

Reading Recommendations for Primary Grades

(some for reading aloud to children and others for children to read themselves)

Ahlberg, Janet and Allan	The Jolly Postman
Aiken, Joan	The Moon's Revenge
Andersen, Hans Christian	all
Ardizzone, Edward	Tim and Ginger
	Tim and Charlotte
	Tim and the Brave Sea Captain
	Tim All Alone
	Tim in Danger
	Tim's Friend Towser
	Tim to the Rescue
Bennet, William	The Book of Virtues
	The Children's Book of Virtues
	The Children's Book of Heroes
	The Children's Book of America
	Our Country's Founders
	The Moral Compass
Beskow, Elsa	Pele's New Suit
	Children of the Forest
Burgess, Gelett	Goops & How To Be Them
Burton, Virginia Lee	Katy and the Big Snow
	The Little House
	Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
Carrick, Donald	Harald and the Great Stag
	Harald and the Giant Knight
Carroll, Lewis	The Walrus & the Carpenter
	The Hunting of the Snark
D'Aulaire, Ingri & Edgar	Books of Myths
dePaola, Tomie	many
Fisher, Leonard Everett	Theseus and the Minotaur
	The Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt
	other retellings
Gannet, Ruth Stile	My Father's Dragon
Gerrard, Roy	Sir Cedric
	Croco'nile
	Wagons West!
	others
Grahame, Kenneth	The Reluctant Dragon
Hall, Donald	The Oxford Book of Children's Verse in America
	The Oxford Illustrated Book of American Children's Poems
Harris, Joel Chandler	The Complete Tales of Uncle Remus
Harrison, M.	The New Oxford Treasury of Children's Poems
	The Oxford Book of Story Poems
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	A Wonder Book for Girls and Boys

Heller, Ruth	books about words
Herriot, James	Blossom Comes Home
	Only One Woof
	The Market Square Dog
Hoban, Russell	The Mouse and His Child
	The Little Brute Family
Hodges, Margaret	retellings
Hort, Lenny	The Boy Who Held Back the Sea (retold)
Hughes, Shirley	Dogger
Hyman, Trina Schart	many (retellings)
Irving, Washington	Rip Van Winkle
Jarrell, Randall	The Fisherman and His Wife
	The Animal Family
Joyce, William	Dinosaur Bob and his Adventures with the Family
	The Leaf Men and the Brave Good Bugs
	Santa Calls
Kimmel, Eric	retellings
Kipling, Rudyard	Just So Stories
	Riki-Tiki-Tavi
Lang, Andrew	The Blue Fairy Book
	(and all of several other colors)
(Andrew Lang's collections are considered the richest, widest in range, and best English versions of standard stories. His first-rate literary abilities make his collections unmatched in the English language.)	
Lawson, Robert	They Were Strong and Good
Lester, Julius	folk tale retellings
Lear, Edward	Nonsense Poems of Edward Lear
Lewis, C. S.	The Chronicles of Narnia
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth	Paul Revere's Ride
Lurie, Alison	The Oxford Book of Modern Fairy Tales
MacDonald, George	The Golden Key
	The Light Princess
	The Lost Princess
	The Christmas Stories of George MacDonald
Mark, Jan	The Oxford Book of Children's Stories
McCaughrean, Geraldine	The Golden Hoard
	Stories from Shakespeare
	El Cid
	1001 Arabian Nights
	God's People
	Silver Myths and Legends
	The Bronze Cauldron
McCloskey, Robert	Make Way for Ducklings
	Blueberries for Sal
	others
Milne, A. A.	When We Were Very Young
	Now We Are Six
	The House at Pooh Corner

Neil, Philip
Nesbit, Edith
Potter, Beatrix
Ransome, Arthur
Russell, William F.
San Souci, Robert D.

Silverstein, Shel
Steig, William

Stockton, Frank
Suess, Dr.
Wisniewski, David

Wilde, Oscar
Williams, Margery
Wood, Audrey

Zelinsky, Paul O.
Zemach, Margot

The New Oxford Book of Children's Verse
The Deliverers of Their Country
all
The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship
Classic Myths to Read Aloud
The Talking Eggs
FA Mulan
other retellings
verse
Brave Irene
The Magic Pebble
Yellow and Pink
The Griffin and the Minor Cannon (Maurice Sendak illust.)
any
Elfwyn's Saga
The Warrior and the Wiseman
The Selfish Giant
The Velveteen Rabbit
Elbert's Bad Word
others
retellings
It Could Always Be Worse
The Three Wishes