

Junior Great Books Reading Lists

1-3 Anthologies & Poetry

The 1-3 Anthologies and Poetry, and 1-3 Picture Books, along with 4-6 books designated *RA* are excellent read alouds for children from a very early age.

[A Apple Pie and Nursery Rhymes](#) and [others by Kate Greenaway](#) *RA*

[Aesop for Children](#) illustrated by Milo Winter (126 fables) *RA*

Alan Garner's Fairy Tales of Gold by Alan Garner

Best-Loved Fairy Tales by Walter Crane

[Child's Garden of Verses](#) by Robert Louis Stevenson, illustrated by Jessie Willcox Smith *RA*

[Children's Treasury of Virtues](#) by William Bennett, illustrated by Michael Hague, and [others in the series](#)

[Child's Treasury of Poems](#) by Mark Daniel

[Rhymes and Verses: Collected Poems for Children](#) by Walter de la Mare *RA*

[Fables](#) by Arnold Lobel

[Favorite Poems of Childhood](#) by Philip Smith

[Happy Prince and Other Fairy Tales](#) by Oscar Wilde *RA*

[James Herriot's Treasury for Children](#) by James Herriot

[McGuffey's Primer, Pictorial Primer, & First Reader](#) by William McGuffey *RA*

[Moral Tales](#) by Maria Edgeworth *RA*

My Favorite Story Book by W. G. Vande Hulst *RA*

[Nonsense Poems](#) and [others by Edward Lear](#) *RA*

[Now We Are Six](#) by A. A. Milne *RA*

Nursery and Mother Goose Rhymes by Marguerite de Angeli

Once On A Time by A. A. Milne *RA*

[Parent's Assistant](#) by Maria Edgeworth *RA*

Pleasant Field Mouse Storybook by Jan Wahl

Poems & Prayers for the Very Young by Martha G. Alexander

Poems to Read to the Very Young by Josette Frank

Prince Rabbit by A. A. Milne *RA*

Real Mother Goose illustrated by Blanche Fisher Wright

Ruth Ainsworth Book by Ruth Ainsworth

Songs of Childhood by Walter de la Mare *RA*

Stories Around the Year by Thornton W. Burgess

Tom Thumb & Other Stories by L. Leslie Brooke

When We Were Very Young by A. A. Milne *RA*

1-3 Advanced Readers

Abraham Lincoln by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

Adventures of the Little Wooden Horse by Ursula Moray Williams

Adventures of Tom Bombadil by J. R. R. Tolkien

Alligator Case and others by William Pene du Bois

And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? by Jean Fritz

Angry Giant by Oscar Wilde
Apple & the Arrow by Mary Marsh Buff
Bard of Avon: the Story of William Shakespeare by Diane Stanley
Bear Called Paddington and others by Michael Bond
Bears on Hemlock Mountain and others by Alice Dalgliesh
Benjamin Franklin by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Benjamin West and his Cat Grimplakin by Marguerite Henry
Betsy & Billy and others by Carolyn Haywood
Betsy & Tacy Go Over the Big Hill and others by Maude Lovelace
Billy & Blaze and others by C. W. Anderson
Book of Cowboys by Holling C. Holling
Book of Indians by Holling C. Holling
Box-Car Children and others by Gertrude Warner (the first 19 in the series)
Bright April by Marguerite de Angeli
Burt Dow, Deep Water Man by Robert McCloskey
Can't You Make Them Behave, King George? by Jean Fritz
Capyboppy by Bill Peet
Castle by David Macaulay
Cathedral by David Macaulay
Chalk Box Kid by Clyde Robert Bulla
Charles Dickens: the Man Who Had Great Expectations by Diane Stanley
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
City by David Macaulay
Cleopatra by Diane Stanley
Coll and His White Pig by Lloyd Alexander
Columbus by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh
d'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
d'Aulaire's Norse Gods & Giants by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Eric the Red & Leif the Lucky by Barbara Schiller
Fairy Doll by Rumer Godden
Finn Family Moomintroll and others by Tove Jansson
George Washington by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
George Washington's Breakfast by Jean Fritz
Good Queen Bess by Diane Stanley
Grain of Rice by Helena Clare Pittman
Happy Hollisters and others by Jerry West
Happy Orpheline and others by Natalie Savage Carlson
Henner's Lydia by Marguerite de Angeli
Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
Hundred Penny Box by Sharon Bell Mathis
I, Columbus and others by Peter & Connie Roop
In Search of Troy by Piero Ventura
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln by Jean Fritz
Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling *RA*

