

## Summer Reading Suggestions

One of the many sweet joys of summertime is a more relaxed schedule, perfect for launching adventures with medieval knights, sheltering from the storm in a leafy lean-to, or venturing across the prairie in a covered wagon. Exploring yet-uncharted worlds or fighting alongside ancient Greeks are real possibilities as well. The only things needed are a cozy spot and a good book. Some books are a delight to read on one's own, but some are richer with another person to share the journey.

We offer the following suggestions for summertime enjoyment. Books are listed in broad categories, and students may well enjoy books from more than one category. Not every book will strike the fancy of each student, so take a generous-sized bag when you visit the library, lay the feast before your son or daughter, and see what happens. May your summer days be rich with adventure!

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### [Read-Aloud Suggestions for Young Listeners](#)

*A Visitor for Bear* (and companion books), by Bonnie Becker

*The Mitten*, by Jan Brett

*Annie and the Wild Animals*, by Jan Brett

*Stone Soup*, by Marcia Brown

*The Little Island*, by Margaret Wise Brown

*The Little Scarecrow Boy*, by Margaret Wise Brown

*Katy and the Big Snow*, by Virginia Lee Burton

*Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*, by Virginia Lee Burton

*The Little House*, by Virginia Lee Burton

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, by Eric Carle

*Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?*, by Eric Carle

*Click, Clack, Moo - Cows That Type* (and several others by this author), by Doreen Cronin

*Strega Nona* (and many others), by Tomie dePaola

*Llama Llama Red Pajama* (and companion books), by Anna Dewdney

*Olivia* (a series), by Ian Falconer

*Corduroy*, by Don Freeman

*Sheila Rae the Brave* (and many others), by Kevin Henkes

*Duck & Goose* (and companion books), by Tad Hills

*How Rocket Learned to Read*, by Tad Hills

*The Snowy Day*, by Ezra Jack Keats

*Frog and Toad*, by Arnold Lobel

*Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* (read this after reading some *Winnie the Pooh* books), by Lindsay Mattick

*Guess How Much I Love You*, by Sam McBratney

*Blueberries for Sal*, by Robert McCloskey

*Make Way for Ducklings*, by Robert McCloskey

*The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash*, by Trinka Hakes Noble

*Fancy Nancy* (there are early reader ones and later chapter books, but the best are the stand-alone storybooks), by Jane O'Connor

*The Kissing Hand*, by Audrey Penn

*Curious George* (suggest the newer ones like *New Adventures of Curious George*), by Margret and H.A. Rey

*Dragons Love Tacos*, by Adam Rubin

*Caps for Sale*, by Esphyr Slobodkina

*Ladybug Girl* (first in a series), by David Soman and Jacky Davis

*Knuffle Bunny* (series of 3 books), by Mo Willems

*Owl Moon*, by Jane Yolen

### Read-Aloud Suggestions for Various Ages

*Flight: The Journeys of Charles Lindbergh*, by Robert Burleigh

*The Tale of Despereaux*, by Kate DiCamillo

*Half Magic*, by Edward Eager

*Wind in the Willows*, Kenneth Grahame (don't try this too soon - try as a read aloud with older children, 10-14)

*A Hole is to Dig*, by Ruth Krauss

*Pippi Longstocking stories*, by Astrid Lindgren

*Chronicles of Narnia*, by C.S. Lewis (several of these will be read in class or as assigned reading, but it is hard to read these too much or too often!)

*Sarah, Plain and Tall*, by Patricia MacLachlan

*Now We Are Six*, A.A. Milne

*When We Were Very Young*, A.A. Milne

*Hailstones and Halibut Bones*, by Mary O'Neill

*The Complete Tales of Beatrix Potter Bearskin*, by Howard Pyle

*Aesop's Fables*, by Arthur Rackham

*Classic Myths to Read Aloud*, by William Russell

*Dr. De Soto*, by William Steig

*Stuart Little*, by E.B. White

*Exodus*, by Brian Wildsmith

## Beginning Readers

*Clifford the Big Red Dog*, Norman Bridwell

*Are You My Mother?*, by P.D. Eastman

*Go, Dog, Go!*, by P.D. Eastman

*Where Will You Swim Tonight?*, by Milly Limmer

*Bob Books*, by Bobby Lynn Maslen and John R. Maslen

*Poppleton* (and others), by Cynthia Rylant

*Cat in the Hat*, by Dr. Seuss

*Fox in Sox*, by Dr. Seuss

*Great Day for Up!*, by Dr. Seuss

*Green Eggs and Ham*, by Dr. Seuss

*One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish* (and many others), by Dr. Seuss

