

Picture Books

- "Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain" by Verna Aardema
- "A Chair for My Mother" by Vera B. Williams
- "Frederick" by Leo Lionni
- "Henry's Freedom Box" by Ellen Levine
- "I Wish I Were a Butterfly" by James Howe
- "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters" by John Steptoe (an African Tale)
- "The Old Woman Who Named Things" by Cynthia Rylant
- "One Grain of Rice" by Demi (an Indian Mathematical Folktale)
- "One Small Blue Bead" by Byrd Baylor
- "James Herriot's Treasury for Children" - A James Herriot Treasury
- "Make Way for McCloskey" - A Robert McCloskey Treasury
- "Rakoto and the Drongo Bird" by Robin McKown (out-of-print)
- "The Keeping Quilt" by Patricia Polacco
- "The Reluctant Dragon" by Kenneth Grahame
- "Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt" by Deborah Hopkinson

My First Little House Books adapted from the Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder:

- "County Fair," "Dance at Grandpa's," "The Deer in the Wood," "Going to Town," "Going West," "A Little House Birthday," "A Little Prairie House," "Prairie Day,"
- "Sugar Snow," "Summertime in the Big Woods," "Winter Days in the Big Woods,"
- "Winter on the Farm"

Biographies:

- Childhood of Famous Americans series: "Benjamin Franklin, Young Printer," "Elizabeth Blackwell, Girl Doctor," "Mark Twain, Young Writer," "Jean Felix Piccard, Boy Balloonist," "Sacagawea, American Pathfinder," and others
- "A Weed is a Flower" by Alike (the story of George Washington Carver)
- "A Picture Book of" series (many titles by David Adler, some may depict scenes of violence depending on subject material): "A Picture Book of Rosa Parks," "A Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln," "A Picture Book of Christopher Columbus," and others
- "Eleanor" by Barbara Cooney (the story of a young Eleanor Roosevelt)
- Books by Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire: "Abraham Lincoln," "George Washington" "Benjamin Franklin" and others

Science/Animals

Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science Books - Stage 1 and Stage 2 reading levels, many titles in this series, here are a few:

"Follow the Water from Brook to Ocean" by Arthur Dorros

"Look Out for Turtles" by Melvin Berger

"Where Does the Garbage Go?" by Paul Showers

"How Do Apples Grow?" by Betsy Maestro

"Bugs are Insects" by Anne Rockwell

"Why Frogs are Wet" by Judy Hawes

"Archaeologists Dig for Clues" by Kate Duke

"Fossils Tell of Long Ago" by Alike

"Be a Friend to Trees" by Patricia Lauber

"Big Tracks, Little Tracks" by Franklyn Branley

"All About" series by Jim Arnosky (many in this series, some out-of-print)

"All About Turtles," "All About Turkeys," "All About Alligators," and others

Books by Nic Bishop (beautiful photographs): "Nic Bishop Spiders," "Nic Bishop Marsupials," "Nic Bishop Frogs," and others

National Geographic "Face to Face" series: "Face to Face with Caterpillars," "Face to Face with Wild Horses," "Face to Face with Dolphins," and others

Books by Seymour Simon (numerous topics, here are a few): "Volcanoes," "Saturn," "The Heart"

"A Drop of Water" by Walter Wick

"Stars Beneath Your Bed: The Surprising Story of Dust" by April Pulley Sayre

"Living Sunlight: How Plants Bring the Earth to Life" by Molly Bang & Penny Chisholm

"Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City" by Janet Schulman

Social Sciences/History

"A True Book" series and "A New True Book" series - many, many diverse topics (

"A Life Like Mine" by UNICEF in association with DK

"Celebrations" by UNICEF in association with the United Nation's Children's Fund

Holidays Around the World series by National Geographic:

"Celebrate Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur," "Celebrate Hanukkah," "Celebrate Ramadan & Eid Al-Fitr," and others

The "If You..." series published by Scholastic: "If You Sailed on the Mayflower," "If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution," "If You Lived in Colonial Times," and others

Poetry/Fables/Myths

"All the Small Poems and Fourteen More" by Valerie Worth

"Around the World in 80 Tales" by Saviour Pirotta (Explore six continents through retellings of traditional tales)

"Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars" by Douglas Florian (space poems)

"D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths" by Ingri and Edgar Pain D'Aulaire

"D'Aulaires Norse Gods and Giants" by Ingri and Edgar Pain D'Aulaire

"Dogku" by Andrew Clements (a shaggy dog story told in haiku, picture book)

"Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices" by Paul Fleischman

"A Light in the Attic" by Shel Silverstein (and other titles)

"My Dog May Be a Genius" by Jack Prelutsky (collection by the first Children's Poet Laureate)

"Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" by Robert Frost (picture book)

"Unwitting Wisdom - An Anthology of Aesop's Fables" retold/illustrated by Helen Ward

Emerging Readers

DK Readers, such as: "Born to be a Butterfly," "Tale of a Tadpole," etc.

Rookie Readers, such as: "From Seed to Plant", "The Seven Continents," etc.

