

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.

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1. ***Bees and Beelines*** – Judy Hawes (NF)
Children will learn much fascinating information about bees from this book. They will learn how bees communicate with each other by touching other bees and by movements that signify certain messages.
2. ***The Bottom of the Sea*** – Augusta Goldin (NF)
Children seldom realize that the geography below the sea is similar to that above sea level. This book introduces children to an exciting new world.
3. ***The Captain's Hat*** – Anita Williams (HF)
Pedro and Spud explore the Big River and romp through the tangled green jungle.
4. ***Captive Treasure*** – Milly Howard (HF)
Snatched from her family's wagon train by roving Indians, Carrie Talbot learns to rely on God for protection.
5. ***Chronicles of Narnia (7 books)*** – C. S. Lewis (F)
Set in the fictional land of Narnia, a place where animals talk, magic is common, and good battles evil, the series narrates the adventures of various children who play central roles in the unfolding history of that world. Books included in this series are the following: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*; *The Magician's Nephew*; *The Horse and His Boy*; *Prince Caspian*; *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*; *The Silver Chair*; and *The Last Battle*.
6. ***The Far Journey*** – Lucille Travis (F)
Many years ago, a lone mouse left her infant son in the care of the kind mice of Fleur Gardens. Now her son Horace has grown to mousehood, and he must set aside his own dream to defend his friends.
7. ***The Human Body: The Ear*** – Kathleen Elgin (NF)
The ear is described and illustrated so that children can understand its role in the hearing process and in the body's sense of equilibrium.
8. ***John Bunyan: Writer of Pilgrim's Progress*** – Sandy Dengler (B)
This biography of John Bunyan for young readers presents the author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, which, besides the Bible, is the best-selling, most-widely read book in history. (F)
9. ***Little House in the Big Woods*** – Laura Ingalls Wilder (F)
This first book in a series relates the life of Laura and Mary and their parents in the Big Woods of Wisconsin. Their log cabin was miles away from any neighbors. Struggles with blizzards, wolves, and loneliness were certain, but Laura finds plenty of adventure in the frontier way of life.
10. ***Medallion*** – Dawn Watkins (F)
Prince Trave lives in the royal city of Ganet, waiting for the day when he can take his rightful place on Gadalla's throne. With the help of his new friend, Trave embarks on a quest to find the medallion. Prequel: *Shield*
11. ***Misty of Chincoteague*** – Marguerite Henry (F)
Each year ponies from the island of Chincoteague in the Chesapeake Bay are sold for children's use. This is the story of Phantom, one of these wild freedom-loving ponies, and her foal, Misty.
12. ***Mushrooms and Molds*** – Robert Froman (NF)
Readers will learn that mushrooms and molds are different from most other plants. Suggested activities and demonstrations are given to help children understand these plants with which they have probably had little contact.

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13. *The Mystery of the Indian Carvings* – Gloria Repp (F)
A teenager's newfound faith is put to the test when she visits relatives in British Columbia and is swept into a controversy surrounding a missing Indian relic.
14. *Right-Hand Man* – Connie Williams (F)
Sam Rogers is Mom-Jo's right-hand man, and he has to take a careful look at her prospects for a husband. But what happens when the wrong man shows up?
15. *Salt* – Augusta Goldin (NF)
This book contains interesting information, including the location of and the mining of salt. Also, it introduces the child to a simple experiment in which he sees salt crystals growing.
16. *The Secret Garden* – Frances H. Burnett (F)
Cousins Mary and Colin discover an abandoned garden that once belonged to Colin's deceased mother. Besides the garden, a robin and a boy who loves nature cause a remarkable change in Mary and Colin.
17. *Silent Road to Rescue* – Denise Williamson (HF)
This story describes how former Olympic star Eric Liddell helped a young Chinese boy discover courage and the love of God during a Japanese invasion of his town.
18. *Where I Belong* – Rebecca Kenney (HF)
Captured from her home in Egypt by a band of raiders, Miu is eventually sold to Abraham as a slave for his wife, Sarah.
19. *The Wind in the Willows* – Kenneth Grahame (F)
This classic work is about four rodent friends whose charming personalities and myriad adventures are made irresistible through Grahame's elegant style.
20. *Nick Newton Is Not a Genius* – S. E. M. Ishida (F)
Nick Newton is not a genius. He's just a merely average boy from the country of Thaumia. He may not be brilliant like his mom and dad or a child prodigy like his sister, but he won't let that stop him from uncovering the mysteries of a clockwork factory or revealing a war hero's greatest secret.

Abbreviation Key

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