*Sheep in a Jeep*, by Nancy E. Shaw and Margot Apple

*Good Night, Good Knight*, by Shelly Moore Thomas and Jennifer Plecas

*Happy Birthday, Good Knight*, by Shelly Moore Thomas and Jennifer Plecas

### Newly Independent Readers

*The Young Cam Jansen*, by David Adler  
*George the Drummer Boy*, by Nathaniel Benchley  
*Flat Stanley* series, by Jeff Brown  
*Once a Mouse*, by Marcia Brown  
*Ramona the Pest* series, by Beverly Cleary  
*One Grain of Rice*, by Demi  
*Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile*, by Tomie dePaola  
*The Story about Ping*, by Marjorie Flack and Kurt Wise  
*George Washington's Mother*, by Jean Fritz  
*Polk Street School*, by Patricia Reilly Giff  
*Frances* books, by Russell Hoban  
*Nancy Drew Notebook*, by Carolyn Keene  
*The Three Princes*, by Eric A. Kimmel and Leonard Everett Fisher  
*The Story of Ferdinand*, by Munro Leaf  
*The Cul-de-Sac Kids*, by Beverly Lewis Floss, by Kim Lewis  
*The Trojan Horse: How the Greeks Won the War*, by Emily Little  
*Frog and Toad*, by Arnold Lobel  
*Mrs. Piggle Wiggle*, by Betty MacDonald  
*Fox and His Friends*, by Edward Marshall and James Marshall  
*George and Martha*, by James Marshall  
*Little Bear*, Else Holmelund Minarik  
*Magic Tree House* series, by Mary Pope Osborne  
*Amelia Bedelia*, by Peggy Parish  
*Whistling* (and others), by Elizabeth Partridge  
*The Littles*, by John Peterson  
*Horrible Harry*, by Frank Renkiewicz  
*Henry and Mudge* series, by Cynthia Rylant  
*Mr. Putter and Tabby* series, by Cynthia Rylant  
*Nate the Great*, by Marjorie and Craig Sharmat  
*Caps for Sale*, by Esphyr Slobodkina  
*The Boxcar Children* series, by Gertrude Warner  
*A New Coat for Anna*, by Harriet Ziefert

### Confident Readers

*Cam Jansen*, by David Adler

*The One and Only Ivan; The One and Only Bob; The One and Only Ruby*, by Katherine Applegate

*Mr. Popper's Penguins*, by Richard and Florence Atwater

*Poppy* series, by Avi

*Tuck Everlasting*, by Natalie Babbitt

*The Indian in the Cupboard* series, by Lynne Reid Banks

*Peter Pan*, by J.M. Barrie

*Wonderful Wizard of Oz* and others, by L. Frank Baum

*Nick of Time*, by Ted Bell

*Christian Heroes: Then and Now* series, by Geoff and Janet Benge

*My Name is Brain Brian*, by Jeanne Betancourt

*The Velveteen Rabbit*, by Marjorie Williams Bianco

*The Penderwicks* (series) - by Jeanne Birdsall

*The World According to Humphrey* (a long series) - by Betty G. Birney

*Pancakes-Paris*, by Claire Huchet Bishop

*Twenty and Ten*, by Claire Huchet Bishop

*The Shakespeare Stealer* series, by Gary Blackwood

*A Bear Called Paddington* and others, by Michael Bond

*The Complete Adventures of Olga Da Polga* by Michael Bond

*The Children of Green Knowe* series, by Lucy Boston

*The Emperor's Arrow*, by Burke Boyce

*A Toad on Capitol Hill*, by Esther Wood Brady

*Toliver's Secret*, by Esther Wood Brady

*Caddie Woodlawn*, by Carol Ryrie Brink

*The Apple and the Arrow*, by Mary and Conrad Buff

*The Beast of Lor*, by Clyde Bulla

*A Lion to Guard Us*, by Clyde Bulla

*Pirate's Promise*, by Clyde Bulla

*Sword in the Tree*, by Clyde Bulla

*I am the Mummy Heb-Nefert*, by Eve Bunting

*Little Lord Fauntleroy*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*A Little Princess*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett

