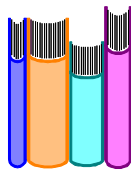




**Bedford Free Library
Children's Room**

Classics





What Is A Classic?

When we ask for a “classic” we are often thinking of the stories and books we enjoyed when we were young, and want to share that pleasure and pass that interest along to our own children.

Classics have a timeless appeal because they address the dilemmas, ironies and issues of life which are common to all. The theme may be the glory of love, the loneliness of an individual, or triumph over suffering. Whatever the topic it will be from a profound and mature appraisal of life.

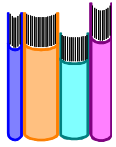
This timelessness, by definition, must find favor with several generations of readers. They are stories which we may go back to over and over again, either to enjoy the quality of the writing or to interpret it anew as our life changes.

In another sense the classics are always with us. In the media, in books of all kinds, in constant ways, we encounter references to characters, quotations, plots and settings.

The following is a compilation of children’s classics which we have put together from several sources. If you have any suggestions for addition we would love to hear from you. For this purpose we have included a page at the end of this section where you can add your own ideas, and we will gladly incorporate them in our list if we find them to be appropriate.

Please note that the grade levels are suggestions only and should be applied loosely. Check the book before dismissing it as inappropriate for the age of your child. Perhaps you could read it together if it seems to be at too difficult a level for your child.

We hope you find this list useful and will become reacquainted with some of the classics you enjoyed as a child.



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Grades K – 2

The following books are suitable for reading to younger children.

Call Number	Title	Author
JP	Mother Goose – Various Titles Available	
JP ASB	The Three Billy Goats Gruff	Asbjornsen
JP BEM	Madeline (<i>Series</i>)	Bemelmans
JP BRU	Babar (<i>Series</i>)	Brunhoff
JP BUR	Goops and How To Be Them	Burgess
JP BUR	Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel	Burton
JP CAR	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Carle
JP DAU	Andy and the Lion	Daugherty
JP DeP	Strega Nona	De Paola
JP FLA	The Story About Ping	Flack
JP FRE	Corduroy	Freeman
JP GAG	Millions of Cats	Gag
JP GRA	Little Toot (<i>Series</i>)	Gramatky
JP HOB	Bread and Jam For Frances (<i>Series</i>)	Hoban
JP JOH	The Adventures of Harold and the Purple Crayon	Johnson
JP JOH TINY	Harold and the Purple Crayon	Johnson
JP KEA	Whistle for Willie	Keats
JP KRA	Leo the Late Bloomer	Kraus
JP LAM	The Red Balloon	Lamorisse
JP LEA	The Story of Ferdinand	Leaf
JP LEA	The Owl and the Pussycat	Lear
JE LOB	Frog and Toad (<i>Series</i>)	Lobel
JP McC	Make Way For Ducklings	McCloskey
J FIC MIL (YR)	Winnie the Pooh	Milne
JE MIN	Little Bear (<i>Series</i>)	Minarik
JP PIP	The Little Engine That Could	Piper
JP POT	The Tale of Peter Rabbit	Potter
JP SEN	Where the Wild Things Are	Sendak
JP SEU	Horton Hatches An Egg	Seuss

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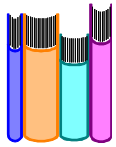
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JP SLO	Caps for Sale	Slobodkina
JP STE	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	Steig
J 821 STE	A Child's Garden of Verses	Stevenson
J FIC WIL (YR)	Velveteen Rabbit, or How Toys Become Real	Williams

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Grades 3 – 6

Call #	Title	Author	Grade Level
J FIC ALC	Little Women (et al.)	Alcott	4-6+
JP AND, JE AND, J FIC AND	Andersen's Fairy Tales	Andersen	3-6+
J FIC ATW	Mr. Popper's Penguins	Atwater	3-5
J FIC BAR (YR)	Peter Pan	Barrie	3-5
J FIC BAU	Wizard of Oz	Baum	3-6
J FIC BRI NEWBERY 1936	Caddie Woodlawn	Brink	4-6
J FIC BUC	The Big Wave	Buck	4-7
J FIC CAR	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Carroll	4-7+
J 883 CHU	The Odyssey of Homer	Church	4-7
J 883 HOM	The Iliad of Homer	Church	4-7
J FIC COL (YR)	The Adventures of Pinocchio (Abridged)	Collodi	3-6
J FIC COL	The Adventures of Pinocchio	Collodi	3-6
J FIC DOD	Hans Brinker	Dodge	4-6
J FIC GRA	The Wind in the Willows	Grahame	4-6
Various	Grimm's Fairy Tales	Grimm	3-6
J 398 LES	The Tales of Uncle Remus	Harris	3-6
J FIC HOF HOLIDAY	Nutcracker	Hoffmann	4-6
J 398.2	Merry Adventures of Robin Hood	Ingle	4-7
J FIC KIP	Just So Stories	Kipling	3-5
J FIC KNI	Lassie Come Home	Knight	4-7
J FIC LEW	The Chronicles of Narnia (<i>Series</i>)	Lewis	4-7
J FIC LOF	The Story of Dr. Dolittle	Lofting	4-6
J FIC MAC	The Light Princess	MacDonald	3-6
J FIC NES	The Five Children and It	Nesbit	4-6
J FIC ROU (YR)	The Blind Colt	Rounds	3-5
J FIC SAI, YA FIC SAI	Little Prince	Saint-	3-6+

