

Recommended Reading List



Note: Some of the titles below may be out of print. Look for them in your local library or request them from another library through an interlibrary loan service. You may also find some titles in used bookstores or online.

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Although BJU Press has made an effort to suggest titles that are free from objectionable elements, we urge you to use discernment when selecting reading materials for yourself or others.

AGES 4–8

1. ***Billy and Blaze*** – C. W. Anderson (F)
Billy receives a beautiful pony for his birthday. Billy's adventures with his new pony begin in this first book of the Billy and Blaze series.
2. ***Blueberries for Sal*** – Robert McCloskey (F)
Sal and her mother enjoy picking blueberries. While on a berry-picking excursion, they encounter a mother bear and her cub also gathering blueberries.
3. ***Buttercup Hill*** – Eileen Berry (F)
Mrs. Bunny Fleet and Hopkin bring sunshine and friendship to their lonely neighbors.
4. ***Carolina's Courage*** – Elizabeth Yates (F)
Carolina Putnam is a little girl, but she finds out what it means to have the true spirit of a pioneer.
5. ***A Child's Garden of Verse*** – Robert Louis Stevenson (P)
Even with a nineteenth-century English flavor, these verses are as fresh as ever.
6. ***Eats: Poems*** – Arnold Adoff (P)
This is a delightful book of clever poetry about food. Children will enjoy the humor and unusual arrangement of some of the poems.
7. ***Escape*** – Mona Dunkel (F)
An unusual bead turns out to be the most useful treasure Charlie has ever owned.
8. ***Farmer Dillo Set (3 books)*** – Jesse Adams (F)
Farmer Dillo teaches numbers, colors, and shapes in these three colorful books. Books included in this series are the following: *Farmer Dillo Paints His Barn*, *Farmer Dillo Counts His Chickens*, and *Farmer Dillo Shapes Things Up*.
9. ***I Like Trains*** – Catherine Woolley (NF)
This informational book tells about freight trains, passenger trains, and express trains. It describes the facilities of the passenger train.
10. ***A King for Brass Cobweb*** – Dawn Watkins (F)
Chipmunk leaves home to seek a king for the Kingdom of Brass Cobweb—a king who is wise and brave and true.
11. ***Looking for Home*** – Eileen Berry (F)
After living in the country, having to be quiet and follow all the rules of their apartment complex is hard for Micah and Liz.
12. ***Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*** – Virginia Burton (F)
Mike Mulligan uses his steam shovel to dig the foundation of the town hall in Popperville. He soon realizes that this is only the beginning of their contribution to the people of Popperville.
13. ***Over, Under, and All Around*** – Sylvia Root Tester (F)
This concept book introduces various spatial relationships, such as over, under, around, and behind.
14. ***Pulling Together*** – Dawn Watkins (F)
What can a boy do to help his family keep its horses? Matthew takes a risk and makes a sacrifice so that Ben and Dolly can compete at the county fair.
15. ***A Ram for Isaac*** – Ginny Merritt (BF)
Told from Isaac's perspective, this is a retelling of Abraham's great test of faith.
16. ***Rodney Robbins and the Rainy-Day Pond*** – Kim Stegall (F)
Every time it rains, the street in front of Mr. Hamilton's house becomes a pond. So Rodney Robbins and Mr. Hamilton decide to fix it themselves—in a very unusual way.

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17. *Sticky Flies, Whirling Squirrels, and Plucky Ducks* – Eileen Berry (F)
Here are stories of kings and lions, mice and squirrels, pearls and honey pots—stories that help us all to be a little wiser.
18. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* – Beatrix Potter (F)
Peter, a feisty little rabbit, disobeys his mother and gets caught in Mr. McGregor’s garden.
19. *These Are My People* – Mildred Howard (B)
Gladys Aylward and dozens of orphans travel through China, fleeing the Japanese invasion.
20. *They Didn’t Use Their Heads* – Jo Ann Stover (F)
This amusing and rhyming tale makes an unforgettable case for good behavior.

Abbreviation Key

F Fiction	S Bible Study
NF Nonfiction	HF Historical fiction
B Biography	P Poetry