

# Lower School Recommended Reading

## Elementary Fiction

*The Mysterious Benedict Society* Collection (Stewart)  
*The Magician's Elephant* (diCamillo)  
*The Wednesday Wars* (Schmidt)  
*My Side of the Mountain* (George)  
*Julie of the Wolves* (George)  
*Al Capone Does My Shirts* (Choldenko)  
*No Ordinary Day* (Ellis)  
*The Incurrible Children Series* (Wood)  
*Jared's Island* (Angeli)  
*Shadrach* (DeJong)  
*Calico Bush* (Field)  
*The Doll's House* (Godden)  
*The Little White Horse* (Goudge)  
*The Reluctant Dragon* (Grahame)  
*Mountain Born* (Yates)  
*Understood Betsy* (Fisher)  
*In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson* (Lord)  
*Lily's Crossing* (Giff)  
*Listening for Lions* (Whelan)  
*The Golden Key* (MacDonald)  
*The Plain Princess* (McGinley)  
*The Griffin and the Minor Canon* (Stockton)  
Nancy Drew series (Keene)

Books by Raold Dahl  
*All-of-a-Kind Family* series (Taylor)  
*Paperboy* (Vawter)  
*Okay for Now* (Schmidt)  
*Harriet the Spy* (Fitzhugh)  
*The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* (Akin)  
*The Magic Walking Stick* (Buchan)  
*What Katy Did* (Coolidge)  
*Lassie Come Home* (Knight)  
*Blue Willow* (Gates)  
*Otto of the Silver Hand* (Pyle)  
*Loser* (Spinelli)  
*Summer Reading is Killing Me* (Scieszka)  
*Homer Price* (McCloskey)  
*Gentle Ben* (Morey)  
*Big Red* (Kielgaard)  
*The Happy Prince* (Wilde)  
*A Day No Pigs Would Die* (Peck)  
*Hannah* (Whelan)  
*Titus in Trouble* (Reeves)  
*Treasures in the Snow* (St. John)  
Hardy Boys series (Dixon)  
Magic Tree House series (Osborne)

## Classics

*Heidi* (Spyri)  
*My Friend Flicka* (O'Hara)  
*Around the World in Eighty Days* (Verne)  
*The Swiss Family Robinson* (Wyss)  
*The Little Princess* (Burnett)  
*Pollyanna* (Porter)  
*Peter Pan* (Barrie)  
*Five Little Peppers and How They Grew* (Sidney)  
*The Wind in the Willows* (Grahame)  
*Black Beauty* (Sewell)  
*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (Carroll)  
*Treasure Island* (Stevenson)  
*The Little House* series (Wilder)  
*The Complete Tales of Winnie-The-Pooh* (Milne)  
*King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table* (Green)

*Betsy-Tacy* (Lovelace)  
*Charlotte's Web* (White)  
*Little Women* (Alcott)  
*The Secret Garden* (Burnett)  
*Little Lord Fauntleroy* (Burnett)  
*The Adventures of Robin Hood* (Green)  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (Twain)  
*Daddy Longlegs* (Webster)  
*Mary Poppins* (Travers)  
*The Adventures of Pinocchio* (Collodi)  
*The Enchanted Castle* (Nesbit)  
*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (Baum)  
*The Borrowers* (Norton)  
*Anne of Green Gables* series (Montgomery)

## Retellings

*Gulliver in Lilliput* (Hodges)  
*Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad* (Sutcliff)  
*David's Songs: His Psalms and Their Story* (Eisler)  
*William Tell* (Early)

*Stories from Shakespeare* (McCaughrean)  
*The Children's Homer* (Colum)  
*The Wanderings of Odysseus* (Sutcliff)  
*Cinderella* (Evans)

*The Tale of Troy* (Green)

*Tales of Greek Heroes* (Green)

*In Search of a Homeland: The Story of the Aeneid* (Lively)

*Pandora's Box and Tanglewood Tales* (Hawthorne)

*St. George and the Dragon: An adaptation of Spenser's Fairie Queen* (Hodges)

## Fantasy Fiction

*The Indian in the Cupboard* (Banks)

*The Annotated Classic Fairy Tales* (Andersen)

*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* (Lin)

*The Wilderking Trilogy* (Rogers)

*The Chronicles of Narnia* (Lewis)

*The Light Princess and Other Fantasy Stories* (MacDonald)

Andrew Peterson books

Robin McKinley books

*The Dragon Trilogy* (Lawhead)

*The Redwall Series* (Jacques)

*The Phantom Tollbooth* (Juster)

*Harry Potter Series* (Rowling)

*The Little Prince* (de Saint-Exupery)

Madeline L'Engle books

Susan Cooper books

## Poetry

*Carver: A Life in Poems* (Nelson)

*Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices* (Fleischman)

*Now We Are Six* (Milne)