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J FIC SAN	Rootabaga Stories	Exupery Sandburg	5-7
J FIC SEW	Black Beauty	Sewell	4-6
J FIC SEW (YR)	Black Beauty (Abridged)	Sewell	4-6
J FIC SPY	Heidi	Spyri	4-6
J FIC TOL, YA FIC TOL	The Hobbit	Tolkien	4+
J FIC TRA	Mary Poppins (<i>Series</i>)	Travers	4-7
J FIC WHI	Charlotte's Web	White	3-6
J FIC WIL	The Happy Prince and Other Fairy Tales	Wilde	3-5
J FIC WIL (YR)	Little House in the Big Woods (<i>Series</i>)	Wilder	4-7
J FIC WYS	The Swiss Family Robinson	Wyss	5-7

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J 398 etc.	Fables - Various	Aesop	7+
FIC AGE	A Death in the Family	Agee	7-9
J FIC ALC	Little Women	Alcott	5-8+
FIC AUS, YA FIC AUS	Emma	Austen	8+
J FIC BAG	National Velvet	Bagnold	7-9
FIC BAL	Go Tell It on the Mountain	Baldwin	7-9
YA FIC BAR	Lilies of the Field	Barrett	6-8
FIC BLA	Lorna Doone: A Romance of Exmoor	Blackmore	8+
YA CD FIC BRA	Fahrenheit 451	Bradbury	9+
YA FIC BRO, FIC BRO	Jane Eyre	Bronte	9
YA FIC BRO, FIC BRO	Wuthering Heights	Bronte	8+
FIC BUC	Prester John	Buchan	8+
YA FIC BUC, FIC BUC	The Good Earth	Buck	7-9
YA FIC BUN, FIC BUN	The Pilgrim's Progress	Bunyan	5-8
J FIC BUR	The Secret Garden	Burnett	5-8
FIC BUT	The Way of all Flesh	Butler	8+
FIC CAP	Breakfast at Tiffany's	Capote	9
YA FIC CAT, FIC CAT	My Antonia	Cather	7-9
J FIC CER, FIC CER	The Adventures of Don Quixote de la Mancha	Cervantes	8+
YA FIC COO, FIC COO	The Last of the Mohicans	Cooper	5-9
J FIC CRA, YA FIC CRA	The Red Badge of Courage	Crane	7-9
FIC CRO	The Green Years	Cronin	7+
J FIC DAL, YA FIC DAL	Seventeenth Summer	Daly	7-9
818 D	Life with Father	Day	7-9
J FIC DEF	Robinson Crusoe	Defoe	8+
J FIC DIC, YA FIC DIC, FIC DIC	David Copperfield	Dickens	9
FIC DOU	The Robe	Douglas	9+



