

CLASSICS FOR AGES 9-12

BOOKS PUBLISHED MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO



A Wellesley Free Library Booklist



Aesop. AESOP'S FABLES.

Animal tales that contain a moral and are based directly or indirectly on Greek tradition.

Alcott. LITTLE WOMEN.

Events in the lives of the four March sisters in nineteenth century New England during the Civil War.

Alexander. THE BOOK OF THREE. sequels

Taran, Assistant Pig-Keeper to a famous oracular sow, sets out on a mission to fight the forces of evil.

Andersen. FAIRY TALES OF HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN.

Original fairy tales that are a mingling of folklore and fantasy.

THE ARABIAN NIGHTS: THEIR BEST-KNOWN TALES.

Ten stories including Aladdin and the lamp and Ali Baba and the forty thieves.

Atwater. MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS.

The modern classic about penguins who came to live with a house painter.

Babbit. TUCK EVERLASTING.

The Tuck family's secret to everlasting youth is discovered by a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger.

Bagnold. NATIONAL VELVET.

A determined girl and boy and a spirited thoroughbred horse join forces to attain the seemingly impossible dream of winning the Grand National Steeplechase.

Barrie. PETER PAN.

The adventures of the three Darling children in Never-Never Land with Peter Pan, the boy who would not grow up.

Baum. WIZARD OF OZ.

The adventures of Dorothy in the Land of Oz with the Wizard, the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodsman and the Cowardly Lion.

Boston. THE CHILDREN OF GREEN KNOWE.
Tolly and three children from the 17th century break a gypsy curse on Green Knowe.

Burnett. THE SECRET GARDEN.
Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a great house on the Yorkshire moor and discovers an invalid cousin and a locked garden.

Burnford. THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY.
Two dogs and a cat set out to cross three hundred miles of northern Ontario.

Carroll. ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND.
Alice falls down a rabbit hole into a wonderland where she meets a fascinating group of characters.

Cleary. HENRY HUGGINS.
Ribsy, guppies, night crawlers and a pink dog humorously complicate Henry's life at age eight.

Collodi. THE ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO.
Pinocchio, a wooden puppet with a talent for getting into trouble, wants to become a real boy.

Cresswick. ROBIN HOOD.
Recounts the legend of Robin Hood who stole from the rich to give to the poor. Illustrated by N.C. Wyeth.

Dahl. JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH.
James has adventures after rolling away from his mean aunts in a giant peach.

Defoe. ROBINSON CRUSOE.
During one of his several adventurous voyages in the 1600's an Englishman becomes the sole survivor of a shipwreck and lives for nearly thirty years on a deserted island.

Dickens. A CHRISTMAS CAROL.
Scrooge is stingy and hard-hearted until spirits visit him to change his future.

Dodge. HANS BRINKER OR THE SILVER SKATES.
A dutch boy, desperately needing money for his father's operation, strives to win an ice-skating race.

Fitzhugh. HARRIET, THE SPY.
Harriet has a secret notebook that she fills with notes about her parents, classmates and neighbors. One day Harriet's classmates find her notebook to their anger and her dismay.

Forbes. JOHNNY TREMAIN.
A young boy becomes involved in the excitement of the days just prior to the American Revolution.

Frank. ANNE FRANK: THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL.
A young Jewish girl hides from the Nazis in Amsterdam during World War II.

Fritz. AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED, PAUL REVERE?
Imparts some of the well-known and less well-known details about Paul Revere.

George. MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN.
Sam Gribley's story of his year of self-sufficiency in the Catskill Mountains.

Gilbreth. CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN.
Reminiscences of the Gilbreth family, twelve children with an efficiency expert father

Grahame. WIND IN THE WILLOWS.
Mole went adventuring and made some wonderful friends in Rat, Badger, Toad and others.

Grimm. GRIMM'S TALES FOR YOUNG AND OLD.
A modern translation of the entire collection of folk and fairy tales by the brothers Grimm.