*A Pillar of Pepper* (Knapp)

*Goblin Market* (Rosetti)

*Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* (Eliot)

*A Child's Garden of Verses* (Stevenson)

*A Visit to William Blake's Inn: Pomes for Innocent and Experienced* (Willard)

*A Family of Poems: My Favorite Poetry for Children* (Kennedy)

*Rhymes and Verses: Collected Poems for Children* (de la Mare)

*Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from Medieval Village* (Schlitz)

Shel Silverstein collections

Robert Frost collections

*Where We Were Very Young* (Milne)

*The Children's Own Longfellow* (Longfellow)

*Cautionary Verses* (Bello)

Poetry for Young People series

*Harriet and the Promise Land* (Lawrence)

## Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### FAVORITES

*Because of Winn Dixie* (diCamillo)

*Doctor DeSoto* (Steig)

*The Matchlock Gun* (Edmonds)

*My Father's Dragon* (Gannett)

*The Family Under the Bridge* (Carlson)

*Ramona Quimby, Age 8* (Cleary)

*Ramona and Her Father* (Cleary)

*Charlotte's Web* (White)

*Red Sails to Capri* (Weil)

*Shadrach* (DeJong)

### BIOGRAPHIES

*The Librarian Who Measured the Earth* (Lasky)

*Columbus* (D'Aulaire)

*Alexander the Great* (Green)

*Cleopatra* (Stanley & Vennema)

*Senefer: A Young Genius in Old Egypt* (Lumpkin)

*The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson* (Freedman)

*Touch of Light: The Story of Louis Braille* (Neimark)

*Alexander Graham Bell: An Inventive Life* (MacLeod)

*Ride on the Wind* (Dalglish)

*Abraham Lincoln* (D'Aulaire)

*William Bradford: Pilgrim Boy* (Smith)

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### NON-FICTION

*And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?* (Fritz)

*Shh! We're Writing the Constitution* (Fritz)

*Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams?* (Fritz)

*Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln* (Fritz)

*The Fourth of July Story* (Dalglish)

*Who's Stepping on Plymouth Rock?* (Fritz)

*Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?* (Fritz)  
*Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?* (Fritz)  
*Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May?* (Fritz)

#### MYTHS, LEGENDS, FAIRY TALES, & FOLKLORE

*About Wise Men and Simpletons: 12 Tales from Grimm* (Shub)  
*Aesop's Fables* (Hanford)  
*Treasury of Fairy Tales* (Anderson)  
*Paul Bunyan* (Kellogg)

#### HISTORICAL FICTION

*Quintus* (Weerdstand)  
*A Lion to Guard Us* (Bulla)  
*A Triumph for Flavius* (Snedeker)

## Rising 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### FAVORITES

*Number the Stars* (Lowry)  
*King of the Wind* (Henry)  
*Trouble River* (Byars)  
*The One and Only Ivan* (Applegate)  
*Pictures of Hollis Woods* (Giff)  
*Crispin: The Cross of Lead* (Avi)  
*Maniac Magee* (Spinelli)  
*Caddie Woodlawn* (Brink)  
*Ella Enchanted* (Levine)

*On My Honor* (Bauer)  
*Abel's Island* (Steig)  
*Rabbit Hill* (Lawson)  
*Ginger Pye* (Estes)  
*Because of Winn-Dixie* (DiCamillo)  
*The Noonday Friends* (Stolz)  
*Summer of the Swans* (Byars)  
*Sign of the Beaver* (Speare)  
*Turtle in Paradise* (Holm)

#### BIOGRAPHIES

*Luther the Leader* (Robinson)  
*Galen and the Gateway to Medicine* (Bendick)  
*Archimedes and the Door of Science* (Bendick)  
*Saint Patrick: Pioneer Missionary to Ireland* (McHugh)  
*Augustine, The Farmer's Boy of Tagaste* (Zeeuw)  
*Johannes Kepler: Giant of Faith and Science* (Tiner)  
*A Piece of the Mountain: The Story of Blaise Pascal* (McPherson)

*Bard of Avon* (Stanley)  
*Leonardo da Vinci* (Stanley)  
*George Washington* (Giblin)

#### NON-FICTION

*Turn of the Century* (Jackson)  
*Through My Eyes* (Bridges)

#### MYTHS, LEGENDS, FAIRY TALES, & FOLKLORE

*The Arabian Nights: Their Best Known Tales* (Wiggin & Smith)  
*Norse Gods and Giants* (D'Aulaire)  
*The Green Fairy Book* (Lang)

#### HISTORICAL FICTION

*The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt* (O'Dell) *Beorn the Proud* (Polland)  
*The Mostly True Adventures of the Homer P. Figg* (Philbrick) *Whittington* (Armstrong)  
*Magical Melons: More Stories about Caddie Woodlawn* (Brink)

## Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### FAVORITES

*Old Yeller* (Gipson)  
*Masterpiece* (Broach)  
*Shooting Kabul* (Senzai)  
*The King's Fifth* (O'Dell)  
*Shadow of a Bull* (Wojciechowska)  
*Holes* (Sachar)  
*The Twenty-One Balloons* (du Bois)  
*Adam of the Road* (Gray)  
*Moon Over Manifest* (Vanderpool)

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* (O'Dell)  
*The Golden Goblet* (McGraw)  
*The House of Sixty Fathers* (DeJong)  
*Indian Captive* (Lenski)  
*Sign of the Beaver* (Speare)  
*The Cay* (Taylor)  
*Catherine, Called Birdy* (Cushman)  
*Hatchet* (Paulsen)

### BIOGRAPHIES

*Daniel Boone* (Daugherty)  
*Salt in His Blood* (Rang)  
*America's Paul Revere* (Forbes)  
*Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* (Freedman)  
*Anthony Burns: The Defeat and Triumph of a Fugitive Slave* (Hamilton)  
*Five Ships West: The Story of Magellan* (Israel)

*Traitor: Benedict Arnold* (Fritz)  
*C.S. Lewis* (Swift)  
*The Great Little Madison* (Fritz)

### NON-FICTION

*Hero Tales* (Roosevelt)  
*Guns for General Washington* (Reit)  
*Christopher Columbus: First Voyage to America* (Veritas #190-060)  
*Homes in the Wilderness: A Pilgrim's Journal of Plymouth Plantation in 1620* (Brown)  
*The Pilgrims of Plymouth* (Sewell)

### MYTHS, LEGENDS, FAIRY TALES, & FOLKLORE

*Twelve Tales: Hans Christian Andersen* (Blegvad)  
*Favorite Fairy Tales Told Around the World* (Haviland)  
*The Gifts of the Child Christ and Other Stories and Fairy Tales* (MacDonald)

### HISTORICAL FICTION

*Sarah Bishop* (O'Dell)  
*The Tinker's Daughter* (Lawton)  
*We Were There with Mayflower Pilgrims* (Webb)

*The King's Fifth* (O'Dell)  
*Heart of a Samurai* (Preus)

## Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### FAVORITES

*Wonder* (Palacio)  
*I, Juan de Pareja* (De Trevino)  
*The Black Pearl* (O'Dell)  
*Souder* (Armstrong)  
*The Dark Frigate* (Hawes)  
*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* (O'Brien)  
*Bridge to Terebithia* (Paterson)  
*The Golden Fleece and the Heroes Who Lived Before Achilles* (Colum)  
*The Giver\** (Lowry)  
*The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963\** (Curtis)

*Call It Courage* (Sperry)  
*The View from Saturday* (Koningsburg)  
*A Wrinkle in Time* (L'Engle)  
*Onion John* (Krumgold)  
*A Long Way from Chicago* (Peck)  
*One Crazy Summer* (Williams-Garcia)  
*When You Reach Me* (Stead)  
*My Brother Sam is Dead\** (Collier)

\* Mature content – See Mrs. Keeler with questions.

#### BIOGRAPHIES

*Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* (Frank)

*Stonewall* (Fritz)

*Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* (Hoose)

*Invincible Louisa: The Story of the Author of Little Women* (Meigs)

*Robert E. Lee: Christian General and Gentleman* (Roddy)

*The Voice that Challenged a Nation* (Freedman)

*The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane* (Freedman)

*Rosa Parks: My Story* (Parks)

*Eric Liddell* (Swift)

*Lincoln: A Photobiography* (Freedman)

#### NON-FICTION

*The Boys' War* (Murphy)

*Immigrant Kids* (Freedman)

*The Good Fight: How WWII Was Won* (Ambrose)

*The Endless Steppe: Growing Up in Siberia* (Hautzig)

*The Lincolns: A Scrapbook Look at Abraham and Mary* (Fleming)

*Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* (Sheinkin)

*To Be a Slave* (Lester)

*Plantation in 1620* (Brown)

#### MYTHS, LEGENDS, FAIRY TALES, & FOLKLORE

*The Rainbow People* (Yep)

*The Magic Fishbone* (Dickens)

*The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales* (Hamilton)

*Faerie Gold: Treasures from the Land of Enchantment* (Hunsicker)

*Uncle Remus: The Complete Tales* (Lester)

#### HISTORICAL FICTION

*North to Freedom* (Holm)

*The Ides of April* (Kay)

*Twice Freed* (St. John)

*Huguenot Garden* (Jones)

*Scottish Seas* (Jones)

*The Perilous Journey* (Johnson)

*Iron Scouts of the Confederacy* (McGiffin)

*Breaking Stalin's Nose* (Yelchin)

*Glory Be* (Scattergood)

*Young Fredle* (Voight)

*Because of Mr. Terupt* (Buvea)