Kindle of Kittens by Rumer Godden
Least of All by Carol Purdy
Leave Horatio Alone by Eleanor Clymer
Leif the Lucky by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Leonardo da Vinci by Diane Stanley
Lion to Guard Us by Clyde Robert Bulla
Little Pear by Eleanor Frances Lattimore
Marco Moonlight by Clyde Robert Bulla
Matchlock Gun by Walter Edmonds
Michelangelo's World by Piero Ventura
Mill by David Macaulay
Minn of the Mississippi by Holling C. Holling
Mouse House by Rumer Godden
Mouse on the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannet
Nothing is Impossible, The Story of Beatrix Potter by Dorothy Aldis
Old Mother West Wind and others by Thornton W. Burgess
Old Woman Who Lived in a Vinegar Bottle by Rumer Godden
Ordinary Princess by Mary Margaret Kaye
Paddle to the Sea by Holling C. Holling
Pagoo by Holling C. Holling
Peter the Great by Diane Stanley
Pilgrims of Plimoth by Marcia Sewall
Puppy Summer by Meindert de Jong
Pyramid by David Macaulay
Reluctant Dragon by Kenneth Grahame
Rocking Horse Secret by Rumer Godden
Sarah Morton's Day and others by Kate Waters
Seabird by Holling C. Holling
Shhhh ... We're Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz
Ship by David Macaulay
Shoeshine Girl by Clyde Robert Bulla
Skippack School by Marguerite de Angeli
Song of the Swallows by Leo Politi
Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims by Clyde Robert Bulla
St. Philip of the Joyous Heart by Francis X. Connolly
Tale of Jolly Robin and others by Arthur Scott Baily
Tale of Three Trees by Angela Hunt
They Were Strong & Good by Robert Lawson
Three Dollar Mule by Clyde Robert Bulla
Three Young Pilgrims by Cheryl Harness
Thy Friend, Obadiah by Brinton Turkle
Tree in the Trail by Holling C. Holling
Truthful Harp by Lloyd Alexander
Twenty and Ten by Claire Huchet Bishop
Twenty Elephant Restaurant by Russell Hoban

What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? by Jean Fritz
Where do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus? by Jean Fritz
Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29th of May? by Jean Fritz
Who's That Stepping on Plymouth Rock? by Jean Fritz
Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams? by Jean Fritz
Will You Sign Here, John Hancock? by Jean Fritz
Yellow and Pink by William Steig
Yonie Wondernose by Marguerite de Angeli

4-6 Anthologies & Poetry

American Tall Tales by Adrien Stoutenburg
Beowulf, the Warrior by Ian Serraillier
Best-Loved Poems of the American People selected by Hazel Felleman
Blue Fairy Book and others by Andrew Lang, illustrated by H. J. Ford *RA*
Book of Americans by Rosemary & Stephen V. Benet
Book of Virtues by William Bennett
Cautionary Tales for Children by Hilaire Belloc
Child's History of England by Charles Dickens
Child's Geography of the World by V. M. Hillyer
Child's History of Art by V. M. Hillyer
Child's History of the World by V. M. Hillyer
Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Anderson *RA*
Favorite Poems Old and New by Helen Ferris
Hero Tales by Dave and Neta Jackson
Household Stories by the Brothers Grimm, illustrated by Walter Crane *RA*
John Gilpin's Ride by William Cowper
Little Bookroom by Eleanor Farjeon
LuLu's Library and other short story anthologies by Louisa May Alcott
McGuffey's Second and Third Reader by William McGuffey *RA*
Moral Compass by William Bennett
Myths of the World by Padraic Colum
Perrault's Complete Fairy Tales by Charles Perrault *RA*
Pied Piper of Hamelin by Robert Browning, illustrated by Kate Greenaway
Poems of Thomas Bailey Aldrich and others by Thomas Bailey Aldrich
Sketch Book by Washington Irving
Song of Hiawatha and other poems by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
Stories of Great Americans by Edward Eggleston
Story of the Greeks and others by H. A. Guerber
Tanglewood Tales by Nathaniel Hawthorne *RA*
Treasury of Children's Literature by Armand Eisen
Wonder Book by Nathaniel Hawthorne *RA*
Wonder Clock by Howard Pyle

