

Suggested List for Independent Reading for Kindergarten

Short Vowel Readers	Common Sense Press
Long Vowel Readers	Common Sense Press
Bridge Readers	Common Sense Press
Fun Tales	Published & sold by Sonlight
Bob Books	Sold at Mardels, Sam's, Amazon, CBD, etc.
Little Owl Books	A Beka
Our Week	A Beka
The Little Pie	A Beka
Jesus Helps	A Beka
Phonics Stories	Bob Jones University Press
Up the Ladder	Bob Jones University Press
The Starting Line	Bob Jones University Press

Suggested Read Aloud List for Kindergarten

The Important Book - Brown	
A Tree Is Nice - Udry	
How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World - Priceman	
Make Way for Ducklings - McCloskey	
Frederick - Lionni	
Columbus - d'Aulaire	
Ox-Cart Man - Hall	
The Story of Ferdinand - Leaf	
Pancakes, Pancakes! Carle	
Green Eggs & Ham - Suess	
The Very First Thanksgiving Day - Greene	
The Little Fir Tree - Brown	
The Twelve Days of Christmas - Brett	
The Night Before Christmas - Moore	
Stellaluna - Cannon	
Owl Moon - Yolan	
Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening - Frost	
Gregory's Shadow - Freeman	
George Washington -d'Aulaire	
Abe's Fish - Bryant and Bates	
Cactus Hotel -Guiberson	
Roxaboxen - McLerran and Cooney	
Stone Soup - Brown	
All Things Bright and Beautiful	
A Tale for Easter - Tudor	
The Little House - Burton	
A House for Hermit Crab - Carle	
The Little Island - Brown	
Miss Rumphius	

Choo Choo - Burton	
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel - Burton	
The Moon Shines Down - Brown	
Hans Christian Anderson's Fairy Tales	
The House on Pooh Corner -AA Milne	
The Story of Dr. Dolittle - Lofting	
The Story about Ping - Flack and Wiese	
Richard Scarry's Please and Thank You Book	
Johnny Appleseed - Holland	
Capyboppy - Peet	
My Father's Dragon - Gannet	
Dolphin Adventure - Grover	
The Light at Tern Rock - Sauer	
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz - Baum	
The Apple & the Arrow - Buff	
A Grain of Rice - Pittman	
The Hundred Dressed - Estes	
Twenty and Ten - Bishop	
The Boxcar Children - Estes	
In Grandma's Attic - Richardson	
Five True Dog Stories - Davidson	
Family Under the Bridge - Carlson	
James Herriot's Treasury for Children	
Dolphin Treasure - Grover	
Eric Carle's Animals Animals	
Mary on Horseback - Wells	
Children's Encyclopedia - Elliott and King	
Wild Places - Wilkes	
Living Long Ago - Brook and Edom	
Granny Han's Breakfast - Groves	
The Jesus Story Book by Sally Lloyd-Jones	
Historical Read Alouds	
Egermeier's Bible Story Book	
Archeologists Dig for Clues	
The Greek News	
Greek Myths for Young Children - Usborne	
Detectives in Togas - Winterfeld	
The Usborne Time Traveler (Egypt & Rome sections)	
Tut's Mummy Lost & Found - Donnelly	
The Great Wall of China - Fisher	
Awesome Book of Bible Facts - Silverthorne	
The Great Dinosaur Mystery and the Bible - Taylor	
The Beginner's Bible - Henley	
The Aesop for Children - Milo Winter	
Pompeii: Buried Alive - Kunhardt	
The Trojan Horse - Little	
Alexander the Great - Green	

Suggested List for Independent Reading for 1st Grade

Put Me in the Zoo	Robert Lopshire		
A Fish Out of Water	Susan Goodman		
One Fish, Two Fish	Dr. Seuss		
A Fly Went By	Mike McClintock		
The Best Trick	Rebecca Lewis		
A Big Ball of String	Marion Holland		
Clara and the Book Wagon	Nancy Levinson		
Beginner's Bible			
I Can Read It!	Holtzmann (Sonlight)		
Chalk Box Kid	Clyde Bulla		
Dolphins	Sharon Bokaske		
Hill of Fire	Thomas Lewis		
Our Week	A Beka		
The Little Pie	A Beka		
Jesus Helps	A Beka		
Fun with Pets	A Beka		
Tiptoes	A Beka		
Down by the Sea	A Beka		
Take Along Stories	Bob Jones University Press		
Take Along Stories 2	Bob Jones University Press		
Once in Blueberry Dell	Bob Jones University Press		
Buttercup Hill	Bob Jones University Press		
Looking for Home	Bob Jones University Press		
Greek Myths	Deborah Lock		
Archaeologists Dig for Clues	Kate Duke		

