

100 Best Books - Teachers First Website

Here is a list of one hundred books selected by the National Education Association in 1999 as great reading for children and young people. To help make these books more useful, we have added book and author links to any TeachersFirst resources and lesson ideas. For more reading ideas - including books grouped by theme and grade level - check out the hundreds of titles in our [Suggested Reading](#) section.

You can see NEA's online survey of best books from 2007 [here](#).

TeachersFirst includes the most recent publications in our monthly TogetherRead themes on our companion site, TeachersAndFamilies. Don't miss these opportunities to promote literacy as a family activity!

Books for All Ages

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

Where the Sidewalk Ends: the Poems and Drawing of Shel Silverstein by Shel Silverstein

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

Heidi by Johanna Spyri

Books for Preschoolers - More Preschool Titles from TeachersFirst / TeachersAndFamilies

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see? by Bill Martin, Jr.

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

Corduroy by Don Freeman

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise

Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney

Books for Children Ages 4-8 - More Primary Reading from TeachersFirst /
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The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
Love You Forever by Robert N. Munsch
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
The Mitten by Jan Brett
Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
Oh, The Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss
Strega Nona by Tomie De Paola
The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams
How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by John Archambault
The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff
The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg
Math Curse by Jon Scieszka
Are You My Mother? by Philip D. Eastman
The Napping House by Audrey Wood
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig
The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter
Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss
Basil of Baker Street by Eve Titus
The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
Curious George by Hans Augusto Rey
Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
Arthur series by Marc Tolon Brown
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton
Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish
The Art Lesson by Tomie De Paola
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
Clifford, the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell
The Paper Bag Princess by Robert N. Munsch

Books for Children Ages 9-12 - More Books by Grade Level from TeachersFirst

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

The BFG by Roald Dahl

The Giver by Lois Lowry

James and the Giant Peach: A Children's Story by Roald Dahl

Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

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

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson

Matilda by Roald Dahl

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary

The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White

The Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery

The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson

Little House books by Laura Ingalls Wilder - Laura Ingalls Wilder Webquest

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh

A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater

My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett

Stuart Little by E. B. White

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis

Books for Young Adults - More Books by Grade Level from TeachersFirst

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien

Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare