What were some of your early favorite books? Children particularly enjoy reading when they find books that catch their interest. Parents can be very helpful in selecting age-appropriate reading materials that will enrich the imagination and provide lasting enjoyment.

Selecting Books to Read with Children

Choosing books that are appropriate to the age and interests of a child is important. When we read with our children, we not only share information, we share a special connection with them emotionally, as well. Some suggestions to consider in choosing books include:

- Make sure the book or story you select is appropriate to the child’s age level and interests.
- Let the child assist in picking out books to read that he or she finds appealing and you approve.
- Utilize lists of highly regarded children’s literature (Caldecott Awards, Newberry Medal, etc.) to select popular or classic reading materials.
- Look for stories that capture the attention of children quickly and are enjoyable.
- For very young children, select books that are visually interesting and interactive.
- Pay attention to elements of the story, such as a simple plot, the setting (interesting events), the main idea, quick action, well-defined characters, vivid word pictures and lots of the three R’s – repetition, rhythm and rhyme.

So, what should you pick? A variety of sources list quality children’s literature. These include the National Education Association, American Library Association and other groups. The Caldecott Medal is given each year to the author of the most distinguished American picture book for children. The Newberry Medal is given each year for a best new story in children’s literature. Your local library may be a good source of information on such books.

The remainder of this publication provides book suggestions to help you make reading choices with your children.
National Education Association – Teachers’ Top 100 Books for Children

(Age Codes: BP – Baby/Preschool; 4-8 – 4 to 8 years old; 9-12 – 9 to 12 years old; YA – Young Adult)

1. Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White (9-12)
2. The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg (4-8)
3. Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
4. The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
5. Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak (4-8)
6. Love You Forever by Robert N. Munsch (4-8)
7. The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein (All)
8. The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle (BP)
9. Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls (YA)
10. The Mitten by Jan Brett (4-8)
11. Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown (BP)
12. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (9-12)
13. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis (9-12)
14. Where the Sidewalk Ends: The Poems and Drawings of Shel Silverstein by Shel Silverstein (All)
15. Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson (9-12)
16. Stellaluna by Janell Cannon (4-8)
17. Oh, the Places You’ll Go by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
18. Strega Nona by Tomie De Paola (4-8)
19. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst (4-8)
21. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl (9-12)
22. The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams (4-8)
23. A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle (9-12)
24. Shiloh by Phyllis R. Naylor (9-12)
25. How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
26. The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka (4-8)
27. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Jon Archambault (4-8)
28. Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder (9-12)
29. The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett (9-12)
30. The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne (4-8)
31. The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner (9-12)
32. Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan (9-12)
33. Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks (9-12)
34. Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O’Dell (9-12)
35. Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli (9-12)
36. The BFG by Roald Dahl (9-12)
37. The Giver by Lois Lowry (9-12)
38. If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Lora Joffe Numeroff (4-8)
39. James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl (9-12)
40. Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder (9-12)
41. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor (9-12)
42. The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien (YA)
43. The Lorax by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
44. Stone Fox by John R. Gardiner (9-12)
45. Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (9-12)
46. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O’Brien (9-12)
47. Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (All)
48. The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister (BP)
49. Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman (4-8)
50. The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson (9-12)
51. Corduroy by Don Freeman (BP)
52. Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg (4-8)
53. Math Curse by Jon Scieszka (4-8)
54. Matilda by Roald Dahl (9-12)
55. Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls (YA)
56. Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume (9-12)
57. Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary (9-12)
58. The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White (9-12)
59. Are You My Mother? by Philip D. Eastman (4-8)
60. The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis (9-12)
61. Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey (4-8)
62. One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
63. The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster (9-12)
64. The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats (BP)
65. The Napping House by Audrey Wood (4-8)
66. Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig (4-8)
67. The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter (4-8).
68. Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt (9-12)
69. The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum (All)
70. Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery (9-12)
71. Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
72. Basil of Baker Street by Eve Titus (4-8)
73. The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper (4-8)
74. The Cay by Theodore Taylor (YA)
75. Curious George by Hans Augusto Rey (4-8)
76. Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox (4-8)
77. Arthur (series) by Marc Tolon Brown (4-8)
78. The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson (9-12)
79. Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes (4-8)
80. Little House books by Laura Ingalls Wilder (9-12)
81. The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton (4-8)
82. The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown (BP)
83. Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar (9-12)
84. Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish (4-8)
85. Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh (9-12)
86. A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein (9-12)
87. Mr. Popper’s Penguins by Richard Atwater (9-12)
88. My Father’s Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett (9-12)
89. Stuart Little by E.B. White (9-12)
90. Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech (9-12)
91. The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare (9-12)
92. The Art Lesson by Tomie De Paola (4-8)
93. Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina (4-8)
94. Clifford, the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell (4-8)
95. Heidi by Johanna Spyri (All)
96. Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
97. The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare (YA)
98. The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis (9-12)
99. Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney (BP)
100. The Paper Bag Princess by Robert N. Munsch (4-8)
National Education Association –
Kids’ Top 100 Books
(Based on an Internet survey from November 1999-February 2000)

