

**Book List for children** – these are books most of which I read to our sons, and/or books I or they read as kids or as teens – with a few exceptions of more recently published books that I am discovering for myself, for our sons and for our grandchildren. I love to read good children’s books as some of the most creative writing and illustrating is done for children. The test of a well-written book is whether it is a pleasure to read it aloud. All children are different, and this is good – one may be ready to hear *The Chronicles of Narnia* at 3, another not until 6 or 7, so don’t be bothered by this. Especially with young children try to find editions with good illustrations. Also all children like the rhymes, rhythms and sounds of verse. Make reading to them a habit at an early age and they will learn to love to read themselves. Many good books have filmed versions – occasionally I have noted these - a movie or TV series may be a helpful way to introduce children to a new level of literature. Books are listed as I thought of them, not in any systematic order. I have omitted many delightful books like those by Dr. Seuss with which most people are familiar. Happy reading!

Richard Adams	<i>Watership Down</i> – this is an outstanding book – loved by my boys <i>Shardik</i>
Lloyd Alexander	<i>The Book of Three</i> <i>The Black Cauldron</i> - & many more in series
Hans Christian Anderson	<i>Treasury of Fairy Stories</i>
B. B.	<i>The Wizard of Boland</i> - & several others
Enid Bagnold	<i>National Velvet</i> – also a famous movie with young Elizabeth Taylor
R. M. Ballantyne	<i>The Coral Island</i>
Owen Barfield	<i>The Silver Trumpet</i>
J. M. Barrie	<i>Peter Pan</i> – also a fine film
R. D. Blackmore	<i>Lorna Doone</i>
Quentin Blake	<i>Clown</i> <i>Nursery Rhyme Book</i> – many others, wonderful illustrator
Michael Bond	<i>A Bear Called Paddington</i> & many others in series
Jan Brett	<i>Annie and the Wild Animals</i> – a wonderful illustrator as well as story-teller <i>The Twelve Days of Christmas</i> <i>The Umbrella</i> <i>Jan Brett’s Christmas Treasury</i> - & many others for 2 and up <i>Trouble with Trolls</i>
H. F. Brinsmead	<i>Pastures of the Blue Crane</i>

Margaret Wise Brown	<i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i> <i>Goodnight Moon</i> <i>The Runaway Bunny</i> – a great book, read by Dr. Calhoun for faculty devotion
John Bunyan	<i>The Pilgrim's Progress</i>
Frances Hodgson Burnett	<i>The Secret Garden</i> - also a movie – a truly wonderful book <i>The Lost Prince</i> <i>A Little Princess</i> <i>Little Lord Fauntleroy</i>
Nick Butterworth	<i>Percy's Bumpy Ride</i> – author is a friend from English L'Abri years ago <i>The Treasure Hunt</i> - & many more, great for 2 and up; great illustrator
Lewis Carroll	<i>Through the Looking Glass</i> <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> <i>Jabberwocky &amp; other poems</i> - children love nonsense poetry
Collections	<i>Tales from the Arabian Nights</i> <i>The Adventures of Robin Hood</i> - many versions <i>Tales of King Arthur and his Knights</i> - incl. one by John Steinbeck <i>Aesop's Fables</i>
Concordia Publishing	<i>The Arch Books</i> – our favorite set of illustrated Bible Stories, many in verse
Ed. Sara & Stephen Corin	<i>Stories for under 5's, for 5's, for 6's etc. up to 10's and over</i>
Richmal Crompton	<i>William</i> - almost two dozen in boys' series, very English & lots of fun
Roald Dahl	<i>Danny the Champion of the World</i> – this is a wonderful book <i>George's Marvelous Medicine</i> <i>Matilda</i> <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> - & more – movies, musicals, opera ...
Meindert DeJong	<i>The House of Sixty Fathers</i> <i>The Easter Cat</i> <i>The Wheel on the School</i> <i>Dirks' Dog Bello</i> & many other excellent books for 5 or 6 and up
Julia Donaldson	<i>The Gruffalo</i> – one of my grandchildren's favorite books <i>The Gruffalo's Child</i> & other books for children 2 & up
Gerald Durrell	<i>My Family and Other Animals</i> – an outstanding funny book & BBC TV Series and a recent film

*Beasts in my Bed*  
*The Bafut Beagles* - & many more about his work collecting for zoos