Suggested Read Aloud Books for 1st Grade

Color and Learn Series: Ancient Greece	Elizabeth Adams		
Color and Learn Series: Ancient Rome	Elizabeth Adams		
The Greek News	Powell and Steele		
Greek Myths for Young Children	Heather Amery		
The Trojan Horse	Emily Little		
The Librarian Who Measured the Earth	Cathryn Lasky		
Lives of Famous Romans	Olivia Coolidge		
Augustus Caesar's World	Genevieve Foster		

Suggested List for Independent Reading

2nd Grade

Easier

Hill of Fire	Thomas Lewis
Amelia Bedelia (most of these books)	Peggy Parish
The Big Balloon Race	Eleanor Coerr
The Bravest Dog Ever	Natalie Standiford
Nate the Great and the Big Sniff	Marjorie Sharmat
Nate the Great and the Lost List	Marjorie Sharmat
The Littles Make a Friend	Joel Peterson
The Cat in the Hat	Dr. Seuss
A Fly Went By	Mike McClintock
Greg's Microscope	Millicent Selsam
The Chalk Box Kid	Clyde Bulla
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie	Peter and Connie Roop
The Long Way Westward	Joan Sandin
The Beginner's Bible	
Tippy Lemmey	Patricia McKissack
Pompeii: Buried Alive	Edith Kunhardt
Viking Adventure	Clyde Bulla
Greek Myths	Deborah Lock

Medium

Amelia Bedelia Goes Back to School	Peggy Parish
Thank You, Amelia Bedelia	Peggy Parish
Color and Learn Series: Ancient Greece	Elizabeth Adams
Color and Learn Series: Ancient Rome	Elizabeth Adams
Little Bear	Else Minarik
Daniel's Duck	Clyde Bulla
Titanic: Lost and Found	Judy Donnelly
Little Grunt and the Big Egg	Tommie dePaola
The Littles Have a Merry Christmas	Joel Peterson
Frog and Toad All Year	Arnold Lobel
Frog and Toad Together	Arnold Lobel
Frog and Toad Are Friends	Arnold Lobel
Prairie School	Avi
Mouse Tales	Arnold Lobel
Nate the Great (most of these)	Marjorie Sharmat
Owl at Home	Arnold Lobel
The Sword in the Tree	Clyde Bulla
Wagon Wheels	Barbara Brenner
Clara and the Bookwagon	Nancy Levinson
The Secret Valley	Clyde Bulla
Archaeologists Dig for Clues	Kate Duke
Lysis Goes to the Play	Olivia Coolidge

Harder

The First Dog	Jan Brett
Amelia Bedelia, Rocket Scientist?	Peggy Parish
Amelia Bedelia Talks Turkey	Peggy Parish
The Long Way to a New Land	Joan Sandin
Nate the Great and the Fishy Prize	Marjorie Sharmat
The Littles	Joel Peterson
Surprises (book of poems)	Lee Hopkins
Third Grade Detectives	George E. Stanley
Louis Braille	Margaret Davidson
The Boxcar Children Series	Gertrude Warner
Cora Frear	Susan Goodman
A Question of Yams	Gloria Repp
Prairie School	Avi
Great Wall of China	Leonars Fisher
The Trojan Horse	Emily Little
Lives of Famous Romans	Olivia Coolidge
City	David Macaulay
Adventures in Ancient Greece	Linda Bailey
The Librarian Who Measured the Earth	Cathryn Lasky
Julius Caesar	Rachel Firth

