

RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Compiled by Dr. Rosalie de Rosset

AMERICAN CLASSIC LITERATURE

Anderson, Sherwood. Winesburg, Ohio (on small town America)

Angelou, Maya. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Bradbury, Ray. Fahrenheit 451

Buck, Pearl. The Good Earth

Cather, Willa. My Antonia; Death Comes to the Archbishop

Cooper, James Fenimore. The Last of the Mohicans

Crane, Stephen. The Red Badge of Courage

Dreiser, Theodore. An American Tragedy; Sister Carrie

Emerson, Ralph. Waldo.

Faulkner, William. As I Lay Dying; Absalom, Absalom, The Sound and the Fury

Fitzgerald, F. Scott. The Great Gatsby

Gaines, Ernest. A Lesson Before Dying

Hamilton, Jane. A Map of the World (1990's)

Hanson, Ron. Mariette in Ecstasy (1990's)

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. The Scarlet Letter; The House of Seven Gables; Short Stories*

Hemingway, Ernest. The Old Man and the Sea; A Farewell to Arms, etc.

Herbert, Frank. Dune

Hurston, Zora Neale. Their Eyes Were Watching God

Keillor, Garrison. Lake Wobegone Days 2

Kennedy, John O'Toole. The Neon Bible; Confederacy of Dunces

Kennedy, William. Ironweed

Kennedy, Susan. In Another Country

Kesey, Ron. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Kingsolver, Barbara. The Poisonwood Bible (1990's)

Lee, Harper. To Kill a Mockingbird

Lewis, Sinclair. Main Street; Babbitt (on small town America)

London, Jack. The Call of the Wild

Lowery, Lois. The Giver, Number the Stars (young adult)

Macleish, Archibald. J.B. (takeoff on Job)

Malamud, Bernard. The Fixer

Melville, Herman. Moby Dick*; Billy Budd*

Morrison, Toni. The Bluest Eye, Song of Solomon

O'Henry. Short Stories

Poe, Edgar Allen. Short Stories; Poetry

Potok, Chaim. The Chosen; The Promise; My Name is Asher Lev; Davita's Harp

Rand, Ayn. Atlas Shrugged; Anthem; The Fountainhead

Reynolds, Sherri. The Rapture of Canaan (1990's)

Robinson, Mary Lynn. Housekeeping

Russell, Mary Doria. The Sparrow* Children of God(1990's)

Salinger, J.D. Franny & Zoey; Catcher in the Rye

Schaefer, Jack. Shane*

Sinclair, Upton. The Jungle; The Octopus

Stegner, Wallace. Crossing to Safety

Steinbeck, John. The Grapes of Wrath; East of Eden; Of Mice and Men; The Red Pony

Susskind, Patric. Pigeon

Tartt, Donna. The Secret History, My Little Friend

Twain, Mark. Huckleberry Finn; Tom Sawyer 3

Tyler, Anne. Dinner at Homesick Restaurant; The Accidental Tourist

Vonnegut, Kurt. Slaughterhouse 5; etc.

Walker, Alice. The Color Purple

Wallant, Edward. Children At the Gate; The Pawnbroker

Wharton, Edith. Ethan Frome; The House of Mirth; The Age of Innocence

Wilder, Thornton. Bridge of San Luis Rey; Our Town (drama)

*= Indicates the work is written under Christian influence or has Christian overtones

ENGLISH CLASSIC LITERATURE

Austen, Jane. Pride and Prejudice; Sense and Sensibility; Persuasion, Emma

Bronte, Charlotte. Jane Eyre, The Professor, Villette,

Bronte, Emily. Wuthering Heights

Carroll, Lewis. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Conrad, Joseph. Lord Jim; The Secret Sharer; The Heart of Darkness

Dickens, Charles; David Copperfield; Oliver Twist; A Tale of Two Cities; Great Expectations;
A Christmas Carol

