100 Books for Kids

Here is a list of one hundred books selected by the National Education Association in 1999 as great reading for children and young people.

**Books for All Ages** *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein   *Where the Sidewalk Ends: the Poems and Drawing of Shel Silverstein* by Shel Silverstein   *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott  [*The Wizard of Oz*](http://www.teachersfirst.com/tchr-keyword.cfm?keyword=wizard%20of%20oz&lower=1&upper=12) by L. Frank Baum  *Heidi* by Johanna Spyri

**Books for Preschoolers** *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by [Eric Carle](http://www.teachersfirst.com/tchr-keyword.cfm?keyword=eric%20carle&lower=1&upper=12&Submit4=Search%2Bby%2Bkeyword)   *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown  *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?* by Bill Martin, Jr.  *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister  *Corduroy* by Don Freeman  *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats  *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise   *Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney

**Books for Children Ages 4-8** *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg   *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss   *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss  *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak   *Love You Forever* by Robert N. Munsch  *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst    *The Mitten* by Jan Brett   *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon  *Oh, The Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss  *Strega Nona* by Tomie De Paola   *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams  *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Dr. Seuss   *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka  *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by John Archambault   *The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh* by A. A. Milne   *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Joffe Numeroff   *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss   *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman   *Jumanji* by Chris Van Allsburg  *Math Curse* by Jon Scieszka  *Are You My Mother?* by Philip D. Eastman *The Napping House* by Audrey Wood   *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* by William Steig  *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter   *Horton Hatches the Egg* by Dr. Seuss   *Basil of Baker Street* by Eve Titus *The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper  *Curious George* by Hans Augusto Rey   *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox   *Arthur* series by Marc Tolon Brown   *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* by Kevin Henkes *The Little House* by Virginia Lee Burton  *Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy Parish *The Art Lesson* by Tomie De Paola  *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina   *Clifford, the Big Red Dog* by Norman Bridwell *The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch

**Books for Children Ages 9-12**

*Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White   *Hatchet* by [Gary Paulsen](http://www.teachersfirst.com/tchr-keyword.cfm?keyword=paulsen&lower=1&upper=12&Submit4=Search%2Bby%2Bkeyword)  *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis   *Bridge to Terabithia* by [Katherine Paterson](http://www.teachersfirst.com/tchr-keyword.cfm?keyword=paterson&lower=1&upper=12&Submit4=Search%2Bby%2Bkeyword)   *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl   *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle   *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor   *Little House on the Prairie* by [Laura Ingalls Wilder](http://www.teachersfirst.com/tchr-keyword.cfm?keyword=wilder&lower=1&upper=12&Submit4=Search%2Bby%2Bkeyword)  *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett   *The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner   *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan  *The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Reid Banks   *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell   *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli  *The BFG* by Roald Dahl   *The Giver* by [Lois Lowry](http://www.teachersfirst.com/tchr-keyword.cfm?keyword=lowry&lower=1&upper=12&Submit4=Search%2Bby%2Bkeyword) *James and the Giant Peach: A Children's Story* by Roald Dahl  *Little House in the Big Woods* by [Laura Ingalls Wilder](http://www.teachersfirst.com/tchr-keyword.cfm?keyword=wilder&lower=1&upper=12&Submit4=Search%2Bby%2Bkeyword)  *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor  *Stone Fox* by John Reynolds Gardiner   *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry   *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh* by Robert C. O'Brien   *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson  *Matilda* by Roald Dahl  *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume   *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverly Cleary  *The Trumpet of the Swan* by E. B. White  *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis   *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster  *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt   *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery   *The Great Gilly Hopkins* by Katherine Paterson   *Little House books* by [Laura Ingalls Wilder](http://www.teachersfirst.com/tchr-keyword.cfm?keyword=wilder&lower=1&upper=12&Submit4=Search%2Bby%2Bkeyword) - [Laura Ingalls Wilder Webquest](http://www.teachersfirst.com/winners/wilder.htm)  *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* by Louis Sachar   *Harriet the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh   *A Light in the Attic* by Shel Silverstein   *Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard Atwater   *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett   *Stuart Little* by E. B. White  *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech  *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare   *The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis

**Books for Young Teens**

*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls   *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien   *Summer of the Monkeys* by Wilson Rawls   *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor  *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare

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