Suggested List for Independent Reading		
3rd Grade		
Easier		
The Last Little Cat	Meindert deJong	
Surprises (book of poems)	Lee Hopkins	
Jake Drake: Bully Buster	Andrew Clements	
The Beginner's Bible		
Third Grade Detectives	George Stanley	
Five True Dog Stories	Margaret Davidson	
A Lion to Guard Us	Clyde Bulla	
Stone Fox	John Gardiner	
Helen Keller	Margaret Davidson	
On Yonder Mountain	Milly Howard	
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	Virginia Burton	
Tut's Mummy: Lost and Found	Judy Donnelly	
Great Wall of China	Leonard Fisher	
Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile	Tomie DePaola	
Helen Keller's Teacher	Margaret Davidson	
The Story of Dr. Dolittle	Hugh Lofting	
A Question of Yams	Gloria Repp	
Discoverer's Bible for Young Readers		
Archaeologists Dig for Clues	Kate Duke	
Color and Learn Series: Ancient Greece	Elizabeth Adams	
Color and Learn Series: Ancient Rome	Elizabeth Adams	
The Trojan Horse	Emily Little	
Medium		
The House on Walenska Street	Charlotte Herman	
Riding the Pony Express	Clyde Bulla	
The Mystery of the Roman Ransom	Henry Winterfeld	
Five True Horse Stories	Margaret Davidson	
Encyclopedia Brown books	Donald Sobol	
In Grandma's Attic	Arieta Richardson	
The Paint Brush Kid	Clyde Bulla	
The Prairie School	Avi	
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain	Alice Dalgliesh	
Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan	
Time Traveler	Judy Hindley	
The Courage of Sarah Noble	Alice Dalgliesh	
Buffalo Bill	Ingri D'Aulaire	
The Velveteen Rabbit	Margery Williams	
The Greek News	Powell and Steele	
Little Pear	Eleanor Lattimore	
B is for Betsy	Carolyn Haywood	
The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook	Joyce Brisley	
The Dolphins of Laurentum	Carolyn Lawrence	
The Awesome Book of Bible Facts	Sandy Silverthorne	
Harder		
Little House on Rocky Ridge	Roger McBride	
Betsy & Tacy Go Over the Big Hill	Maude Lovelace	
A Triumph for Flavius	Caroline Dale Snedeker	
More Stories from Grandma's Attic	Arieta Richardson	
McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm	Sid Fleischman	
The Minstrel in the Tower	Gloria Skurzinsky	
The Whipping Boy	Sid Fleischman	
Strawberry Girl	Lois Lenski	
Secret Agents Four	Donald Sobol	
The Story of the Treasure Seekers	E. Nesbit	
Trumpet of the Swans	E. B. White	
Marco Polo	Charles Graves	
From Akebu to Zapotec	June Hathersmith	
Billy and Blaze books	C. W. Anderson	
Adventures in Ancient Greece	Linda Bailey	
Augustus Caesar's World	Genevieve Foster	
Black Ships Before Troy	Rosemary Sutcliff	
Archimedes and the Door of Science	Jeanne Bendick	
A Child's History of the World	Virgil Hilyer	
Greek Myths for Young Children	Heather Amery	
Gooney Bird Green	Lois Lowry	
Pasteur's Fight Against Microbes	Beverly Birch	
Twice Freed	Patricia St. John	
Theras and His Town	Caroline Dale Snedeker	
The Wanderings of Odysseus	Rosemary Sutcliff	
The Pirates of Pompeii	Caroline Lawrence	
The Assassins of Rome	Caroline Lawrence	
Lives of Famous Romans	Olivia Coolidge	
City	David Macaulay	
The Ides of April	Mary Ray	
The Children's Homer	Padraic Colum	

Suggested List for Independent Reading

4th Grade

Easier

Riding the Pony Express	Clyde Bulla
Nana Upstairs and Nana Downstairs	Tommie de Paola
Mary on Horseback	Rosemary Wells
Twenty and Ten	Claire Bishop
Capyboppy	Bill Peet
The Winter at Valley Forge	James Knight
The Wright Brothers	Quentin Reynolds
The Great Turkey Walk	Kathleen Karr
Charlotte's Web	E. B. White
The Seeker of Knowledge: The Man Who Deciphered Egyptian Hieroglyphics	James Rumford
Easy to Read Mummy Riddles	Katy Hall
Greek Myths for Young Children	Heather Amery
Pasteur's Fight Against Microbes	Beverly Birch
Great Wall of China	Leonard Fisher
The Assassins of Rome	Caroline Lawrence
The Thieves of Ostia	Caroline Lawrence