Eliot, George. Middlemarch; The Mill on the Floss; Silas Marner

Fielding, Henry. Tom Jones

Golding, William. Lord of the Flies

Hardy, Thomas. Tess of D'Urbervilles; Return of the Native, Jude the Obscure

Huxley, Aldous. Brave New World

Kipling, Rudyard. The Jungle Books; Kim Captain's Courageous (India spy story)

Maugham, Somerset. Rain; Of Human Bondage; Razor's Edge

Orwell, George. 1984; Animal Farm

Scott, Sir Walter. Ivanhoe

Shakespeare, William. Macbeth; Hamlet; King Lear; Othello; Romeo and Juliet; Merchant of Venice; etc. (dramas)

Shaw, George Bernard. Saint Joan*; Pygmalion; Man and Superman

Shelley, Mary. Frankenstein

Stoker, Bram. Dracula

Swift, Jonathan. Gulliver's Travels

Thackeray, William. Vanity Fair

Wilde Oscar. The Picture of Dorian Gray 4

FOREIGN CLASSIC LITERATURE (WORLD LITERATURE)

Camus, Albert. The Plague; The Stranger (French)

Cervantes, Miguel de. Don Quixote (Spanish)

Dante. The Inferno* (Italian)

Dumas, Alexander. The Count of Monte Cristo; The Three Musketeers (French)

Flaubert, Gustave. Madame Bovary (French)

Frank, Anne. Diary of a Young Girl (Dutch)

Homer. The Iliad; The Odyssey (Greek)

Hugo, Victor. Hunchback of Notre Dame; Les Miserables (French)
Ibsen. The Doll's House/An Enemy of the People (dramatic) (Scandinavian)
Kafka, Franz. The Castle; Metamorphosis (German)
Koestler, Arthur. Darkness at Noon (Russian Revolution) (English)
Mann, Thomas. The Magic Mountain; Tonio Kroger; A Death in Venice (German)
Pasternak, Boris. Dr. Zhivago (Russian)
Sartre, Jean Paul. Nausea; The Wall (French)
Tolstoy, Leo. Anna Karenina*; War and Peace* (Russian)
Verne, Jules. 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Vergil. The Aeneid (Latin)
Voltaire. Candide (French)
Wiesel, Elie. Night*; Dawn; A Beggar at Jerusalem

*= works using Biblical themes, showing Christian influences/themes

CHRISTIAN CLASSIC FICTION (also some which have not attained "classic" stature)

Bernanos, Georges. Diary of a Country Priest
Betts, Doris.
Blamires, Harry. The Trilogy; The Devil's Hunting Ground; Cold War in Hell; Highway to Heaven
Buechner, Frederick. Godric; etc.
Bunyan, John. Pilgrim's Progress; The Holy War
*Chesterton, G.K. Father Brown Mysteries; The Man Who Was Thursday 5
Dillard, Annie. Holy the Firm; Pilgrim at Tinker Creek; An American Childhood
Defoe, Daniel. Roxanna; Robinson Crusoe

Dostoevsky, Fyodor. Crime and Punishment; The Brothers Karamazov; The Idiot

Elliot, Elizabeth. No Graven Image

Endo, Shusaku. Silence; When I Whistle; Wonderful Fool, Deep River

Fickett, Harold. Holy Fool

Godwin, Gayle. Father Melancholy's Daughter; Evensong

Greene, Graham. The End of the Affair; The Heart of the Matter; The Power and the Glory

Hassler, Jon. Simon's Night, Staggerford, North of Hope etc.

Hartman, Olov. Marching Orders; Holy Masquerade

L'Engle, Madeleine. A Wrinkle in Time; The Wind in the Door

Lagerkvist, Par. Barabbas

*Lewis, C.S. Till We Have Faces; The Chronicles of Narnia; The Great Divorce; The Screwtape Letters; etc.

*Macdonald, George. The Gifts of the Child-Christ; Lilith; Phantastes; The Lost Princess (sometimes called The Wise Woman)

Mauriac, Francois. Viper's Tangle; Woman of the Pharisees; Therese; etc.