4-6 Literature

Adam of the Road by Elizabeth Gray
Adventures of Mabel by Harry Thurston Peck
Adventures of Tintin by Herge
Adventures of Ulysses by Charles Lamb
Aeneid for Boys and Girls by Alfred J. Church
Aldo Applesauce by Johanna Hurwitz
Alexander the Great by John Gunther
Alice's Adventure's in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll *RA*
All Sail Set and others by Armstrong Sperry
All-of-a-Kind Family and others by Sydney Taylor
America's Paul Revere by Esther Forbes
Arabian Nights translated by Edward Lane *RA*
Archimedes & the Door of Science by Jeanne Bendick
Aristotle, Dean of Early Science by Glanville Downey & other Immortals of Science biographies
At the Back of the North Wind and others by George MacDonald *RA*
Augustus Caesar's World by Genevieve Foster
Beautiful Stories from Shakespeare by Edith Nesbit
Beauty and the Beast by Charles Lamb *RA*
Behind Rebel Lines by Seymour V. Reit
Ben and Me by Robert Lawson
Bevis by Richard Jefferies
Big Day For Scepters by Stephen Krensky
Big Red by Jim Kjelgaard
Big Wave by Pearl S. Buck
Birth of Rome by Laura Orvieto
Black Beauty: the Autobiography of a Horse by Anna Sewell
Black Ships Before Troy by Rosemary Sutcliff
Black Stallion and others by Walter Farley
Blue Willow by Doris Gates
Book of Cowboys by Will James
Book of Three and others by Lloyd Alexander
Borrowers and others by Mary Norton
Boy Apprenticed to an Enchanter by Padriac Colum
Boy's Life of Edison by William Meadowcroft
Brady by Jean Fritz
Bright April by Marguerite de Angeli
Brighty of the Grand Canyon by Marguerite Henry
Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare
Buffalo Knife by William O. Steele
By Pike and Dike: a Tale of the Rise of the Dutch Republic by G. A. Henty
Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz
Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Brink
Calico Bush by Rachel Field

Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry
Call of the Wild by Jack London
Canterbury Tales retold by G. McCaughrean
Canyon Winter by Walt Morey
Carry On, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham
Cattle Brands by Andy Adams
Charlemagne and the Twelve Peers of France by Alfred J. Church
Charlotte's Web by E. B. White
Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank Gilbreth
Children of Odin by Padraic Colum
Children's Homer by Padraic Colum
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang by Ian Fleming
Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis
Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
Daniel Boone and other biographies by James Daugherty
Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
Destination Moon by James Irwin
Dobry by Monica Shannon
Doctor's Boy by Karin Anckarsvard
Dog on Barkham Street by Mary Stoltz
Doll's House by Rumer Godden
Door in the Wall by Marguerite de Angeli
Dragon Slayer by Rosemary Sutcliff
Dvora's Journey by Marge Blaine
Eagle of the Ninth and other historical fiction by Rosemary Sutcliff
Early Thunder and others by Jean Fritz
Episode of Sparrows by Rumer Godden
Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
Far Frontier by William O. Steele
Five Children & It by Edith Nesbit
Five Little Peppers and How They Grew and others by Margaret Sidney
Follow My Leader by James B. Garfield
For the Temple: A Tale of the Fall of Jerusalem & others by G. A. Henty
Four-Story Mistake by Elizabeth Enright
Freedom to Dream by Cynthia Blair
From Anna by Jean Little
Further Adventures of Nils by Selma Lagerlof
Gathering of Days by Joan Blos
Gentle Ben by Walt Morey
George Washington's World and other histories by Genevieve Foster
Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes
God Made Them Great by John Tallach
Golden Fleece by Padriac Colum
Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Golden Key by George MacDonald
Gone Away Lake by Elizabeth Enright