Medium

Shadrach	Meindert DeJong
Lumber Camp Library	Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
Still More Stories from Grandma's Attic	Arleta Richardson
Family under the Bridge	Natalie Carlson
Detectives in Togas	Henry Winterfeld
Kildee House	Rutherford Montgomery
Toliver's Secret	Ester Brady
The Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson	Bette Lord
By the Great Horn Spoon	Sid Fleischman
Water Sky	Jean Craighead George
The Secret Garden	Francis Burnett
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain
The Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder
It's Disgusting and We Ate It	James Solheim
Casting the Gods Adrift	Geraldine McCaughrean
Agustus Caesar's World	Genevieve Foster
The Story of Jackie Robinson	Margaret Davidson
Black Ships Before Troy	Rosemary Sutcliff
From Akebu to Zapotec	June Hathersmith
The Greek News	Powell and Steele
Follow My Leader	James Garfield
Twice Freed	Patricia St. John
A Triumph for Flavius	Caroline Dale Snedeker
Theras and His Town	Caroline Dale Snedeker
The Story of the Treasure Seekers	E. Nesbit
The Awesome Book of Bible Facts	Sandy Silverthorne
Archimedes and the Door of Science	Jeane Bendick
The Bronze Bow	Elizabeth Speare

Harder

Henry and Ribsy	Beverly Cleary
A Llama in the Family	Johanna Hurwitz
Misty of Chincoteague	Marguerite Henry
The Apprentice	Pilar Llorente
The Cricket in Times Square	George Selden
Johnny Appleseed	Gini Holland
The School Story	Andrew Clements
Miracles on Maple Hill	Virginia Sorensen
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls
The Magician's Nephew	C. S. Lewis
Shadow Hawk	Andre Norton
The Winged Cat & Other Tales of Ancient Civilizations	Deborah Lattimore
The Year of Miss Agnes	Kirkpatrick Hill
And the Word Came with Power	JoAnne Shelter
The Wanderings of Odysseus	Rosemary Sutcliff
Paul Bunyan	Steven Kellogg
The Librarian Who Measured the Earth	Cathryn Lasky
The Spartan	Caroline Snedeker
City	David Macaulay
Caesar's Gallic War	Olivia Coolidge
The Children's Homer	Padraic Colum
The Ides of April	Mary Ray

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5th Grade

Easier

Dolphin Treasure	Wayne Grover
The Corn Grows Ripe	Dorothy Rhoads
The Perilous Road	William Steele
All of a Kind Family	Sydney Taylor
Mountain Born	Elizabeth Yates
Gone Away Lake	Elizabeth Enright
Snow Treasure	Marie McSwigan
The Story of the Treasure Seekers	E. Nesbit
The Illustrated Treasury of Read Aloud Classics	Becky Koh
Agustus Caesar's World	Genevieve Foster
Black Ships Before Troy	Rosemary Sutcliff
The Awesome Book of Bible Facts	Sandy Silverthorne
From Akebu to Zapotec	June Hathersmith
Theras and His Town	Caroline Snedeker

Medium

The Toothpaste Millionaire	Jean Merrill
Mike Mulligan and More	Virginia Burton
The House at Pooh Corner	A. A. Milne
The Light at Tern Rock	Julia Sauer
The White Stallion of Lipizza	Marguerite Henry
A Little Princess	Frances Burnett
Robert Fulton, Boy Craftsman	Marguerite Henry
Sarah Witcher's Story	Elizabeth Yates
Thimble Summer	Elizabeth Enright
Sing Down the Moon	Scott O'Dell
Call It Courage	Armstrong Sperry
Favorite Poems Old and New	Helen Ferris
Anne of Green Gables	L.M. Montgomery
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
George Muller	Janet and Geoff Bengé
The Greek News	Powell and Steele
Archimedes and the Door of Science	Jeane Bendick
Twenty and Ten	Claire Bishop
The Bronze Bow	Elizabeth Speare
The Ides of April	Mary Ray

