



Suggested Books and Activities for Reluctant Readers

Mostly For your Younger Readers

Books and Activities for Cooking

Hedgehog Bakes a Cake by Maryann Macdonald

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis (upper elementary) Turkish Delight

The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien (middle and high school) Hobbit Food

The Lord of the Rings series (high school) Second Breakfast

[12 Recipes Inspired by your Favorite Children's Books](#)

[31 Recipes Inspired by Popular Children's Books](#)

[Books to Inspire Cooking with Children](#)

Books with Printable Mini Books and Manipulatives (Story Props)

[The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#)

[More The Very Hungry Caterpillar printables](#)

[Make Your own Books – Gingerbread Man](#)

[Make Your own Books - 'Twas the Night Before Christmas](#)

[Make Your own Books – Little Red Riding Hood](#)

[Almost 100 Story Patterns to Use](#)

Circular or Chain Stories with Predictable Patterns

[Predictable Books](#)



Literary Café Podcast with Katie Glennon

Funny Unexpected Stories

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

Who Pushed Humpty Dumpty? By David Levinthal

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems

There is a Bird on your Head by Mo Willems

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin

Giggle, Giggle, Quack: Duck for President by Doreen Cronin

The Hoboken Chicken Emergency by Daniel Pinkwater

Anansi Trickster Tales – Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock

Seasonal and Holiday Activities for Themed Books

[Fun Fall Ideas with a Printable Fall Scavenger Hunt](#)

Reading Incentive Programs

[Pizza Hut Book It Program](#)

[Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program](#)

[Chuck E. Cheese Rewards](#)

[Six Flags](#)

[Reading Rewards](#)



Interactive Doodle or Draw Your Own Story and Pick Your Own Adventure Books

[Draw It Yourself Adventures](#)

[Doodle Adventures](#)

[Choose Your Own Adventure](#)

[Choose Your Own Story](#)- Minecraft

[An Interactive History Adventure](#)

Recommended Titles for Reluctant Readers Elementary through Middle School

(The list is in order from less to more difficult)

Nate the Great series (for starting out on their own)

Fantastic Mr. Fox and other Roald Dahl books

Hank stories by Henry Winkler, Lin Oliver

The Magic School Bus series (single books and chapter books)

Beverly Cleary books

Magic Tree House series

Fudge series by Judy Blume (starting with Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing) (If you check out more of her books, you will want to screen some of them to make sure you want your child reading them.)

How to Train Your Dragon series

The Tale of Despereaux

Andrew Clements books, Frindle

The Great Gilly Hopkins



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The Cricket in Times Square

Geronimo Stilton series

How to Eat Fried Worms

The Boxcar Children

Nancy Drew series

Hardy Boys series

Alfred Hitchcock's The Three Investigators series

Island of the Blue Dolphins

Call it Courage

The Watsons Go to Birmingham

Gary Paulsen books like Hatchet and other adventure/survival stories

My Side of the Mountain and other books by Jean Craighead George

Holes by Louis Sachar and his other books like Wayside School series

A Wrinkle in Time

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

Sports themed books – Mike Lupica

Sports themed books by Matt Christopher

Ballpark Mysteries series by David A. Kelly

Tim Green sports series

A to Z Mysteries series by Ron Roy

The Phantom Tollbooth



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Little House on the Prairie series

Because of Winn-Dixie

Tuck Everlasting

Middle School –

The Baby-Sitters Club

The Kindness Club

From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess (loosely based on Princess Diaries)

The Black Pearl by Scott O’Dell

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (I’m not a big fan – but if all else fails – I don’t have moral objections)

Big Nate series (along the same line)

Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan

Redwall series

The Giver and other Lois Lowry books

The Outsiders

Anne of Green Gables

Ella Enchanted

Nancy Clancy series

The Narnia series

Alex Rider series

Swindle series



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Mountain Dog

Call of the Wild and White Fang

Heart of a Samurai

Spy School

The Penderwicks series

Homer Pyle books, Robin Hood and others

The Hobbit (upper level)