls Wilder

*Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder



# Great Reads

Old & new favorites

## Chapter Books

*Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard and Florence Atwater

*Poppy* by Avi

*Henry and Ribsy* by Beverly Cleary

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl

*Matilda* by Roald Dahl

*The Bears on Hemlock Mountain* by Alice Dalgliesh

*The Moffats* by Eleanor Estes

*My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett

*James Herriot's Treasury for Children* by James Herriot

*Homer Price* by Robert McCloskey

*Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia McLachlan

*How to Steal a Dog* by Barbara O'Connor

*Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* by J.K. Rowling

*Princess Cora and the Crocodile* by Laura Amy Schlitz

*The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selde

*Encyclopedia Brown* by Donald J. Sobol

*Next Spring an Oriole* by Gloria Whelan

*Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White

*Stuart Little* by E.B. White

## Longer Picture Books & Treasuries

*The Children's Book of America* by William J. Bennett

*The Children's Book of Faith* by William J. Bennett

*The Children's Book of Heroes* by William J. Bennett

*The Children's Book of Home and Family* by William J. Bennett

*The Children's Book of Virtues* by William J. Bennett

*Andrew Henry's Meadow* by Doris Burn

*One Morning in Maine* by Robert McCloskey

*Lentil* by Robert McCloskey

*Time of Wonder* by Robert McCloskey

*April's Kittens* by Clare Turlay Newberry

*American Tall Tales* by Mary Pope Osborn

*The Elves and The Shoemakers* by Jada Rowland

*The Gilgamesh Trilogy* by Ludmila Zeman

## Picture Books

*Barn* by Debby Atwell  
*Sam & Dave Dig a Hole* by Mac Barnett  
*Peppe The Lamplighter* by Elisa Bartone  
*Rosie Revere, Engineer* by Andrea Beaty  
*Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty  
*Iggly Peck, Architect* by Andrea Beaty  
*Quest* by Aaron Becker  
*Journey* by Aaron Becker  
*Return* by Aaron Becker  
*The Five Chinese Brothers* by Claire Huchet Bishop  
*Hello Lighthouse* by Sophie Blackall  
*Beauty and the Beast* retold by Jan Brett  
*Daisy Comes Home* by Jan Brett  
*Honey...Honey...Lion!* by Jan Brett  
*Stone Soup* by Marcia Brown  
*The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton  
*Chanticleer and the Fox* by Barbara Cooney  
*Tricking the Tallyman* by Jacqueline Davies  
*The Magic Tapestry* by Demi  
*One Grain of Rice* by Demi  
*The Empty Pot* by Demi  
*Strega Nona* by Tomie DePaola  
*Louise, The Adventures of a Chicken* by Kate DiCamillo  
*My Mama Had a Dancing Heart* by Libba Moore Gray  
*Nobody Likes a Goblin* by Ben Hatke  
*The Seven Silly Eaters* by Mary Ann Hoberman  
*St. George and the Dragon* by Margaret Hodges  
*A Fine Dessert* by Emily Jenkins  
*The Bird Who Was an Elephant* by Aleph Kamal  
*Anansi Stories* retold by Eric A. Kimmel  
*Seven at One Blow: A Tale from the Brothers Grimm* by Eric A. Kimmel  
*M is for Music* by Kathleen Krull  
*Drawn Together* by Minh Le  
*Sam and the Tigers* by Julius Lester  
*The Boy Who Held Back the Sea* by Thomas Locker  
*The Little Island* by Golden MacDonald  
*The Fog* by Kyo Maclear



*All the Places to Love* by Patricia MacLachlan  
*The Hundred-Year Barn* by Patricia MacLachlan  
*Things to Do* by Elaine Magliaro  
*The Unicorn and the Lake* by Marianna Mayer  
*Roxaboxen* by Alice McLerran  
*Tikki Tikki Tembo* by Arlene Mosel  
*Sweet Strawberries* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
*The Enormous Turnip* by Kathy Parkinson  
*Chicken Sunday* by Patricia Polacco  
*The Tale of the Unicorn* by Otfried Preussler  
*The Old Woman Who Named Things* by Cynthia Rylant  
*When I was Young in the Mountains* by Cynthia Rylant  
*The Relatives Came* by Cynthia Rylant  
*The Twelve Dancing Princesses* by Ruth Sanderson  
*The Enchanted Wood* by Ruth Sanderson  
*Grandfather's Journey* by Allen Say  
*The Bicycle Man* by Allen Say  
*The Sneetches* by Dr. Seuss  
*The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss  
*Yertle the Turtle* by Dr. Seuss  
*Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow* by Joyce Sidman  
*Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig  
*Anatole* by Eve Titus  
*Thy Friend, Obadiah* by Brinton Turkle  
*King Hugo's Huge Ego* by Chris Van Dusen  
*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst  
*A Chair for my Mother* by Vera B. Williams  
*The Old Woman Who Loved to Read* by John Winch  
*King Bidgood's in the Bathtub* by Audrey Wood  
*What Do You Do with a Problem?* by Kobi Yamada  
*What Do You Do with an Idea?* by Kobi Yamada  
*What Do You Do with a Chance?* by Kobi Yamada  
*Elsie's Bird* by Jane Yolen  
*Hey, Al* by Arthur Yorinks  
*Lon Po Po* by Ed Young  
*A Coat for Anna* by Harriet Ziefert