1. Harry Potter (series) by J.K. Rowling
2. Goosebumps (series) by R.L. Stine
3. Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
4. The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
5. Arthur (series) by Marc Brown
6. Charlotte’s Web by E.B. White
7. Shiloh (trilogy) by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
8. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
9. Holes by Louis Sachar
10. The Giver by Lois Lowry
11. The Chronicles of Narnia (series) by C.S. Lewis
12. Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (series) by Judy Blume
13. Sideways Stories by Wayside School (series) by Louis Sachar
14. The BFG by Roald Dahl
15. The Boxcar Children (series) by Gertrude Chandler Warner
16. One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
17. Ramona Quimby, Age 8 (series) by Beverly Cleary
18. Pokemon (series) by Tracey West, Maria S. Barbo
19. The Babysitters Club (series) by Ann M. Martin
20. Ralph S. Mouse (series) by Beverly Cleary
21. Little House on the Prairie (series) by Laura Ingalls Wilder
22. Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
23. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
24. The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
25. Clifford the Big Red Dog (series) by Norman Bridwell
26. Stuart Little by E.B. White
27. Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
28. The Adventures of Captain Underpants (series) by Dav Pilkey
29. The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
30. The Berenstain Bears (series) by Jan and Stan Berenstain
31. Animorphs (series) by K.A. Applegate
32. The Witches by Roald Dahl
33. Nancy Drew Mystery Stories by Carolyn Keene
34. The Hobbit & Lord of the Rings (series) by J.R.R. Tolkien
36. Matilda by Roald Dahl
37. The Call of the Wild by Jack London
38. The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss
39. How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss
40. James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
41. Junie B. Jones (series) by Barbara Park
42. Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner
43. Falling Up by Shel Silverstein
44. A Wrinkle in Time (series) by Madeleine L’Engle
45. Brian’s Winter by Gary Paulsen
46. Amber Brown (series) by Paula Danziger
47. The North Star by Peter H. Reynolds
48. Have a Nice Day: A Tale of Blood and Sweatsocks by Mick Foley
49. Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
50. The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
51. A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein
52. Chicken Soup for the Soul (series) by various authors
53. Curious George (series) by Margret and Hans Augusto Rey
54. The Teacher from the Black Lagoon (series) by Mike Thaler
55. If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff
56. The Bailey School Kids (series) by Debbie Dadey, et al.
57. The Hardy Boys (series) by Franklin W. Dixon
58. The Mitten by Jan Brett
59. Amelia Bedelia (series) by Peggy Parish
60. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O’Brien
61. Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O’Dell
62. Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
63. Mr. Popper’s Penguins by Richard Atwater
64. The River by Gary Paulsen
65. Magic Tree House (series) by Mary Pope Osborne
66. The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by John Scieszka
67. Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
68. Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss
69. The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne
70. Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
71. Redwall by Brian Jacques
72. The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson
73. Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
74. Wringer by Jerry Spinelli
75. Are You There God? It’s Me, Margaret by Judy Blume
76. Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
77. Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls
78. Sweet Valley High (series) by Francine Pascal
79. The Adventures of Mary Kate and Ashley (series) by Judy Katschke, Cathy Dobowski, Lisa Eisenberg, Nancy E. Krulik, Nina Alexander, Frances Lin Lantz, et al.
80. Garfield (series) by Jim Davis
81. Magic School Bus (series) by Joanna Cole
82. Math Curse by John Scieszka
83. White Fang by Jack London
84. I Spy (series) by Walter Wick, Jean Marzollo, Diana Noonan, et al.
85. I Love You Forever by Robert N. Munsch
86. My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
87. The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White
88. Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
89. Draw 50 Airplanes, Aircraft and Spacecraft (series) by Lee J. Ames
90. Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
91. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
92. The Rock Says by Dwayne Johnson (The Rock)
93. Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel
94. To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
95. All About Sam by Lois Lowry
96. Black Beauty by Anna Sewell
97. Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
98. Hank the Cow Dog (series) by John R. Erickson
99. Piggie Pie by Margie Palatini
100. Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
Newberry and Caldecott Medal Book Awards for Children’s Literature

Newberry Medal Winners (1940-2006)