Miller, Calvin. The Singer (he has written a trilogy)

Moore, Brian. The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne; The Color of Blood

Nelson, Shirley. The Last Year of the War

O'Connor Flannery. Three; Everything that Rises Must Converge; The Complete Stories

Paton, Alan., Cry The Beloved Country; Too Late the Phalarope; Tales From a Troubled Land; Ah, But Your Land is Beautiful

*Sayers, Dorothy. Assorted mystery novels (Peter Wimsey series)

Schaap, James. Romey's Place (excellent novel/memoir)

Smith, Lee. Amazing Grace

Solzhenitsyn, Alexander. One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich; First Circle; Cancer Ward; The Gulag Archipelago; etc.

*Tolkien, J.R.R. The Trilogy; The Hobbit (to be read first)

Wangerin, Walter. The Orphean Passages; Ragman and Other Cries of Faith; The Book of the Dun Cow; Saint Julian Etc.

*Williams, Charles. Descent into Hell; All Hallows Eve; War in Heaven; etc.

Woiwode, Larry. Poppa John; etc.

*=The Inklings 6

CHRISTIAN CLASSIC POETRY

Auden, W.H.

Donne, John. Holy Sonnets

Eliot, T.S. The Wasteland; The Hollow Man (pre-conversion); The Four Quartets (post-conversion)

Hall, Donald

Herbert, George. The Temple

Hopkins, Gerard Manley.

Leax, John.

L'Engle Madeleine. The Weather of the Heart

Lewis, C.S. Poems

MacDonald, George. The Diary of an Old Soul

Merton, Thomas. Strange Islands

Milton, John. Paradise Lost; Paradise Regained

Shaw, Luci. Listen to the Green; etc.

CLASSIC CHRISTIAN DRAMA

Eliot, T.S. The Cocktail Party; Murder in the Cathedral; Family Reunion

Hartman, Olov. Three Church Dramas

Hochuth. The Deputy

Milton, John. Paradise Lost; Paradise Regained; Samson Agonistes

Sayers, Dorothy. Man Born to be King; Emperor Constantine

GOOD QUALITY CHRISTIAN NON-FICTION

Augustine. The Confessions

Anselm. Cur Deus Homo (Why the God Man)

Athanasius. De Incarnacione (The Incarnation: note forward by C.S. Lewis)

Barnes, Craig. Yearning (wonderful book on longing)

Baxter, Sidlow J. Awake My Heart

Blamires, Harry. The Christian Mind

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. The Cost of Discipleship; Life Together 7

Bunyan, John. Grace Abounding (spiritual biography)

Carmichael, Amy. Edges of His Ways; Rose from Brier; etc. (India)

Calvin, John. The Institutes (Ford Lewis Battles edition)

Campbell, Will. Brother to a Dragonfly

Chambers, Oswald. My Utmost for His Highest

Charnock, Steven. The Existence and Attributes of Man

Chesterton, G.K. Orthodoxy; The Everlasting Man

Colson, Chuck. Loving God; How Now Shall We Live

Curtis, Brent and John Eldredge. The Sacred Romance (a must read on longing)

Dark, David. Everyday Apocalypse: The Sacred Revealed in Radiohead, The Simpsons and other Pop Culture Icons

Dawn, Marva. Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down (and anything else she has written)

Demarest, Bruce. Satisfy Your Soul

Dobson, James. Love Must Be Tough

Downs, Tim. Finding Common Ground (on art and preaching in evangelism)

Dunlop, Cheryl. Follow Me As I Follow Christ. wonderful guide to teaching children in the church)

Eliot, Elizabeth. These Strange Ashes; Passion and Purity; A Slow and Certain Light

Ellul, Jacques. Propaganda; Money; etc.

Fee, Gordon and Douglas Stuart. How To Read The Bible For All Its Worth.