J. Meade Faulkner      *Moonfleet*

Alan Garner      *Elidor*

Fred Gipson      *Old Yeller*

Kenneth Grahame      *The Wind in the Willows* – a great book at any age

Roger Lancelyn Green      *The Tale of Troy*  
   *Myths of the Norsemen*  
   *Tales of Ancient Egypt* - & many other similar collections and adaptations

The Brothers Grimm      *Fairy Tales*

Jane Hissey      *Old Bear Stories*

Anne Holm      *I am David* - this is one of the finest children's books – also a good movie  
   *The Hostage*

William Horwood      *Duncton Wood* – a wonderful book

Ted Hughes      *How the Whale Became and Other Stories*

Thomas Hughes      *Tom Brown's School Days* – also a good TV series available from BBC

Norman Hunter      *Count Backwerdz on the Carpet* - & others

Brian Jacques      *Mossflower,*  
   *The Bellmaker*  
   *Lord Brocktree* - & many more in series, wonderful books

Tove Jansson      *Moominsummer Madness*  
   *Moominland Midwinter* & others in series

Judith Kerr      *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*

Rudyard Kipling      *The Jungle Book*  
   *The Second Jungle Book*  
   *Just So Stories*

Charles and Mary Lamb      *Tales from Shakespeare* – fine introduction to Shakespeare – a classic

Andrew Lang	<i>The Blue Fairy Book</i> <i>The Violet Fairy Book</i> - & <i>Red, Green</i> & many others in this series
Jean Lee Latham	<i>Carry on Mr. Bowditch</i> – a true story & fine book
Edward Lear	<i>The Owl and the Pussycat</i> – wonderful illustrated editions - & other works
Ursula Leguin	<i>The Wizard of Earthsea</i> <i>The Farthest Shore</i> - & many others
Madeleine L'Engle	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> <i>A Wind in the Door</i> <i>A Swiftly Tilting Planet</i>
C. S. Lewis	<i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i> –depending on the child can be read from 3-6 & up
Arnold Lobel	<i>Frog and Toad are Friends</i> <i>Mouse Tales</i> - & many other good books for small children
George MacDonald	<i>The Princess and the Curdie</i> <i>The Princess and the Goblin</i> <i>The Gifts of the Child Christ</i> (2 Volume set of Short Stories –
Eerdmans)	
Michelle Magorian	<i>Goodnight Mr. Tom</i> – one of the best books, an award winner, 8 and up
Captain Maryatt	<i>Children of the New Forest</i> – a classic
John Masefield	<i>The Box of Delights</i> - made into an excellent BBC TV series <i>The Midnight Folk</i>
A. A. Milne	<i>The House at Pooh Corner</i> <i>When we were very young</i> <i>And now we are six</i> – & others - find Milne's own version
Michael Morpurgo	<i>Amazing Story Of Adolphus Tips</i> – Morpurgo is a fine story teller – many excellent books <i>The Butterfly Lion</i> <i>Kensuke's Kingdom</i> <i>Waiting for Anya</i>
Mother Goose	<i>Nursery Rhymes</i> – find good illustrated editions, many available
Jill Murphy	<i>The Large Family Books: Five Minutes Peace; Mr. Large in Charge; All in One Piece; A Piece of Cake; A Quiet Night In</i>

E. Nesbitt	<i>The Treasure Seekers</i> <i>The Railway Children</i> – good movie version <i>Five Children and It</i>
Mary Norton	<i>The Borrowers</i> - & series
Scott O'Dell	<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>
Baroness Orczy	<i>The Scarlet Pimpernel</i>
Christopher Paolini	<i>Eragon</i> <i>Eldest</i> <i>Brysingir</i>
Katherine Patterson	<i>The Bridge to Terabithia</i> – a very beautiful book - also a movie <i>The Day of the Pelican</i> <i>The Great Gilly Hopkins</i> <i>Bread and Roses, Too</i>
Beatrix Potter	<i>The Tale of Benjamin Bunny</i> <i>Peter Rabbit</i> <i>Jemima Puddleduck</i> - & many others; don't be surprised by death in her tales  <i>The Tailor of Gloucester</i> was her own favorite
Arthur Ransome	<i>Old Peter's Russian Tales</i> <i>Swallows and Amazons</i> - & many others in this series
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings	<i>The Yearling</i>
Wilson Rawls	<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>
Mary Rayner	<i>Garth Pig and the Ice Cream Lady</i> - & many more, for 2 and up
J. K. Rowling	<i>The Harry Potter Books</i> – children of all ages love them
Patricia St. John	<i>Treasures of the Snow</i> – also a fine movie <i>The Tanglewoods' Secret</i> <i>The Mystery of Pheasant Cottage</i> <i>Star of Light</i> <i>Twice Freed</i> - her version of the Onesimus story from Philemon <i>Runaway</i> – the author was a missionary & a fine writer of stories
Ian Serraillier	<i>The Silver Sword</i> – an excellent book set around World War II <i>There's No Escape</i>