2006 – Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins
2005 – Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata
2004 – The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread by Kate DiCamillo
2003 – Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi
2002 – A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
2001 – A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck
2000 – Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
1999 – Holes by Louis Sachar
1998 – Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
1997 – The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg
1996 – The Midwife’s Apprentice by Karen Cushman
1995 – The Giver by Lois Lowry
1994 – The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
1993 – The Matchlock Gun by Walter Edmonds
1992 – Strawberry Girl by Lois Lenski
1991 – Miss Hickory by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey
1990 – Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
1989 – The Grey King by Susan Cooper
1988 – A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle
1987 – The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene du Bois
1986 – A Shelf Full of Stories by Elizabeth Raum
1985 – The Hero and the Crown by Robin McKinley
1984 – Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
1983 – Dicey’s Song by Cynthia Voigt
1982 – A Visit to William Blake’s Inn: Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travelers by Nancy Willard
1981 – Jacob Have I Loved by Katherine Paterson
1979 – The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread by Kate DiCamillo
1978 – Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
1977 – Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
1976 – The Grey King by Susan Cooper
1975 – M. C. Higgins, the Great by Virginia Hamilton
1974 – The Slave Dancer by Paula Fox
1973 – Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George
1972 – Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O’Brien
1971 – Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars
1970 – Sounder by William H. Armstrong
1969 – The High King by Lloyd Alexander
1968 – From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
1967 – Up A Road Slowly by Irene Hunt
1966 – I, Juan de Pareja by Elizabeth Borton de Trevino
1965 – Shadow of a Bull by Maia Wojciechowska
1964 – It’s Like This, Cat by Emily Neville
1963 – A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle
1962 – The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare
1961 – Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O’Dell
1960 – Onion John by Joseph Krumgold
1959 – The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
1958 – Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith
1957 – Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorenson
1956 – Carry On, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham
1955 – The Wheel on the School by Meindert DeJong
1954 – ...And Now Miguel by Joseph Krumgold
1953 – Secret of the Andes by Ann Nolan Clark
1952 – Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes
1951 – Amos Fortune, Free Man by Elizabeth Yates
1950 – The Door in the Wall by Marguerite de Angeli
1949 – King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry
1948 – The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene du Bois
1947 – Miss Hickory by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey
1946 – Strawberry Girl by Lois Lenski
1945 – Rabbit Hill by Robert Lawson
1944 – Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
1943 – Adam of the Road by Elizabeth Janet Gray
1942 – The Matchlock Gun by Walter Edmonds
1941 – Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry
1940 – Daniel Boone by James Daugherty

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# Newberry and Caldecott Medal Book Awards for Children’s Literature

## Caldecott Medal Winners (1960-2006)

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Recommended Resources

■ Books and Pamphlets


Each year, the Children’s Literature Center for the Library of Congress prepares a list of more than 100 of the best books recently published for preschool through junior high school age. To order “Books for Children, # (1-17),” send $1 to: Consumer Information Center, Department 149Y, Pueblo, CO 81009.


This book by Cullinan overviews hands-on, practical ideas for creating an environment where children learn to read and enjoy it.


An excellent source of activities for the whole family and a key resource for ideas to encourage and promote reading with young children. Hundreds of activities to engage children in reading, reading lists and good resource sections. To order, send $9.95 to Reading is Fundamental Inc., Publications Department, Smithsonian Institution, 600 Maryland Ave. S.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20024.


Practical guide for selecting books that can be utilized by parents and other adults.


This brochure provides a research-based set of recommendations for parents and caregivers to help children in learning to read. This brochure can be obtained by contacting the National Institute for Literacy at ED Pubs, P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398, calling (800) 228-8813 or going online at www.nifl.gov.


Highly regarded resource on reading with children from a leader in the field. Very good resource for parents, teachers and other adults.

■ Web Sites and Organizations

The American Library Association (ALA). The American Library Association annually awards the Newberry and Caldecott Medals for excellence in children’s literature and is a very good source of reading-related tips and information. Information on available materials can be obtained by visiting the Web site or writing to: American Library Association, Publications Order Department, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. The Web site is at www.ala.org/parents-page.

The America Reads Challenge was a four-year grass-roots initiative designed to promote reading across the United States. Information and resources from that initiative can be accessed on the Internet. The Web site is at www.ed.gov/units/americareads/.

The Children’s Book Council provides bimonthly updates of suggested reading titles for young children, as well as a wealth of other resources. The Web site is at www.cbcbooks.org/html/showcase.html.

The International Reading Association is an organization that promotes literacy and is a well-developed resource base for parents and professionals interested in reading. It publishes a number of brochures for parents and single copies are available free. For titles and ordering information, go to the Web site or write to: IRA, 800 Barksdale Road, P.O. Box 8139, Newark, DE 19714-8139. The Web site is at www.reading.org/.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This organization is perhaps the foremost resource for outstanding research and practical ideas on learning and education of young children. NAEYC has dozens of resources (pamphlets, books, videos, etc.) available on the topic. The Web site is at www.naeyc.org/.

The National Education Association has a Reading Matters initiative and a Web site that includes a variety of valuable and interesting resources, including reading news, home and classroom activities, and reading resources. To access the Reading Matters initiative of the NEA, visit the Web site on the Internet. The Web site is at www.nea.org/readingmatters/index.html.

Reading is Fundamental Inc. is a national nonprofit organization associated with the Smithsonian Institution and works to stimulate reading and learning with children. For further information or to access its excellent resources, visit the Web site on the Internet. The Web site is at www.nif.org/.

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