*Alice in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll

*Through the Looking Glass*, by Lewis Carroll  
*The Aeneid for Boys and Girls*, by Alfred J. Church  
*The Bells of Rye*, by Richard Church  
*Down River*, by Richard Church  
*Five Boys in a Cave*, by Richard Church  
*Dear Mr. Henshaw*, by Beverly Cleary  
*The Mouse and the Motorcycle* (and other Ralph books), by Beverly Cleary  
*Frindle*, by Andrew Clements  
*Jump Ship to Freedom* and others, by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier  
*War Comes to Willy Freeman*, by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier  
*Who is Carrie?*, by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier  
*Bread and Butter Indian*, by Anne Colver  
*How to Train Your Dragon* series, by Cressida Cowell  
*The Little Lane Prince*, Dinah Craik  
*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and others, by Roald Dahl  
*Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator*, by Roald Dahl  
*Danny, the Champion of the World*, by Roald Dahl  
*The Enormous Crocodile*, by Roald Dahl  
*The Fantastic Mr. Fox*, by Roald Dahl  
*The Courage of Sarah Noble*, by Alice Dalgliesh  
*Abraham Lincoln* and many other titles, by Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire  
*The Lemonade Wars*, by Jacqueline Davies  
*Journey from Peppermint Street*, by Meindert DeJong  
*The Wheel on the School*, by Meindert DeJong  
*Because of Winn-Dixie*, by Kate DiCamillo  
*The Magician's Elephant*, by Kate DiCamillo  
*Mercy Watson* series, by Kate DiCamillo  
*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, by Kate DiCamillo  
*The Tale of Despereaux*, by Kate DiCamillo  
*The Tiger Rising*, by Kate DiCamillo  
*Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates*, by Mary Mapes Dodge  
*The Twenty-one Balloons*, by William Pene DuBois  
*The City of Ember*, by Jeanne DuPrau  
*The Logs Crossing*, by Walter Edmonds  
*The Matchlock Gun*, by Walter Edmonds

*Thimble Summer*, by Elizabeth Enright  
*The Hundred Dresses*, by Eleanor Estes  
*The Little Bookroom*, by Eleanor Farjeon  
*The Black Stallion* and others, by Walter Farley  
*Mystery at the Long Barrow House*, by Nancy Faulkner  
*Sword of the Winds*, by Nancy Faulkner  
*Calico Bush*, by Rachel Field  
*Hitty, Her First Hundred Years*, by Rachel Field  
*The Great Brain*, by John Fitzgerald  
*Harriet the Spy*, by Louise Fitzhugh  
*The Whipping Boy*, by Sid Fleischman  
*And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?* and other history titles, by Jean Fritz  
*The Cabin Faced West*, by Jean Fritz  
*George Washington's Breakfast*, by Jean Fritz  
*Igraine the Brave*, by Cornelia Funke  
*Blue Willow*, by Doris Gates  
*The Far Side of the Mountain*, by Jean Craighead George  
*Julie of the Wolves*, by Jean Craighead George  
*My Side of the Mountain*, by Jean Craighead George  
*Old Yeller*, by Fred Gipson  
*The Doll's House*, by Rumer Godden  
*The Fairy Doll*, by Rumer Godden  
*Impunity Jane*, by Rumer Godden  
*The Kitchen Madonna*, by Rumer Godden  
*Little Plum*, by Rumer Godden  
*Mouse House*, by Rumer Godden  
*The Mousewife*, by Rumer Godden  
*The Reluctant Dragon*, by Kenneth Grahame  
*Adam of the Road*, by Elizabeth Janet Gray  
*The Complete Peterkin Papers*, by Lucretia Hale  
*Sir Gawain and the Loathy Lady*, by Selina Hastings  
*Owen and Mzee*, by Isabella and Craig Hatkoff and Paula Kahumbu  
*Brighty of the Grand Canyon*, by Marguerite Henry  
*King of the Wind*, by Marguerite Henry  
*Misty of Chincoteague*, by Marguerite Henry