Forsythe, P.T. The Soul of Prayer

Foxes Book of Martyrs

Frankl, Victor. Man's Search for Meaning

Gire, Ken. Windows to the Soul (very inspiring about the personal effects of literature in life)

Guinness, Oz. Doubt; The Dust of Death

Gundry, Stanley. Love Them In (the theology of Dwight Lyman Moody)

Guroian, Vigen. Tending the Heart of Virtue (a wonderful treatment of capturing a child's imagination)

Holmes, Arthur. All Truth is God's Truth*

Hovest, Tom. Extreme Righteousness: Seeing Ourselves in the Pharisees

Hunt, Gladys. Honey from a Child's Heart 8

James, Carolyn Custis. When Life and Beliefs Collide

Laurence, Brother. The Practice of the Presence of God

Lewis, C.S. The Problem of Pain; The Four Loves; Mere Christianity; A Grief Observed

Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. Of Preaching and Preachers; Spiritual Depression; Sermon on the Mount; etc.

McCullough Donald. The Trivialization of God

Muggeridge, Malcolm. Christ and the Media; Jesus Rediscovered; Trumpeter for God; Something Beautiful for God (on Mother

Theresa)

Nouwen, Henri. Genesse Diary; etc.

O'Connor, Flannery. The Habit of Being (her collected letters); Mystery and Manners (lectures on writing, where Christianity fits in)

Packer, J.I. Fundamentalism and the Word of God; Knowing God

Pike, Kenneth. With The Heart and Mind

Plantinga, Cornelius. Not the Way It's Supposed To Be

Roseveare, Helen. Living Sacrifice

Ryken, Leland. Windows to the World*; Triumphs of the Imagination*; Realms of Gold*

Ryle, J.C.

Sayers, Dorothy. The Mind of the Maker; Are Women Human?

Sire, James. How to Read Slowly*

Stott, John R. Your Mind Matters; etc.

Schaeffer, Francis. The Christian Manifesto; etc.

Sibbs, Richard. Works of Richard Sibbs

Tozer, A.W. The Pursuit of God; The Knowledge of the Holy

Veith, Gene Edward Jr. Reading Between the Lines*; State of the Arts*

Weil, Simone. Waiting on God

Wiersbe, Warren, ed. Treasury of the World's Greatest Sermons; Preaching With Imagination

Woolman, John. Journal

Zylstra, Henry. Testament of Vision

*=books on how to interpret what you're reading

GOOD QUALITY NON-FICTION

Bloom, Alan. The Closing of the American Mind

Kilbourne, Jean. Deadly Persuasion: Why Women and Girls Must Fight the Addictive Power of Advertising

Kaminer, Wendy. I'm Dysfunctional, You're Dysfunctional

McBride, James. The Color of Water (marvelous memoir)

Medved, Michael. Hollywood vs. America (a way to critique movies)

Postman, Neil. Amusing Ourselves to Death; Technopoly;

Shalit, Wendy. A Return to Modesty

Tralease, Jim. The Read Aloud Handbook (guide to reading to children)

CHILDREN'S READING LIST

Compiled by Dr. Rosalie de Rosset

Alcott, Louisa May. Little Women, Little Men, Jo's Boys, etc.

Aldrich, Thomas Bailey. The Story of a Bad Boy.

Andersen, Hans Christian. Andersen's Fairy Tales.

Avi. The True Confessions of Charlotte Coyle.

Babbit, Natalie. Tuck Everlasting.

Barrie, James. Peter Pan.

Burnett, Francis Hodgson. The Secret Garden, A Little Princess.

Carroll, Lewis. Alice in Wonderland.

Cleary, Beverly. Dear Mr. Henshaw.

Cooper, Susan. The Grey King.

Cummings, J. Golden Legends.

Cummings, e.e.

Dahl, Roald. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, etc.

De Jong. Meindert. The Wheel on the Schoolhouse, The House of Sixty Fathers, etc.

De Saint Exupery, Antoine. The Little Prince.

Dickens, Charles. David Copperfield, etc.

Dickinson and Dickinson, eds. Children's Second Book of Patriotic Stories.

