

## Suggested Middle School Reading List

(This is not meant to be an all-inclusive list, but a foundation. These books vary in difficulty and it is up to the parent to determine which books their children should start with, either based on age level or reading ability.)

Note to Parents: These books have been selected based on their literary and story content as well as their rich language. These books are good introduction to more challenging books your children will find on a list of suggested Classic Books for the High School age group.

Aldrich, Bess Streeter. A Lantern in Her Hand  
Armstrong, William. Sounder.  
Boom, Corrie Ten. The Hiding Place.  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson. Secret Garden.  
Brink, Carol. Caddie Woodlawn  
Carroll, Lewis. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.  
Colum, Padraic. Children's Homer, Golden Fleece.  
Church, Alfred J. The Aeneid for Boys and Girls, Iliad for Boys and Girls, Odyssey for Boys and Girls.  
de Angeli, Marguerite. Door in the Wall.  
Dickens, Charles. Cricket on the Hearth.  
Fleischman, Sid. By the Great Horn Spoon!  
Forbes, Esther. Johnny Tremain.  
Fritz, Jean. The Cabin Faced West.  
George, Jean Craighead. My Side of the Mountain, Julie of the Wolves.  
Grahame, Kenneth. Wind in the Willows.  
Gray, Elizabeth. Adam of the Road.  
Hunt, Irene. Across Five Aprils.  
Irving, Washington. Rip Van Winkle, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow  
Jacques, Brian. Red Wall series  
Juster, Norton. The Phantom Tollbooth.  
Keith, Harold. Rifles for Watie  
Kelly, Eric P. The Trumpeter of Krakow.  
Kipling, Rudyard. Captains Courageous. (and short stories)  
Konigsburg, E. L. From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler.  
Lamb, Charles. The Adventures of Ulysses.  
Latham, Jean Lee. Carry On, Mr. Bowditch.  
Lawson, Robert. Ben and Me, Mr. Revere and I.  
Lewis, C. S. any of the Narnia Series.  
London, Jack. Call of the Wild, White Fang.  
McCloskey, Robert. Homer Price, Centerburg Tales  
Montgomery, Lucy Maud. Anne of Green Gables.  
O' Dell, Scott. Island of the Blue Dolphins, The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day, The Black Pearl, Sing Down the Moon  
Paulson, Gary. Any titles.  
Pyle, Howard. Merry Adventures of Robin Hood, Story of King Arthur and His Knights, Otto of the Silver Hand.  
Rawlings, Marjorie. The Yearling.  
Rawls, Wilson. Where the Red Fern Grows.  
Roosevelt, Theodore. The Rough Riders  
Selden, George. Cricket in Times Square  
Sewell, Anna. Black Beauty: The Autobiography of a Horse.  
Speare, Elizabeth George. Bronze Bow, Witch of Blackbird Pond, Calico Captive  
Sperry, Armstrong. Call It Courage.  
Spyri, Joanna. Heidi.  
Stevenson, Robert Louis. Treasure Island, Kidnapped.  
Sutcliff, Rosemary. Black Ships Before Troy, Eagle of the Ninth.  
Taylor, Mildred. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry.

Taylor, Theodore. The Cay

Tolkien, J. R. R. The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings series.

Twain, Mark (Samuel Clemens), The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The Prince and the Pauper.

Verne, Jules. Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, Around the World in 80 Days.

Wyss, Johann. Swiss Family Robinson.

Yates, Elizabeth. Amos Fortune, Free Man