# Great Reads by Occasion

Picture books for particular times

## **Bedtime**

*Good Night Tales: A Family Treasury of Read-Aloud Stories* by C.S. Fritz

*The Lion Storyteller Bedtime Book* by Bob Hartman

*The Pooh Bedside Reader* by A.R. Melrose

## **Biographies**

*The Magical Garden of Claude Monet* by Laurence Anholt

*High as a Hawk: A Brave Girl's Historic Climb* by T.A. Barron

*Timeless Thomas: How Thomas Edison Changed Our Lives* by Gene Barretta

*Now & Ben* by Gene Barretta

*Rembrandt and the Boy Who Drew Dogs* by Molly Blaisdell

*Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein* by Don Brown

*A is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women* by Lynn Cheney

*Before She Was Harriet* by Lesa Cline-Ransome

*The Miracles of Jesus* by Tomie DePaola

*Gallery of Great Americans Series* by Matthew G. Grant

*In the Garden with Dr. Carver* by Susan Grigsby

*Home on the Range: John A. Lomax and His Cowboy Songs* by Deborah Hopkinson

*The True Story of Peter Rabbit: How a Letter from Beatrix Potter Became a Children's Classic* by Jane Johnson

*The Boy on Fairfield Street: How Ted Geisel Grew Up to Become Dr. Seuss* by Kathleen Krull

*Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez* by Kathleen Krull

*Johnny Appleseed* by Reeve Lindbergh

*Balderdash! John Newbery and the Boisterous Birth of Children's Books* by Michelle Markel

*Brave Jane Austen: Reader, Writer, Author, Rebel* by Lisa Pliscou

*Henri's Scissors* by Jeanette Winter

*Pocahontas* by Patricia Miles Martin

*Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* by Lindsay Mattick

*On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein* by Jennifer Berne

*Becoming Bach* by Tom Leonard

*Suzette and the Puppy: A Story about Mary Cassatt* by Joan Sweeney

*Apostles: Jesus' Special Helpers* by Edmon L. Rowell, Jr.

*Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine* by Gloria Whelan

*The Four Evangelists* by Katharine Wood

## **Spiritual Growth**

*Dangerous Journey* by Oliver Hunkin





# Favorite Audiobooks

Sounds to savor during quiet times

## **Jim Weiss Recordings**

*Heroes, Horses and Harvest Moons: A Cornucopia of Best-Loved Poems, Vol. 1*

*The Reluctant Dragon*

*Greek Myths*

*Good Luck Duck*

*Giants! A Colossal Collection of Tales & Tunes*

*Arabian Nights*

*Tales from Cultures Far and Near*

*Famously Funny! A Collection of Beloved Stories and Poems*

*Good Luck Duck*

*Best-Loved Stories in Song and Dance*

*Giants! A Colossal Collection of Tales & Tunes*

*King Arthur and His Knights*

*A Christmas Carol and Other Favorites*

*Rip Van Winkle/Gulliver's Travels*

*The Prince and the Pauper*

*Tales from the Old Testament*

*Jewish Holiday Stories*

*Bible Stories: Great Men and Women from Noah through Solomon*

*Ten Thousand Stars: A Cornucopia of Best-Loved Poems, Vol. 2*

*George Washington, First in the Hearts of His Countrymen Abraham Lincoln and the Heart of America*

*Thomas Jefferson's America*

*Gone West: Bold Adventures of American Explorers and Pioneers*

*I Said I Could and I Did: True Stories of 20th Century Americans*

*Courage and a Clear Mind: True Adventures of the Ancient Greeks*

*Heroes in Mythology*

*Celtic Treasures*

*The Queen's Pirate: Elizabeth I and Sir Francis Drake*

*Shakespeare for Children*

*Romeo and Juliet*

*Julius Caesar and the Story of Rome*



*Masters of the Renaissance*  
*A Treasury of Wisdom: True Stories of Hope and Inspiration*  
*Galileo and the Stargazers*  
*The Jungle Book*  
*Treasure Island*  
*Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*  
*Spooky Classics for Children*  
*Sherlock Holmes for Children*  
*Mystery! Mystery! for Children*  
*The Hound of the Baskervilles*  
*Swordsmen, Saints, and Scholars: Great Men and Women of the Middle Ages*

### **Maestro Classics**

*Peter and the Wolf*  
*The Story of Swan Lake*  
*The Nutcracker*  
*My Name is Handel: The Story of Water Music*  
*Merry Pranks of Master Till*  
*Casey at the Bat*  
*The Sorcerer's Apprentice*  
*The Soldier's Tale*

### **Favorite Stories**

*Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie, narrated by Jim Dale  
*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum, narrated by Anne Hathaway  
*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll, narrated by Jim Dale  
*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, narrated by Douglas Hodge  
*Matilda* by Roald Dahl, narrated by Kate Winslet  
*The Reluctant Dragon* by Kenneth Grahame, narrated by Anon Lesser  
*James Herriot's Treasury for Children* by James Herriot, narrated by Jim Dale  
*The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones, narrated by David Suchet  
*Winnie-the-Pooh* by A.A. Milne, narrated by Peter Dennis  
*The House at Pooh Corner* by A.A. Milne, narrated by Peter Dennis  
*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling, narrated by Jim Dale  
*Mary Poppins* by P.L. Travers, narrated by Sophie Thompson  
*Charlotte's Web* written and narrated by E.B. White  
*Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder, narrated by Cherry Jones