Anna Sewell	<i>Black Beauty</i> – also a fine film
Robert Siegel	<i>Alpha Centauri</i>
Shel Silverstein	<i>Lafcadio, the Lion who Shot Back</i> <i>The Giving Tree</i> <i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i> – <i>Poems and Drawings</i> - & many others
Barbara Sleigh	<i>Carbonel</i> - & others
Dick King Smith	<i>The Fox Busters</i> – one of my favorite books <i>The Sheep Pig</i> – also a movie ‘Babe’ <i>The Mouse Butcher</i> & several other wonderful books for 5
upwards	<i>A Mouse Called Wolf</i>
movie	<i>The Water Horse</i> – his version of the Loch Ness monster – also a
Elizabeth Speare	<i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> <i>The Bronze Bow</i> & many more
Robert Louis Stevenson	<i>Treasure Island</i> – this gave me nightmares for years as a child when read <i>Kidnapped</i> <i>The Black Arrow</i>
Noel Streatfield	<i>White Boots</i> <i>Thursday’s Child</i> <i>Theater Shoes</i> - & several others
Rosemary Sutcliffe	<i>The Eagle of the Ninth</i> <i>The Rider on the White Horse</i> - & many more excellent books
Jonathan Swift	<i>Gulliver’s Travels</i> – find an edition with good illustrations
Barbara Euphan Todd	<i>Worzel Gummidge</i> – the main character is a scarecrow
J. R. R. Tolkien	<i>The Hobbit</i> <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> – excellent films <i>The Silmarillion</i> <i>Farmer Giles of Ham</i> <i>Roverandom</i> – a story Tolkien made up for his own children
Henry Treece	<i>The Road to Miklagard</i> <i>Viking’s Dawn</i> & many others
A. Rutgers van der Loeff	<i>Children of the Oregon Trail</i>

Catherine Vos	<i>Children's Story Bible</i>
E. B. White	<i>The Trumpet of the Swan</i> - this is my favorite of his books <i>Stuart Little</i> <i>Charlotte's Web</i> - movie
John White	<i>The Tower of Geburah</i> & other stories in his series – a believer
T. H. White	<i>The Sword in the Stone</i> - & series, excellent version of King Arthur stories
T. H. White	<i>Mistress Masham's Repose</i> – Lilliputian animals from Gulliver's Travels still living in English countryside
Laura Ingalls Wilder	<i>Little House on the Prairie</i> - & the whole series
Henry Williamson	<i>Tarka the Otter</i>
Johann Wyss	<i>The Swiss Family Robinson</i> – a classic story & also a good movie

**Teenagers - many of these can be read earlier than the teens if your child loves to read**

Louisa May Alcott	<i>Little Women</i> - & others – and film
Jane Austen	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> – BBC TV series with Colin Firth - perhaps the best film adaptation of any book <i>Sense and Sensibility</i> – excellent film and TV productions <i>Mansfield Park</i> – filmed versions inadequate <i>Emma</i> – two good films; Kate Beckinsdale the better; also <i>Clueless!</i> <i>Northanger Abbey</i> – TV series and film <i>Persuasion</i> – excellent filmed version
Ann Bronte	<i>The Tenant of Wildfell Hall</i> – a good movie available
Charlotte Bronte	<i>Jane Eyre</i> – a great book; many good movie versions
Emily Bronte	<i>Wuthering Heights</i> – somewhat over-Romantic for my taste
Edgar Rice Burroughs	<i>The Tarzan books</i> – well worth reading
James Fennimore Cooper	<i>The Prairie</i> <i>Last of the Mohicans</i> - & several others
Steven Crane	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>