*Stormy*, by Marguerite Henry  
*For the Temple: A Tale of the Fall of Jerusalem* and others, by G.A. Henty  
*Persephone*, by Warwick Hutton  
*Theseus and the Minotaur*, by Warwick Hutton  
*The Trojan Horse*, by Warwick Hutton  
*Redwall* series, by Brian Jacques  
*Finn Family Moomintroll* series by Tove Jansson  
*Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat* (and sequel), by Lynne Jonell  
*The Phantom Tollbooth*, by Norton Juster  
*Kira Kira*, by Cynthia Kadohata  
*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer  
*The Trumpeter of Krakow*, by Eric P. Kelly  
*Babe: The Gallant Pig* and other titles, by Dick King-Smith  
*A Mouse Called Wolf*, by Dick King-Smith  
*The Water Horse*, by Dick King-Smith  
*The Jungle Books*, by Rudyard Kipling  
*Just So Stories*, by Rudyard Kipling  
*Big Red*, by Jim Kjelgaard  
*Irish Red*, by Jim Kjelgaard  
*Outlaw Red*, by Jim Kjelgaard  
*From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, by E.L. Konigsburg  
*Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*, by Jean Lee Latham  
*Savvy*, by Ingrid Law  
*The Man Who Freed the Slaves: The Story of William Wilberforce*, by Audrey and Herbert Lawson  
*A Wrinkle in Time* series, by Madeleine L'Engle  
*The Chronicles of Narnia*, by C.S. Lewis  
*Ronia, the Robber's Daughter*, by Astrid Lindgren  
*Dr. Doolittle* series, by Hugh Lofting  
*Betsy-Tacy* series, by Maud Hart Lovelace  
*Castle*, by David MacAuley  
*Cathedral: The Story of Its Construction*, by David MacAuley  
*Little Farm in the Ozarks* series, by Roger MacBride  
*Little House on Rocky Ridge*, by Roger MacBride  
*At the Back of the North Wind*, by George MacDonald  
*The Princess and Curdie*, by George MacDonald

*The Princess and the Goblin*, by George MacDonald  
*Sarah, Plain and Tall* series, by Patricia MacLachlan  
*The Doll People* series, by Ann M. Martin  
*Homer Price*, by Robert McCloskey  
*The House at Pooh Corner*, by A.A. Milne  
*Winnie the Pooh*, by A.A. Milne  
*The Great Fire* and other historical books, by Jim Murphy  
*Shiloh* and others, by Phyllis Naylor  
*The Borrowers* series, by Mary Norton  
*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*, by Robert C. O'Brien  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins*, by Scott O'Dell  
*Sing Down the Moon*, by Scott O'Dell  
*Single Shard*, by Linda Sue Park  
*A Whale of the Wild; A Wolf Called Wander*, by Rosanne Parry  
*Bridge to Terabithia*, by Katherine Paterson  
*The Same Stuff as Stars*, by Katherine Paterson  
*Pollyanna*, by Eleanor Porter  
*Freckles and the Girl of the Limberlost*, by Gene Statton Porter  
*Swallows and Amazons* series, by Arthur Ransome  
*The Westing Game* and others, by Ellen Raskin  
*The Yearling*, by Marjorie Rawlings  
*Where the Red Fern Grows*, by Wilson Rawls  
*Grandma's Attic* stories, by Arleta Richardson  
*The Mystery of Mont Saint-Michel*, by Michel Rouze  
*The King of the Golden River*, by John Ruskin  
*Sideways Stories from Wayside School* series, by Louis Sachar  
*Roller Skates* and others, by Ruth Sawyer  
*The Cricket in Times Square*, by George Seldon  
*Tucker's Countryside*, by George Seldon  
*Black Beauty*, by Anna Sewell  
*Five Little Peppers and How They Grew*, by Margaret Sidney  
*A Light in the Attic*, by Shel Silverstein  
*Where the Sidewalk Ends*, by Shel Silverstein  
*Calico Captive*, by Elizabeth George Speare  
*The Sign of the Beaver*, by Elizabeth George Speare

*Witch of Blackbird Pond*, by Elizabeth George Speare

*Call it Courage*, by Armstrong Sperry

*Maniac Magee*, by Jerry Spinelli

*Heidi*, by Johanna Spyri

*Treasures of the Snow*, by Patricia St. John

*Bard of Avon: The Story of William Shakespeare* and other titles, by Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema

*Abel's Island*, by William Steig

*Childhood of Famous Americans* series, by Augusta Stevenson, et al.