Harder

Along Came a Dog	Meindert DeJong
King of the Wind	Marguerite Henry
Frindle	Andrew Clements
Ralph S. Mouse	Beverly Cleary
Peter the Great	Diane Stanley
Understood Betsy	Dorothy Fisher
The Little Riders	Margaret Shemin
Imprisoned in the Golden City	Dave & Neta Jackson
Caddie Woodlawn	Carol Brink
Ali and the Golden Eagle	Wayne Grover
Swiss Family Robinson	Johann Wyss
Heidi	Johanna Spyri
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe
Caesar's Gallic War	Olivia Coolidge
International Children's Bible Field Guide	Lawrence Richards
Peter Pan	J.M. Barrie
Stuart Little	E. B. White
The Little House in the Big Woods	Laura Ingalls Wilder
The Radetty-Packetty House	Frances Burnett
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard Atwater
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
The Golden Sandal	Rebecca Hickox
The Three Princes	Eric Kimmel
Pedro's Journal	Pam Conrad
Paul Bunyan	Steven Kellogg
The Spartan	Caroline Snedeker
The Silver Branch	Rosemary Sutcliff

Suggested List for Independent Reading	
6th Grade	
Easier	
Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln	Jean Fritz
The Hundred Dresses	Eleanor Estes
Emily's Runaway Imagination	Beverly Cleary
Socks	Beverly Cleary
Carry on Mr. Bowditch	Jean Lathan
Guns for General Washington	Seymour Reit
Justin Morgan Had a Horse	Marguerite Henry
American Adventures	Morrie Greenberg
Shades of Gray	Carolyn Reeder
George Washington Carver	David Collins
The Bronze Bow	Elizabeth George Speare
The Sign of the Beaver	Elizabeth George Speare
Turn Homeward, Hannalee	Patricia Beatty
Twenty and Ten	Claire Bishop
The House of Sixty Fathers	Meindert DeJong
Seabird	Holling Clancy Holling
Young Fu and the Upper Yangtze	Elizabeth Lewis
The Railway Children	E. Nesbit
Carolina's Courage	Elizabeth Yates
The Greek News	Powell and Steele
Medium	
The American Revolution	Alden R. Carter
The Drums of War Series (Bunker Hill, Independence)	Peter Reese Doyle
The Journeyman	Elizabeth Yates
Squalls Before War: His Majesty's Schooner <i>Sultana</i>	Ned Bustard
Mustang: Wild Spirit of the West	Marguerite Henry
The Landmark History of the American People	Daniel Boorstin
Vostaas: White Buffalo's Story of Plains Indian Life	Vostaas
Old Yeller	Fred Gipson
Lincoln: A Photo Biography	Russell Freedman
Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman	Dorothy Sterling
Favorite Poems Old and New	Helen Ferris
The Lewis and Clark Expedition (Landmark)	Richard Neuberger
Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt	Jean Fritz
Understood Betsy	Dorothy Fisher
Paul Bunyan	Steven Kellogg
Harder	
Amos Fortune, Free Man	Elizabeth Yates
The Great Little Madison	Jean Fritz
The Journals of Lewis and Clark	Edited by John Bakeless
North American Indians	Marie & Douglas Gorsline
The Great Wheel	Robert Lawson
What Ever Happened to Penny Candy	Richard Maybury
George Washington's World	Foster and Foster
Born in the Year of Courage	Emily Crofford
The Horse and His Boy	C. S. Lewis
Around the World in 80 Days	Jules Vern
The Call of the Wild	Jack London
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm	Kate Wiggin
Ginger Pye	Eleanor Estes
Pedro's Journal	Pam Conrad
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred Taylor
Calico Bush	Rachel Field
Caesar's Gallic War	Olivia Coolidge

Other Recommended Books and Levels

7th Grade

Michelangelo	Diane Stanley
The Hobbit	J R R Tolkien
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O Dell
Homer Price	Robert McCloskey
My Father's Dragon	Ruth Gannet
Paul Bunyan	Steven Kellogg
Lad: A Dog	Albert Herhune
Castle Diary	Richard Platt

8th Grade

Calico Bush	Rachel Field
Just So Stories	Rudyard Kipling
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
Good Queen Bess	Diane Stanley
Twenty-One Balloons	William Dubois

9th Grade

Across Five Aprils	Irene Hunt
Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers	Ralph Moody
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred Taylor
The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone	James Giblin
Swift Rivers	Cornelia Meigs
The Way Things Work	David Macauley
Rascal	Sterling North

10th Grade

Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
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12th Grade

The Incredible Journey	Sheila Burnford
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