

100 Best Books

Here is a list of one hundred books selected by the National Education Association in 1999 as great reading for children and young people.

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 –

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 –

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 –

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 –

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