

Upper Elementary Classic Book List:

[Little women: or, Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy](#) (Jan 1868)

By: Alcott, Louisa May, 1832-1888

Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in nineteenth-century New England.

Popularity:

Fiction	Ages 9-12
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[Peter Pan](#) (Jan 1950)

By: Barrie, J. M. (James Matthew), 1860-1937

The adventures of Peter Pan, the boy who would not grow up, and the children who accompany him to Never-Never Land.

Lexile: 890

Popularity:

Fiction	Ages 9-12
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[The wonderful Wizard of Oz \[Foreman, ill.\]](#) (Jan 2005)

By: Baum, L. Frank (Lyman Frank), 1856-1919

After a cyclone transports her to the land of Oz, Dorothy must seek out the great wizard in order to return to Kansas.

Popularity:

Fiction	Ages 9-12
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[The secret garden](#) (Jan 1962)

By: Burnett, Frances Hodgson, 1849-1924

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

Lexile: 970

Popularity:

Fiction	Ages 9-12
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[Alice's adventures in Wonderland](#) (Nov 1999)

By: Carroll, Lewis, 1832-1898

A little girl falls down a rabbit hole and discovers a world of nonsensical and amusing characters.

Lexile: 580

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

[My brother Sam is dead](#) (Oct 1974)

By: Collier, James Lincoln, 1928-

Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral.

Lexile: 770

Popularity:

Fiction Teens

[Johnny Tremain: a novel for old and young](#) (Sep 1943)

By: Forbes, Esther

When a fourteen-year-old silversmith apprentice is severely burned by molten silver, he becomes a dispatch rider for the Committee for Public Safety where he meets many Boston patriots involved in the new struggle for independence from England. There he learns that he may be able to overcome his handicap enough to join the fight.

Lexile: 840

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

[The wind in the willows](#) (Jan 1954)

By: Grahame, Kenneth, 1859-1932

The escapades of four animal friends who live along a river in the English countryside - Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger. When Mr. Toad gets a new motor car, he gets them all in trouble.

Lexile: 570

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

[Summer of my German soldier](#) (Nov 1973)

By: Greene, Bette, 1934-

Sheltering an escaped prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a twelve-year-old girl in Arkansas.

Lexile: 800

Popularity:

Fiction Teens

[Across five Aprils](#) (Jan 1964)

By: Hunt, Irene

Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in Illinois during the difficult years of the Civil War.

Lexile: 1100

Popularity:

Fiction Teens

[Just so stories](#) (Sep 1996)

By: Kipling, Rudyard, 1865-1936

Twelve tales concerning the peculiarities of several jungle animals.

Lexile: 1190

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

[The lion, the witch and the wardrobe: a story for children](#) (Jan 1950)

By: Lewis, C. S. (Clive Staples), 1898-1963

Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

[The call of the wild](#) (Jan 1903)

By: London, Jack, 1876-1916

The adventures of an unusual dog, part St. Bernard, part Scotch Shepherd, that was kidnapped and shipped off to Alaska to work on the Klondike Gold Rush. Buck the dog quickly learns how to survive in the wild and also learns the call of the wolf.

Lexile: 1120

Popularity:

Fiction Teens

[Number the stars](#) (Apr 1989)

By: Lowry, Lois

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Lexile: 670

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

[Homer Price](#) (Jan 1943)

By: McCloskey, Robert, 1914-2003

Six episodes in the life of Homer Price, including one in which he and his pet skunk capture four bandits, and another about a donut machine on the rampage.

Lexile: 1000

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

[Anne of Green Gables](#) (Jan 1908)

By: Montgomery, L. M. (Lucy Maud), 1874-1942

Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

[Five children and it](#) (Jan 1902)

By: Nesbit, E. (Edith), 1858-1924

Curious to see if people on the other side of the globe walk upside down, Robert, Anthea, Cyril, and Jane start digging a hole to Australia, but before they get too far they a Sand-fairy called a Psammead; he grants wishes, but the wishes come undone at sunset.

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

[The yearling](#) (Jan 1938)

By: Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan, 1896-1953

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

Lexile: 750

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

[Black Beauty: the autobiography of a horse](#) (Jan 1877)

By: Sewell, Anna, 1820-1878

Originally published in 1877, this classic story, told from the animal's perspective, captures the struggles and triumphs of this magnificent creature from his early days as a free colt to an owned creature poorly treated by evil men.

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

[Heidi](#) (Oct 1996)

By: Spyri, Johanna, 1827-1901

A Swiss orphan is heartbroken when she must leave her beloved grandfather and their happy home in the mountains to go to school and to care for a wheelchair-bound disabled girl in Frankfurt, Germany.

Lexile: 500

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

Roll of thunder, hear my cry (Jan 1976)

By: Taylor, Mildred D.

A Black family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which their children don't understand.

Popularity:

Fiction Teens

Mary Poppins (Jan 1962)

By: Travers, P. L. (Pamela Lyndon), 1899-1996

The wind brings four English children a new nanny who slides up the banister and introduces them to some delightful people and experiences.

Popularity:

Fiction Ages 9-12

20,000 leagues under the sea (Jan 1869)

By: Verne, Jules, 1828-1905

Retells the adventures of a French professor and his two companions as they sail above and below the world's oceans as prisoners on the fabulous electric submarine of the deranged Captain Nemo.

Lexile: 800

Popularity:

Fiction Adults

Around the world in eighty days (Jan 1873)

By: Verne, Jules, 1828-1905

On a wager, the eccentric English gentleman Phileas Fogg accepts a challenge to circle the globe in eighty days. Follow Phileas and his faithful valet Passepartout, in this classic fantastic adventure.

Lexile: 640

Popularity:

Fiction Adults

Little house on the prairie (Jan 1935)

By: Wilder, Laura Ingalls, 1867-1957

A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, build a well, and fight a prairie fire.

Popularity:

Fiction	Ages 9-12
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The Swiss family Robinson (Jan 1989)

By: Wyss, Johann David, 1743-1818

The fortunes of a family struggling to survive after being shipwrecked on an island with abundant plant and animal life.

Lexile: 480

Popularity:

Fiction	Ages 9-12
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