Good Master by Kate Seredy
Grandfather's Chair by Nathaniel Hawthorne
Great Brain and others by John Fitzgerald
Great Glass Elevator by Roald Dahl
Guns for General Washington by Seymour Reit
Hakon of Rogen's Saga and others by Erik Christian Haugaard
Hannah by Gloria Whelan
Henry Huggins and other Henry books by Beverly Cleary
Henry Reed, Inc. by Keith Robertson
Heroes of Asgard by A. & E. Keary
Home of the Sailor by Rumer Godden
Homer Price by Robert McCloskey
House at Pooh Corner by A. A. Milne *RA*
House of Sixty Fathers by Meindert de Jong
Huguenot Garden: A Children's Story of Faith by Douglas Jones
Hundred and One Dalmatians by Dodie Smith
I, Juan de Pareja by Elizabeth de Trevino
Iliad for Boys and Girls by Alfred J. Church
In Freedom's Cause: A Story of Wallace and Bruce by G. A. Henty
In Grandma's Attic & others by Arleta Richardson
Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford
Ink on His Fingers & other hero tales of the Reformation by Louise Vernon
John Treegate's Musket and others in the series by Leonard Wibberley
Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
Journey from Peppermint Street by Meindert de Jong
Journey to America by Sonia Levitin
Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George
Jungle Doctor and others by Paul White
Justin Morgan Had a Horse by Marguerite Henry
Kateri Tekakwitha: Mohawk Maid by Evelyn Brown
Kildee House by Rutherford George Montgomery
King of the Golden River by John Ruskin
King of the Wind and others by Marguerite Henry
King Without a Shadow by R. C. Sproul
Lad: a Dog and others by Albert Payson Terhune
Landing of the Pilgrims by James Daugherty
Lassie Come Home by Eric Knight
Legend of the Cid by Robert Convoy Goldston
Little Britches: Father & I Were Ranchers and others by Ralph Moody
Little Fishes by Erik Christian Haugaard
Little House in the Big Woods and others by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Little Lamé Prince by Dinah Maria Mulock
Little Lord Fauntleroy by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Log of a Cowboy by Andy Adams
Lone Cowboy by Will James

Lone Journey by Jeanette Eaton
Lost Princess by George MacDonald
Magic Pudding by Norman Lindsey
Magic Summer by Noel Streatfeild
Magical Melons by Carol Brink
Many Moons by James Thurber
Mary Poppins and others by Pamela L. Travers
Master Cornhill by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Master Skylark by John Bennett
Medal of Honor Heroes by Colonel Red Reeder
Mine for Keeps by Jean Little
Miracles on Maple Hill by Virginia Sorensen
Miss Happiness and Miss Flower by Rumer Godden
Moffats by Eleanor Estes
Moth Manor by Martha Bacon
Mountain Born by Elizabeth Yates
Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater
Mr. Revere and I by Robert Lawson
Mr. Small and others by Lois Lenski
Mrs. Frisby & the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brien
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle and others by Betty MacDonald
My Daniel by Pam Conrad
My Indian Boyhood by Luther Standing Bear
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
Myths of the World by Padraic Colum
National Velvet by Enid Bagnold
Niko, Sculptor's Apprentice by Isabelle Lawrence
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Odysseus the Wanderer by Aubrey De Selincourt
Odyssey for Boys and Girls by Alfred J. Church
Old Bones The Wonder Horse by Mildred Mastin Pace
Old Yeller by Fred Gipson
Outlet by Andy Adams
Owls in the Family by Farley Mowat
Paul Bunyan and His Blue Ox by Wallace Wadsworth
Paul Bunyan by James Stevens
Peppermints in the Parlor by Barbara Wallace
Perilous Road by William O. Steele
Peter Pan by James Barrie
Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
Phoenix and the Carpet by Edith Nesbit
Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan (children's version)
Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi
Pippi Longstocking and others by Astrid Lindgren
Pollyanna by Eleanor Porter
Prairie Boy's Summer by William Kurelek