Dodge, M. Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates

Doyle, Sir Arthur. Sherlock Holmes, etc.

Durrell, Gerald. My Family and Other Animals.

Enright, Elizabeth. Gone-Away Lake, Thinkable Summer, etc.

Estes, Eleanor. Ginger Pye, The Moffatts, etc.

Grahame, Kenneth. The Golden Age, The Wind in the Willows.

Grimm. Fairy Tales.

Haggard, Rider H. King Solomon's Mines.

Hesse, Karen. Out of the Dust

Hinton, Susan. The Outsiders (teenagers)

Hunt, Irene. Across Five Aprils.

Johnston, Annie Fellows. The Little Colonel. (a series of books...may be out of print)

Juster, Norton. The Phantom Tollbooth.

Kingsley, Charles. Water Babies.

Kipling, Rudyard. Stories and Poems.

Konigsburg, E.L. From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler.

L'Engle, Madeline. A Wrinkle in Time, etc.

Lewis, C.S. The Chronicles of Narnia.

Lindren. Pippi Longstocking.

Lowery, Lois. The Giver, Number the Stars, etc.

MacDonald, George. Gifts of the Child Christ, The Princess and Curdie, The Golden Key, The Princess and the Goblin.

The Lost Princess (sometimes called The Wise Woman)—great fiction for parenting

Magorian, Michelle. Good Night, Mr. Tom

McCloskey, Robert. Make Way For Ducklings. 11

McKinky, Robin. Beauty, The Outlaws of Sherwood, The Blue Sword, The Hero and the Crown.

Merrill, Jean. The Pushcart War, The Toothpaste Millionaire.

Milne, A.A. Winnie the Pooh.

Montgomery, L.M. Anne of Green Gables.

Moody, Ralph. Little Britches.

Mowat, Farley. The Dog Who Wouldn't Be.

Mulloch, Dinah Maria. The Adventures of a Brownie, The Little Lamé Prince.

Neville, Emily. It's Like This C

O'Brien, Robert C. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh.

O'Neill, Mary. Hailstones and Halibut Bones.(teaches the poetry of color)

Orczy, Baroness. The Scarlet Pimpernel.

Patersen, Katherine. Bridge to Terabithia, Jacob Have I Loved, The Great Gilly Hopkins.

Paulsen, Gary. Hatchet. (a boy learns to survive in the wilderness)

Polacco, Patricia. Thank you, Mr. Falker, Pink and Say, Chicken Sunday, The Butterfly

Potter, Beatrix. The Tale of Peter Rabbit, etc.

Raskin, Ellen. The Westing Game.

Ruskin, John. The King of the Golden River.

Sachar, Louis. Holes

Seredy, Kate. The Good Master, The Singing Tree, The White Stag, etc.

Sewell, Anna. Black Beauty.

Sidney, Margaret. The Five Little Peppers (series)

Silverstein, Shell. The Giving Tree

Smith, Dodie. I Capture the Castle

Spyri, Johanna. The Heidi Series

St. John, Patricia. Treasures of the Snow, etc. (wonderful Christian writer) 12

Steinbeck, John. The Acts of King Arthur and His Noble Knights

Stevenson, Robert Louis. Treasure Island, etc.

Tolkien, J.R.R. The Trilogy, The Hobbit

Twain, Mark. Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, etc.

Voigt, Cynthia. The Tillerman Cycle (7 books), Jackaroo, On Fortune's Wheel, The Wings of a Falcon, Solitary Blue.

White, E.B. Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little, The Trumpet of the Swan.

White, John. The Tower of Geburah.

White, T.H. The Once and Future King.

Wiggin, Kate Douglas. Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.

Wilde, Oscar. Fairy Tales and Poems in Prose, etc.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. Little House on the Prairie

Williams, Marguerite. The Velveteen Rabbit

Zindel, Paul. The Pigman (teenagers).

POETRY

De La Mare, Walter. Songs of Childhood.

Knapp, John. A Pillar of Pepper and Other Bible Nursery Rhymes.

