

Ballet Shoes / Noel Streatfeild

Determined to make a name for themselves, three adopted sisters living in London train for the ballet and the stage and in the process discover that each has a special talent. *First in a series.*

All-of-a-Kind Family / Sydney Taylor

The adventures of five sisters growing up in a Jewish family in New York in the early twentieth century. *First in a series.*

The Hobbit / J.R.R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

Mary Poppins / P.L. Travers

An extraordinary English nanny blows in on the East Wind with her parrot-headed umbrella and magic carpetbag and introduces her charges, Jane and Michael, to some delightful people and experiences. *First in a series.*

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer / Mark Twain

The adventures and mischief of a boy growing up in a Mississippi River town.

Pie / Sarah Weeks

After the death of Polly Portman, whose award-winning pies put the town of Ipswich, Pennsylvania, on the map in the 1950s, her devoted niece Alice and Alice's friend Charlie investigate who is going to extremes to find Aunt Polly's secret pie crust recipe.

The Sword in the Stone / T.H. White

Young Arthur gets an unusual new teacher—the wizard Merlin.

Little House in the Big Woods / Laura Ingalls Wilder

A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier, as they help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions with relatives and neighbors. *First in a series.*

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Reading Up

*Great picks for younger kids
who read above their grade level*

Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library

The following titles may be found in juvenile fiction unless otherwise noted.

Mr. Popper's Penguins / Richard Atwater

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz / Frank L. Baum

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

The Penderwicks / Jeanne Birdsall

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. *First in a series.*

The Tale of Despereaux / Kate DiCamillo

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Half Magic / Edward Eager

Faced with a dull summer in the city, four children suddenly find themselves involved in a series of extraordinary adventures after they discover an ordinary-looking coin that seems to grant wishes.

The Moffats / Eleanor Estes

Relates the adventures and misadventures of the four Moffat children living with their widowed mother in a yellow house on New Dollar Street in the small town of Cranbury, Connecticut. *First in a series.*

My Father's Dragon / Ruth Stiles Gannett

A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.

Tuesdays at the Castle / Jessica Day George

Castle Glower adds rooms or stairways or secret passages every Tuesday. When the king and queen are ambushed while traveling, it's up to Princess Celie to use her knowledge of the castle's secrets to save her family, their home, and the entire kingdom. *First in a series.*

The Wind in the Willows / Kenneth Grahame

The adventures of a group of animals who live in the English countryside—bashful Mole, boastful Toad, practical Badger and world-wise Rat.

The Year of Billy Miller / Kevin Henkes

Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher and his family and learned many important lessons.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunny — Detectives Extraordinaire! / Polly Horvath

When Madeline's parents go missing, she encounters two bunnies who have decided to take up detective work and are willing to come to her aid.

The Phantom Tollbooth / Norton Juster

Milo, a young boy with little interest in anything, takes a trip through the Phantom Tollbooth to the Lands Beyond where he meets an enchanting cast of characters that teaches him the importance of words, numbers, ideas, creativity, and enthusiasm for life.

Babe: The Gallant Pig / Dick King-Smith *and other titles by this author*

A piglet comes to Farmer Hogget's farm, where he is adopted by an old sheep-dog and accomplishes amazing things.

Just So Stories / Rudyard Kipling

Classic tales include How the Leopard Got His Spots, How the Camel Got His Hump, and many more.

The Jungle Book / Rudyard Kipling

The story of Mowgli, a boy reared by a pack of wolves in the Indian jungle.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon / Grace Lin

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

Pippi Longstocking / Astrid Lindgren

Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey—but without any parents—at the edge of a Swedish village. *First in a series.*

Call of the Wild / Jack London

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.

Anne of Green Gables / L.M. Montgomery

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 makes an impression on everyone with her lively imagination. *First in a series.*

The Railway Children / Edith Nesbit

When their father is sent away to prison for a crime he didn't commit, three London children move to the country where they keep busy preventing accidents on the nearby railway, making many new friends, and generally learning a good deal about themselves.

Five Children and It / E. Nesbit

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. *First in a series.*

The Borrowers / Mary Norton

Miniature people who live in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock. *First in a series.*

Treasure Island / Robert Louis Stevenson

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a notorious pirate's fortune.