Hamilton. THE PEOPLE COULD FLY: AMERICAN BLACK FOLKTALES.
Retold Afro-American folktales of animals, fantasy, the supernatural and the desire for freedom.

Henry. MISTY OF CHINCOTEAGUE.
A story of a brother and sister who capture and tame two wild ponies

Hunt. ACROSS FIVE APRILS.
Memorable story of the tragic years of the Civil War as experienced by a boy, his family and neighbors in Southern Illinois.

Irving. RIP VAN WINKLE.
A lazy husband falls asleep in the Catskill mountains and wakes to find the world very much changed.

Jacques. REDWALL. sequels
When evil rat Cluny and his hordes threaten the folk at Redwall Abbey, a young mouse, Matthias determines to defeat them with a legendary sword.

Juster. THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH.
Since he owns a magic tollbooth, Milo is admitted into the land of Dictionopolis.

Keller. STORY OF MY LIFE.
Story of a woman who overcame blindness and deafness to help other handicapped people.

King-Smith. BABE: THE GALLANT PIG.
A piglet is destined for butchering but discovers a secret to success.

Kipling. THE JUNGLE BOOK.
Mowgli finds refuge with a family of wolves and learns the lore of the jungle from various animals.

Kipling. THE JUST SO STORIES.
Stories of how animals acquired their characteristics.

LeGuin. A WIZARD OF EARTHSEA.

A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed while an apprentice to the Master Wizard.

L'Engle. A WRINKLE IN TIME.

Meg and her brother are spirited to another world to find their father.

Lang. THE BLUE FAIRY BOOK.

Contains some of the best-known fairy tales.

Lewis. THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE.

The first in "the Chronicles of Narnia" series. A wicked witch curses the land with eternal winter; but good triumphs with the help of four brave children and a golden lion.

Lindgren. PIPPI LONGSTOCKING.

Pippi lives without any grown-ups in a little house at the edge of the village.

London. THE CALL OF THE WILD.

The dog Buck is thrust into a life where both men and dogs behave like savages.

Macaulay. CATHEDRAL: THE STORY OF ITS CONSTRUCTION.

Text and detailed drawings follow the planning and construction of an imaginary Gothic cathedral.

MacDonald. HELLO, MRS. PIGGLE-WIGGLE.

Mrs. Piggie-Wiggie has a magic way of curing children's bad habits.

McCloskey. HOMER PRICE.

A boy, in the best Tom Sawyer tradition, is introduced in six hilarious episodes.

MacLachlan. SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL.

When their father invites a mail-order bride to their prairie home, Caleb and Anna hope she'll stay.

Milne. WINNIE THE POOH.

Pooh, Piglet, Rabbit and Owl join Christopher Robin for some wonderful adventures.

Montgomery. ANNE OF GREEN GABLES.

A couple thinks they are adopting a boy, but instead get a spirited, red-haired girl.

Naylor. SHILOH.

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and its mean owner.

Nesbit. FIVE LITTLE PEPPERS AND HOW THEY GREW.

A fatherless family, happy in spite of its impoverished condition, is befriended by a very rich gentleman.

Norton. THE BORROWERS.

Little people live in odd hiding places in a house and borrow things such as thimbles and postage stamps.

O'Brien. MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH.

A widowed mouse in search of help for her family visits the strange, wise rats of NIMH.

O'Dell. ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS.

A story based on the life of an Indian girl who spent eighteen years alone on an island off the coast of California in the 1800's.

O'Hara. MY FRIEND FLICKA.

A ten-year-old boy sets his heart on taming a wild-spirited filly.

Peck. A YEAR DOWN YONDER

In 1937, during the Depression, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice, initially apprehensive about leaving Chicago to spend a year with her fearsome, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois, gradually begins to better understand and admire her grandmother's unusual qualities.

Perrault. CINDERELLA AND OTHER TALES.

A collection of fairy tales.

Pope. THE PERILOUS GARD.

In 1558 a young girl becomes involved in a series of events that involves the last practitioners of druidic magic.