Prairie Boy's Winter by William Kurelek
Prairie School by Lois Lenski
Princess and Curdie by George McDonald
Princess and the Goblin by George McDonald
Problem With Pulcifer by Florence Parry Heide
Proud Taste for Scarlet & Miniver by E. L. Konigsburg
Pushcart War by Jean Merrill
Rabbit Hill by Robert Lawson
Railway Children by Edith Nesbit
Rainbow Garden by Patricia St. John
Rascal by Sterling North
Rescuers series by Margery Sharp
Return to Gone-Away Lake by Elizabeth Enright
Ride the West Wind by Barbara Chamberlain
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
Roller Skates by Ruth Sawyer
Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
Saturdays by Elizabeth Enright
Secret at Pheasant Cottage by Patricia St. John
Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Seven Years From Home by Rose Blue
Seventeenth Swap by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Shadrack by Meindert de Jong
Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare
Silver Chief: Dog of the North and others by Jack O'Brien
Singing Tree by Kate Seredy
Skylark by Patricia MacLachlan
Smoky the Cowhorse by Will James
Sounder by William Armstrong
Spiderweb for Two by Elizabeth Enright
Star of Light by Patricia St. John
Story of Dr. Doolittle and others by Hugh Lofting *RA*
Story of Holly and Ivy by Rumer Godden
Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow by Allen French
Strawberry Girl and others by Lois Lenski
Striped Ships by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Stuart Little by E. B. White
Swallows & Amazons and others by Arthur Ransome
Sword and the Sundial by Phyllis Prokop
Swords of the Vikings by Julia Davis Adams
Tales from Shakespeare by Charles & Mary Lamb *RA*
Tales from the Arabian Nights by H. J. Dawood
Tales of the Arabian Nights by Andrew Lang
Tales of Troy and Greece by Andrew Lang
Tales of Uncle Remus retold by Julius Lester
Tanglewood Secrets by Patricia St. John

Thee, Hannah by Marguerite de Angeli
Then There Were Five by Elizabeth Enright
They Shall Be Mine by John Tallach
Thimble Summer by Elizabeth Enright
This Dear Bought Land by Jean Lee Latham
Three Children and Shakespeare by Anne Terry White
Three Go Searching by Patricia St. John
Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll *RA*
Time at the Top by Edward Ormondroyd
To Catch a Golden Ring by Marilyn Donahue
Tough Winter by Robert Lawson
Treasures of the Snow by Patricia St. John
Trial by Poison and other Trailblazer books by Dave and Neta Jackson
Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
Turn Homeward, Hannalee by Patricia Beatty
Twenty One Balloons by William Pene DuBois
Twice Freed by Patricia St. John
Uncle Remus and others by Joel Chandler Harris *RA*
Understood Betsy by Dorothy Canfield Fisher
Viking Tales by Jeannie Hall
Vinegar Boy by Alberta Hawse
Voyage to Freedom by David Gay
Way Things Work by David Macaulay
Wharton & the Castaways by Russell Erickson
What Katy Did and others by Susan Coolidge
Wheel on the School by Meindert de Jong
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
Where the River Begins by Patricia St. John
White Stag by Kate Seredy
Why the Chisholm Trail Forks by Andy Adams
Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame *RA*
Winged Watchman and others by Hilda Van Stockum
Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne *RA*
Wonderful Adventures of Nils by Selma Lagerlof
Wonderful Wizard of Oz and others by Frank Baum
Yankee Doodle's Cousins by Anne Malcomson
Year of the Black Pony and others by Walt Morey
Young Carthaginian, A Story of the Times of Hannibal by G. A. Henty