Koch, Kenneth. Rose, Rose, Where Did You Get Your Red?

Silverstein, Shel. Where the Sidewalk Ends.

Stevenson, Robert Louis. A Child's Garden of Verses

Utermeyer, Louis. Has many collections.

YOUNGER CHILDREN'S LITERATURE BIBLIOGRAPHY

Ackerman, Karen. Song and Dance Man.

Blos, Joan W. Old Henry.

Blume, Judy. The Pain and the Great One.

Bourgeois, Paullette. Franklin Fibs.

Douglass, Barabar. Good As New.

Dragonwagon, Crescent. Home Place.

Graham, Amanda. Who Wants Arthur?

Hall, Donald. Ox-Cart Man.

Hoban, Russell. Bedtime For Frances.

Hoffman, Mary. Amazing Grace.

Houston, Gloria. My Great-Aunt Arizona.

Howard, Jane R. When I'm Sleepy.

Jukes, Mavis. Like Jake and Me.

Keats, Ezra Jack. Goggles, Pet Show, Whistle for Willie.

MacLachlin, Patricia. Through Grandpa's Eyes.

Martin, Rafe. The Rough-Face Girl.

McCloskey, Robert. Blueberries for Sal.

McCully, Emily Arnold. Mirette on the High Wire.

McLerran, Alice. Roxaboxen.

Paterson, Katherine. The Tale of the Mandarin Ducks.

Rylant, Cynthia. The Relatives Came, When I Was Young in the Mountains.

Say, Allen. The Bicycle Man.

Sebestyen, Ouida. Words by Heart. (beautiful, painful story of a black family)

Waber, Bernard. Ira Sleeps Over.

Williams, Vera B. A Chair For My Mother.

READING LIST: JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL (some adult level)

(you'll have to pace your child—some may do better than others with these)

Bronte, Charlotte. Jane Eyre (demanding reading)

Chesterton, G.K. Adventures of Father Brown (mystery), The Man Who Was Thursday.

Crane, Stephen. The Red Badge of Courage (history, adventure-- Civil War story)

Defoe, Daniel. Robinson Crusoe (adventure—wonderful study in the sovereignty of God. Somewhat demanding.)

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

Dumas, Alexander. Count of Monte Cristo.

Flemming, Ian. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (adventure)

Forbes, Esther. Johnny Tremain (adventure, history).

Gilbreth, Frank and Ernestine Carey. Cheaper by the Dozen (wonderful true story about a family with 12 children)

Hilton, James. Good-by Mr. Chips.

Hugo, Victor. Les Miserables (spine-tingling drama)

Lee, Harper. To Kill a Mockingbird (wonderful-teaches integrity and the evil of racism)

Lewis, C.S. Science Fiction trilogy,

Meador, Stephen. Shadow in the Pines (mystery).

Murphey, Robert. The Pond.

Potok, Chaim. The Chosen, The Promise (stories about friendship in the Hasidic Jewish community).

Rawlings, Marjorie. The Yearling (the movie is wonderful too).

Thurber, James. The Thirteen Clocks (humor).

Tolkien, J.R.R. The Hobbit, The Fellowship of the Ring (4 volumes--fantasy)

Twain, Mark. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Tom Sawyer (funny, adventure, sad).

Zindel, Paul. The Pigman

BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND BOOKS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

Guroian, Vigen. Tending the Heart of Virtue: How Classic Stories Awaken a Child's Moral Imagination

Hunt, Gladys. Honey For a Child's Heart.

Russell, William. Classics to Read Aloud to Your Children.

Tralase, Jim. The Read Aloud Handbook.

Wilson, Elizabeth. Books Children Love.

Wise, Jesse and Susan Wise Bauer. The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home

GUIDE TO TEACHING CHILDREN IN THE CHURCH/TEACHING GUIDES

Dunlop, Cheryl. Follow Me As I Follow Christ.

Wise, Jesse and Susan Wise Bauer. The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home