Porter. POLLYANNA

In early twentieth-century Vermont, orphaned, eleven-year-old Pollyanna comes to live with her austere and wealthy Aunt Polly, and uses her philosophy of gladness to bring happiness to her aunt and other unhappy members of the community.

Rawlings. THE YEARLING

A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet. (Novelist)

Rawls. WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS.

The story of a young boy's love for two hunting dogs and his coming of age in Oklahoma in the 1930's.

Robinson. THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER.

The six mean Herdman kids lie, steal and smoke and then become involved in the community Christmas Pageant.

Sachar SIDEWAYS STORIE FROM WAYSIDE SCHOOL sequels

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

Saint-Exupery. THE LITTLE PRINCE.

The Little Prince visits various planetoids on his way to earth, and finds grown-ups very odd.

Scott. IVANHOE (abridged by Mayer)

In 1166 the Saxon knight Ivanhoe returns from the Crusades to a chaotic England ruled by the enemies of the absent King Richard the Lion-Hearted and finds himself disowned and dishonored, forced to fight for his name and the people he loves.

Selden. THE CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE. sequels

Chester, a country cricket, spends the summer in New York City and has many adventures with his three new friends.

Sewell. BLACK BEAUTY.

A horse in nineteenth century England recounts his experiences with good and bad masters in London and in the English countryside.

Silverstein. WHERE THE SIDEWALK ENDS: THE POEMS & DRAWINGS OF SHEL SILVERSTEIN.

A collection of humorous illustrated poems.

Spear. THE WITCH OF BLACKBIRD POND.

A girl's rebellion against bigotry and her Puritan surroundings ends in a witch hunt and trial.

Sperry. CALL IT COURAGE.

A Polynesian boy, who is called a coward for being afraid of the sea, sets out to overcome his fear.

Spyri. HEIDI.

The famous story of a Swiss child and her grandfather and their life in the Alps.

Stevenson. KIDNAPPED.

After being kidnapped by his evil uncle, sixteen-year-old David Balfour escapes and becomes involved in the Scottish struggle to overthrow English rule.

Stevenson. TREASURE ISLAND.

Jim's adventures begin in the Admiral Ben Bow Inn and soon involve a one-legged sailor and a treasure map.

Taylor. ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY. sequels

A black family in the South in the 1930's face prejudice and discrimination.

Thurber. MANY MOONS.

Though many people try, only the court jester is able to fulfill Princess Lenore's one wish.

Tolkien. THE HOBBIT.

Bilbo Baggins sets out to destroy a dragon that is terrifying the villagers.

Travers. MARY POPPINS.
The nonsensical adventures of the amazing nursemaid and her charges, the Banks children of London.

Twain. THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER.
The escapades of a mischievous boy growing up in Missouri in the late 19th century.

Verne. AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS.
In 1872, Phineas Fogg wagers that he can circumnavigate the world in 80 days.

Verne. THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND
Five Union prisoners of war escape from a Confederate prison camp in a hot-air balloon, only to crash land on an unknown island where they must learn to survive on their own. (Novelist)

Voigt. HOMECOMING sequel DICEY'S SONG
Abandoned by their mother, four children begin a search for a home and an identity.

Wells. THE TIME MACHINE AND THE INVISIBLE MAN
In the first story a man invents a machine to carry him into the future and in the second a man disappears, literally.

Wells. WAR OF THE WORLDS.
Aliens invade the world and mankind is losing the battle.

White. CHARLOTTE'S WEB.
Wilbur the pig is going to be slaughtered until his friend, Charlotte, a spider thinks of a way to save his life.

White. STUART LITTLE.
The adventures of a debonair mouse that sets out to find his friend, a little bird that stayed in his garden once.

White. THE SWORD IN THE STONE.
A young boy finds out that he is destined to be King.

Wiggin. REBECCA OF SUNNYBROOK FARM.
Free spirited Rebecca spends 7 years with her spinster aunts because of the failing family farm.

Wilder. LITTLE HOUSE IN THE BIG WOODS. sequels
The Ingalls family is snug and safe in their Wisconsin log house, in spite of the blizzard.

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