

# 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 13–17

1. ***The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe*** – Daniel Defoe (F)  
Robinson Crusoe, the sole survivor of a shipwreck, lives on a deserted island many years before being rescued.
2. ***Anne of Green Gables*** – Lucy M. Montgomery (F)  
This is the heart-warming story of the orphan, Anne, who finds a home with an elderly brother and sister. Anne, a redheaded tomboy who loves to dream, is a winsome girl who is at times hilariously funny.
3. ***Autobiography of George Mueller*** – George Mueller (B)  
Mueller used excerpts from his own diary to tell his story. He tells of struggles and triumphs as he establishes orphan homes to care for thousands of English orphans.
4. ***Camp Sierra Secret*** – Esther Wilkison (F)  
Lynette's time at Camp Sierra helps her untangle the secrets of her past.
5. ***Children of the Storm*** – Natasha Vins (NF)  
A young girl tells of pain and persecution during the time of the Soviet Union.
6. ***The Count of Monte Cristo*** – Alexander Dumas (F)  
Edmond Dantes gains a fortune and becomes the Count of Monte Cristo, but this change of circumstances is only the beginning of his adventures.
7. ***Ellanor's Exchange*** – Linda Hayner (F)  
Ellanor's debut into London high society proves to be as dangerous as it is exciting.
8. ***The Girl in the Mirror*** – Michelle Grover (S)  
This Bible study will help you sort out what is worthy of a godly girl from what is unworthy, with timeless advice you can count on.
9. ***Gunner's Run*** – Rick Barry (HF)  
In 1943, nineteen-year-old Jim Yoder flees across Europe after his plane crashes in Nazi Germany.
10. ***The Hobbit*** – J. R. R. Tolkien (F)  
Tolkien's elegant style and charming characterizations make this fantasy a classic. The unassuming Bilbo Baggins finds himself the unwilling warrior in the fight between good and evil.
11. ***The House of Seven Gables*** – Nathaniel Hawthorne (F)  
A troubled family of Puritan New England deals with an inherited curse. Hawthorne deals with the consequences of past sins.
12. ***Kidnapped*** – Robert Louis Stevenson (F)  
Dick Shelton overcomes the schemes of many to win the hand of an orphaned heiress, Joanna Smedley, during the times of the English War of the Roses in the fifteenth century.
13. ***The Man You Could Be*** – Paul Downey (S)  
Paul Downey draws practical lessons from the successes and struggles of Joshua, a man who became all that he could be for God.
14. ***The Mystery at Number 31, New Inn*** – R. Austin Freeman (F)  
When Thorndyke's assistant, Dr. Jervis, gets a mysterious summons to ride to an undisclosed location in a sealed-off carriage, there are signs of a dangerous plot afoot.
15. ***Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices*** – Paul Fleischman (P)  
In this book of poetry, Fleischman uses vivid imagery and wonderful imaginative comparisons to recreate the "joyful noise" of a myriad of insects from bookworms to butterflies.
16. ***Margaret Thatcher: Britain's Prime Minister*** – Dorothy Hole (B)  
This is an interesting biography that also provides an intriguing glimpse into Britain's system of government and its whirlwind political life.

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17. ***The Stolen Years*** – Gloria Repp (F)  
David Durant and his sister, Susan, begin a search for a lost family heirloom.
18. ***What's Stopping You?*** – Nathan D. Thomas (NF)  
Sin, fear, and discouragement often prevent Christian youth from moving forward for God. If you're a teen frustrated with your own spiritual inaction, make a choice today to change the status quo and step out for God.
19. ***Zoli's Legacy*** – Dawn L. Watkins (HF)  
Zoli, a student in Hungary between the world wars, struggles for his future.
20. **India's Street Kids Series (3 books)** – Kimberly Rae (F)  
Readers will face the realities of human trafficking as they follow Jasmina, a young girl in India, and her brother, Samir. The children are sold by their father to a man promising them an education and good jobs, but the education they receive is far different than either of them imagined. Books included in this series are the following: *Capturing Jasmina*, *Seeking Samir*, and *Finding Mother*.

## Abbreviation Key

<b>F</b> Fiction	<b>S</b> Bible Study
<b>NF</b> Nonfiction	<b>HF</b> Historical fiction
<b>B</b> Biography	<b>P</b> Poetry