- Charles Dickens      *Bleak House* – Very fine TV adaptation  
                                  *Little Dorrit* – an excellent BBC TV series  
                                  *Oliver Twist* – several good movies  
                                  *Great Expectations*  
                                  *A Christmas Carol*  
                                  *A Tale of Two Cities* - & many others
- John Donne              *Collected Poems* – dean of St. Paul’s, excellent preacher and great poet
- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle      *Sherlock Holmes* – many in the series
- George Eliot      *Adam Bede* – fine BBC film (a carefully handled account of infanticide in both the book and the film)  
                                  *Silas Marner* – a friend called this the perfect novel; another great BBC film – one of the most thoughtful studies of idolatry and redemption ever written
- C. S. Forrester              *Captain Hornblower* - & excellent series
- Paul Gallico              *The Snow Goose*  
                                  *The Silent Miaow*  
                                  *Snowflake* - & many other wonderful books
- Elizabeth Gaskell              *North and South* – this has become one of my favorite novels; the BBC film of this made in 2004 is outstanding and has helped a revival of interest in Gaskell as a great writer  
                                  *Wives and Daughters* – her last book and another fine BBC series  
                                  *Cranford* – the only book of Gaskell remembered until recently with an excellent BBC series with Judy Dench
- L. B. Graham              *Beyond the Summerland*  
                                  *Bringer of Storms* – a fine series recently begun by one of our graduates!  
                                  *Shadow in the Deep*  
                                  *Father of Dragons*  
                                  *All My Holy Mountain*
- H. Rider Haggard              *King Solomon’s Mines* – one of Lewis’ favorite writers as a boy  
                                  *Alan Quartermain*  
                                  *She* – & others
- Thomas Hardy              *Under the Greenwood Tree* – the only light-hearted of his novels  
                                  *Tess of the D’Urbervilles* – sad; but excellent – some of his books are too miserable, like *Jude The Obscure* – may cause deep distress in young people if they read it. Hardy’s wife begged him not to publish this.



Nathaniel Hawthorne	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>
Seamus Heaney	<i>Beowulf</i> – an excellent poetic translation of the Anglo-Saxon classic
George Herbert	<i>Poems</i> – a wonderful pastor and great poet
James Herriot	<i>The Lord God Made Them All</i> - & many others in series about English vet
Homer	<i>The Odyssey</i> – find a good illustrated edition, in poetry – for 10 up <i>The Iliad</i>
Charles Kingsley	<i>Westward Ho</i> - & many others
Stephen Lawhead	<i>Taliesin</i> <i>Merlin</i> <i>Arthur</i> - & several other sets of stories by a believer and fine writer <i>Hood, Scarlet &amp; Tuck</i> – his excellent presentation of the Robin Hood stories and his most recent series
Madeleine L'Engle	<i>The Young Unicorns</i> - & several other good books
C. S. Lewis	<i>Out of the Silent Planet</i>
temptation	<i>Perelandra</i> – excellent presentations of human glory and Satan's <i>That Hideous Strength</i> – excellent science fiction series
Jack London	<i>The Call of the Wild</i> - & movie <i>White Fang</i> - & others
Anne McCaffrey	<i>Dragonflight</i> - & series
Herman Melville	<i>Moby Dick</i>
L. M. Montgomery	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i> – and films of course
George Orwell	<i>Animal Farm</i> 1984
A. B. Patterson	<i>The Man from Snowy River</i> – Australian verse story & excellent movie
Ellis Peters	<i>The Brother Cadfael Mysteries</i> – about 2 dozen excellent books, also filmed with Derek Jacobi as Cadfael, a mediaeval Benedictine Monk & sleuth
– the	author declared that she was converted through her character

Edgar Allen Poe	<i>Tales of Mystery and Imagination</i>
Gene Stratton Porter	<i>The Girl of the Limberlost</i> – one of my favorite books as a young teen <i>The Harvester</i> <i>Freckles</i> <i>Michael O'Halloran</i> - & several other fine books, now being republished
Sir Walter Scott	<i>Ivanhoe</i> - & many others
William Shakespeare	<i>Henry V</i> – start Shakespeare with this play & the outstanding movie <i>Much Ado about Nothing</i> – another great movie <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> – several movies, one including Leonardo de Caprio
	<i>Julius Caesar</i> <i>Twelfth Night</i> – fine movie with Ben Kingsley <i>Hamlet</i> – great movie with Kenneth Branagh
Mark Twain	<i>Huckleberry Finn</i> <i>Tom Sawyer</i>