*The Mysterious Benedict Society* series, by Trenton Lee Stewart

*All-of-a-Kind Family* series, by Sydney Taylor

*Basil of Baker Street* series, by Eve Titus *Mary Poppins* and others, by Pamela Travers

*A Flight of Angels*, by Geoffrey Trease

*Why a Curveball Curves: The Incredible Science of Sports*, by Frank Vizard

*Charlotte's Web*, by E.B. White

*Stuart Little*, by E.B. White

*The Trumpet of the Swan*, by E.B. White

*Little House on the Prairie* series, by Laura Ingalls Wilder

*Detectives in Togas* and sequel, by Henry Winterfeld

*The Castle in the Attic* and others, by Elizabeth Winthrop

*Counting on Grace*, by Elizabeth Winthrop

*Swiss Family Robinson*, by Johann Wyss

*Dragon's Gate*, by Lawrence Yep

*Gilgamesh the King*, by Ludmila Zeman

*The Last Quest of Gilgamesh*, by Ludmila Zeman

*The Revenge of Ishtar*, by Ludmila Zeman

### Advanced Readers

*Watership Down*, by Richard Adams

*Jo's Boys*, by Louisa May Alcott

*Little Men*, by Louisa May Alcott

*Little Women*, by Louisa May Alcott

*Rose in Bloom*, by Louisa May Alcott

*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, by Avi

*Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, by Marie Borroff

*Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury

*The Moonstone*, by Wilkie Collins

*The Children of Odin*, by Padraic Colum

*The Trojan War*, by Olivia Coolidge

*The Deerslayer*, by James Fenimore Cooper

*The Last of the Mohicans*, by James Fenimore Cooper

*A Narrative of the Life of David Crockett of the State of Tennessee*, by David Crockett