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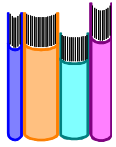
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J FIC DOY	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Doyle	5-9
J FIC DUB NEWBERY 1948	The Twenty-One Balloons	Dubois	5-9
YA FIC DUM	The Count of Monte Cristo	Dumas	8+
J FIC DUM, YA FIC DUM	The Three Musketeers	Dumas	8+
FIC ELI	The Mill on the Floss	Eliot	9
YA FIC ELI, FIC ELI	Silas Marner	Eliot	8+
YA FIC FIT, FIC FIT	The Great Gatsby	Fitzgerald	9
J FIC FOR NEWBERY 1944	Johnny Tremain	Forbes	7-9
FIC FOR	African Queen	Forester	9+
J B GILBRETH, YA B GILBRETH	Cheaper by the Dozen	Gilbreth	5-8
J FIC GIP	Old Yeller	Gipson	6-8
J FIC GRA	The Wind in the Willows	Grahame	5-8
FIC HAG	King Solomon's Mines	Haggard	6-9
YA FIC, FIC HAL	The Man Without A Country	Hale	9+
YA FIC HAW, FIC HAW	The House of Seven Gables	Hawthorne	9
YA FIC HEM, FIC HEM	A Farewell to Arms	Hemingway	9
FIC HEM	The Old Man and the Sea	Hemingway	9+
J FIC HEN NEWBERY 1949	King of the Wind	Henry	5-6+
FIC HIL	Goodbye, Mr. Chips	Hilton	6-8
FIC HUD	Green Mansions	Hudson	7-9
FIC HUG	A High Wind in Jamaica	Hughes	7-9
FIC HUG	Hunchback of Notre Dame	Hugo	8+
YA FIC IRV	Rip Van Winkle & the Legend of Sleepy Hollow	Irving	8+
YA FIC KER	On The Road	Kerouac	9
YA FIC KES	One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	Kesey	7-9
J FIC KIP	Jungle Books	Kipling	5-8+
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J FIC KJE	Big Red	Kjelgaard	6+
J FIC KNI	Lassie Come Home	Knight	5-8
YA FIC KNO, FIC KNO	A Separate Peace	Knowles	7-9
YA FIC LEE, FIC LEE	To Kill a Mockingbird	Lee	7-9
J FIC LEW	The Chronicles of Narnia (<i>Series</i>)	Lewis	5-6+
FIC LEW	Main Street	Lewis	7-9
J FIC LON, YA FIC LON	Call of the Wild	London	7-9
YA FIC MEL, FIC MEL	Moby Dick	Melville	7-9
J FIC MON	Anne of Green Gables	Montgomery	5-9+
FIC MOR	The Haunted Bookshop	Morley	9+
J FIC NOR	The Borrowers	Norton	5-6+
J FIC O'HA	My Friend Flicka	O'Hara	6-8
YA FIC ORC, FIC ORC	Scarlet Pimpernel	Orczy	7-8+
YA FIC ORW	1984	Orwell	7-9
YA FIC ORW	Animal Farm	Orwell	9+
J 398.2 ING	The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood	Ingle	5-8
J FIC RAW, YA FIC RAW	The Yearling	Rawlings	6-9
FIC ROL	Giants in the Earth: A Saga of the Prairie	Rolvaag	9+
YA FIC SAL, FIC SAL	The Catcher in the Rye	Salinger	7-9
YA FIC SAL, FIC SAL	Franny and Zooey	Salinger	7-9
J FIC SAL	Bambi: A Life in the Woods	Salten	5-8
FIC SAR	The Human Comedy	Saroyan	7-9
YA FIC SCO, FIC SCO	Ivanhoe	Scott	8+
J FIC SHE, YA FIC SHE	Frankenstein	Shelley	8+
YA FIC SIN	The Jungle	Sinclair	9
YA FIC SMI	A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	Smith	7-9
YA FIC SOL	One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch	Solzenhitsyn	9
YA FIC STE, FIC STE	The Pearl	Steinbeck	7-9
J FIC STE, YA FIC STE	The Red Pony	Steinbeck	7-9



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J FIC STE	Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde	Stevenson	8+
J FIC STE	Treasure Island	Stevenson	5-9
J FIC STO, FIC STO	Uncle Tom's Cabin	Stowe	7-9
J FIC SWI, YA FIC SWI, 827 S	Gulliver's Travels	Swift	7-9
J FIC TAR	The Gentleman from Indianapolis: A Treasury of Booth Tarkington	Tarkington	8+
FIC TOL	Death of Ivan Ilyich	Tolstoy	9
YA FIC TWA, FIC TWA	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Twain	8+
J FIC TWA, FIC TWA	Prince and the Pauper	Twain	7-9+
J FIC VER, YA FIC VER	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	Verne	5-9
FIC WAL	Ben-Hur	Wallace	8+
J FIC WEB	Daddy-Long-Legs	Webster	7-9
J FIC WEL	The War of the Worlds	Wells	8+
YA FIC WHA, FIC WHA	Ethan Frome	Wharton	9
YA FIC WHI, FIC WHI	The Once and Future King	White	9
J FIC WHI	The Sword in the Stone	White	7-9
J FIC WIG	Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm	Wiggin	7-9
FIC WIL	The Picture of Dorian Gray	Wilde	7-9
YA FIC WIL, FIC WIL	The Bridge of San Luis Rey	Wilder	9+