*I, Juan de Pareja*, by Elizabeth Borton De Trevino

*Robinson Crusoe*, by Daniel Defoe

*David Copperfield*, Charles Dickens

*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

*The Count of Monte Cristo*, by Alexandre Dumas

*Jim the Boy*, by Tony Earley

*Through Gates of Splendor*, by Elisabeth Elliott

*Princess Academy*, by Shannon Hale

*Claxton's Challenge*, by Cynthia Harnett

*The Drawbridge Gate*, by Cynthia Harnett

*Stars of Fortune*, by Cynthia Harnett

*The Writing on the Hearth*, by Cynthia Harnett

*Across Five Aprils*, by Irene Hunt

*Up a Road Slowly*, by Irene Hunt

*The Trumpeter of Krakow*, by Eric P. Kelly

*The View from Saturday*, by E.L. Konigsburg

*A Separate Peace*, by John Knowles

*Tales from Shakespeare*, by Charles and Mary Lamb

*Hattie Big Sky*, by Kirby Larson

*In the Hall of the Dragon King* trilogy, by Stephen R. Lawhead

*Pendragon Cycle*, by Stephen R. Lawhead  
*Out of the Silent Planet*, by C.S. Lewis  
*That Hideous Strength*, by C.S. Lewis  
*Perelandra*, by C.S. Lewis  
*Ranald Bannerman's Boyhood*, by George MacDonald  
*The Flying Scotsman*, by Sally Magnusson  
*Christy*, by Catherine Marshall  
*Julie*, by Catherine Marshall  
*A Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor*, by Harry Mazer  
*Anne of Green Gables* series, by L.M. Montgomery  
*Five Children and It*, by E. Nesbit  
*The Phoenix and the Carpet*, by E. Nesbit  
*The Railway Children*, by E. Nesbit  
*Young Tom Edison*, by Sterling North  
*The Scarlet Pimpernel*, by Baroness Emmusca Orczy  
*A Single Shard*, by Linda Sue Park  
*Marching for Freedom*, by Elizabeth Partridge  
*Hatchet*, by Gary Paulsen  
*A Day No Pigs Would Die*, by Robert Newton Peck  
*The Nine Tailors*, by Dorothy L. Sayers  
*Ivanhoe*, Sir Walter Scott  
*Words by Heart*, by Ouida Sebestyen  
*The Good Master*, by Kate Seredy  
*The White Stag*, by Kate Seredy  
*The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, by Elizabeth George Speare  
*Treasure Island*, by Robert Louis Stevenson  
*The Light Beyond the Forest*, Rosemary Sutcliff  
*The Sword and the Circle*, Rosemary Sutcliff  
*Tristan and Iseult*, Rosemary Sutcliff  
*Jules Verne: The Man Who Invented Tomorrow*, by Peggy Teeters  
*The Fellowship of the Ring*, by J.R.R. Tolkien  
*The Return of the King*, by J.R.R. Tolkien  
*The Two Towers*, by J.R.R. Tolkien  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain  
*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, by Mark Twain

*The Prince and the Pauper*, by Mark Twain  
*Journey to the Center of the Earth*, by Jules Verne  
*Mysterious Island*, by Jules Verne  
*Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*, by Jules Verne  
*The Time Machine*, by H.G. Wells  
*Through the Hidden Door*, by Rosemary Wells  
*Belle Prater's Boy*, by Ruth White  
*Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*, by Kate Douglas Smith Wiggin

### Recommendations for Parents

*Joy at Work*, by Dennis W. Bakke

*Shaping the Man Inside Teenage Boys*, by Bill Beansay

*How to Really Love Your Child*, by Ross Campbell

*How to Really Love Your Teenager*, by Ross Campbell

*Parenting with Love & Logic*, by Foster Cline and Jim Fay

*When Children Love to Learn*, by Elaine Cooper

*The Brothers Karamazov*, by Fyodor Dostoevsky

*Crime and Punishment*, by Fyodor Dostoevsky

*The Hurried Child*, by David Elkind

*Miseducation: Preschoolers at Risk*, by David Elkind

*Parenting with Love and Logic*, by Jim Fay and David Funk

*Teaching Redemptively*, by Donovan L. Graham

*Tending the Heart of Virtue*, by Vigen Guroian

*Watchmen on the Walls: Praying Character into Your Child*, by Gary Harrell and Anne Arkins

*Les Miserables*, by Victor Hugo

*A Prayer for Owen Meany*, by John Irving

*Why Johnny Can't Tell Right from Wrong*, by William Kilpatrick

*The Power of Mindful Learning*, by Ellen J. Langer

*The Price of Privilege*, by Madeline Levine

*The Chronicles of Narnia*, by C.S. Lewis

*The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis

*For the Children's Sake*, by Susan Schaeffer Macaulay

*The Light Princess*, by George MacDonald

*The Princess and the Goblin* and *The Princess and Curdie* (and others), by George MacDonald

*The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*, by Wendy Mogel

*The Blessing of a B-*, by Wendy Mogel

*How to Raise Your Children for Christ*, by Andrew Murray

*The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*, by Henri J.M. Nouwen

*Slow and Steady Get Me Ready*, by June R. Oberlander (a great activity book for pre-kindergarteners)

*Cry, the Beloved Country*, by Alan Paton

*Like Dew Your Youth: Growing Up With Your Teenager*, by Eugene Peterson

*In the Shelter of Each Other*, by Mary Pfeifer

*Reviving Ophelia*, by Mary Pfeifer

*Engaging God's World*, by Cornelius Plantinga Jr.

*Amusing Ourselves to Death*, by Neil Postman

*The Disappearance of Childhood*, by Neil Postman

*Blood and Thunder: The Epic Story of Kit Carson and the Conquest of the American West*, by Hampton Sides

*A Vision with a Task: Christian Schooling for Responsive Discipleship*, ed. by Gloria Goris Stronks and Doug  
Blomberg

*Anatomy of the Soul*, by Curt Thompson

*The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, by J.R.R. Tolkien

*Shepherding a Child's Heart*, by Ted Tripp

*The Warden*, by Anthony Trollope

*And Then I Had Kids*, by Susan Yates