Beginner Reader Chapter Books (short chapters, simple stories)

"An I Can Read" Books - many titles and series, here are a few:

- Little Bear books by Else Minarik: "Little Bear," "Father Bear Comes Home", "A Kiss for Little Bear," etc.
- "Amelia Bedelia" by Peggy Parish
- "Danny and the Dinosaur" by Syd Hoff
- Frog and Toad books by Arnold Lobel: "Frog and Toad are Friends," "Frog and Toad Together," etc.
- Harry books by Gene Zion: "Harry the Dirty Dog," "Harry and the Lady Next Door", etc.
- "Owl at Home" by Arnold Lobel
- "Mouse Tales" by Arnold Lobel
- "There is a Carrot in My Ear and Other Noodle Tales" by Alvin Schwartz

Billy and Blaze series by C.W. Anderson - adventures of a boy and his horse: "Billy and Blaze," "Blaze and Thunderbolt," "Blaze Shows the Way", and others

"The Blue Hill Meadows" by Cynthia Rylant - Four short chapters describe a family's existence through the seasons.

Dick and Jane books: "We Look," "We See," "We Play," "Away We Go," "Guess Who," "Fun with Dick and Jane," "Go Go Go" and others

Henry and Mudge (series) by Cynthia Rylant - Adventures of a boy and his big dog: "Henry and Mudge, The First Book," "Henry and Mudge in Puddle Trouble," and others

Little House Chapter Books (adapted from the Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder)

"The Adventures of Laura and Jack," "Pioneer Sisters," "Animal Adventures," "School Days," "Laura and Nellie," "Farmer Boy Days," "Little House Farm Days," "Hard Times on the Prairie," "Little House Friends," "Christmas Stories," "Laura's Ma," "Laura's Pa," "Laura and Mr. Edwards," "Little House Parties"

Mr. Putter and Tabby (series) by Cynthia Rylant - Adventures of an elderly man and his tabby cat: "Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea," "Mr. Putter and Tabby Walk the Dog," and others

Snipp, Snapp, Snurr series and Flicka, Ricka, Dicka series by Maj Lindman (originally published in the 1940's and 1950's and recently reissued)

Chapter Books - Level 1 (longer chapters, dynamic story lines)

26 Fairmont Avenue (series) by Tomie DePaola (later titles in the series concerning WWII may not be appropriate for younger children) - DePaola shares engaging childhood memories

"All of a Kind Family" by Sidney Taylor - A heartwarming story of five little girls living with their parents in New York City at the turn of the century. When Mama tells them her big news, it's the most wonderful surprise of all!

The Boxcar Children series by Gertrude C. Warner - The adventures of four siblings, the first 19 books in the series are by the original author, the entire series includes 100+ titles.

"The Courage of Sarah Noble" by Alice Dalgliesh - In 1707, young Sarah Noble and her father traveled through the wilderness to build a new home for their family. "Keep up your courage, Sarah Noble," her mother had said, but Sarah found that it was not always easy to feel brave inside. The dark woods were full of animals and Indians, too, and Sarah was only eight!

"The Enormous Egg" by Oliver Butterworth - When twelve-year-old Nate Twitchell takes care of a gigantic egg laid by one of his hens, he is shocked to find that it hatches into a triceratops.

Fudge books by Judy Blume: "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing," "Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great," "Superfudge," "Fudge-a-Mania," "Double Fudge"

"Gooseberry Park" by Cynthia Rylant - An assortment of domesticated pets and untamed creatures band together to help a friend in need.

The Henry Huggins books by Beverly Cleary: "Henry Huggins," "Henry and Beezus," "Henry and Ribsy," "Henry and the Paper Route," "Henry and the Clubhouse," "Ribsy"

"Ida Early Comes Over the Mountain" by Robert Burch - Ida Early is as tall as the tales she tells, a gangly scarecrow who comes to the rural Georgia home of widower Mr. Sutton during the Depression years. Her offer to help out for a spell delights the four Sutton children and their father ... and life becomes a three-ring circus for the kids.

Magic School Bus series by Joanna Cole - The books feature the antics of Ms. Frizzle, an elementary school teacher, and her class, who board a magical school bus which takes them on field trips into the solar system, under the Bed, into the American Flag, or to other such impossible locations.

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne - Go back in time and discover history with Jack and Annie! From France in the Middle Ages to the prairies of America, then to the Moon.

Moffats books by Eleanor Estes: "The Moffats," "The Middle Moffat," "Rufus M" - Meet the Moffats. There is Sylvie, the oldest, the cleverest, and-most days at least-the responsible one; Joey, who though only twelve is the man of the house...sometimes; Janey, who has a terrific upside-down way of looking at the world; and Rufus, who may be the littlest but always gets in the biggest trouble.

"A Mouse Called Wolf" by Dick King-Smith - the adventures of Wolfgang Amadeus Mouse (Wolf for short), a little mouse with a big name and talent to match! The world's first singing mouse, Wolf sings his way into the heart of Mrs. Honeybee, his music-loving, human housemate, and even helps save her life.

"Mr. Popper's Penguins" by Richard Atwater - The 1938 classic tells the story of Mr. Popper, the small-town housepainter who dreamed of exploring Antarctic regions, and Captain Cook, the redoubtable penguin who turned Mr. Popper's world upside down.

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle books by Betty McDonald: "Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle," "Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle's Magic," "Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle's Farm" - Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle lives in an upside-down house that smells like cookies. She was even married to a pirate once. Most of all, she knows everything about children.

The Ralph S. Mouse books by Beverly Cleary: "The Mouse and the Motorcycle," "Runaway Ralph," "Ralph S. Mouse" - "Pb-pb-b-b-b. Pb-pb-b-b-b." With these magic vocables, Ralph the mouse revs up a dream come true--his very own motorcycle. Once a mouse can ride a motorcycle ... almost anything can happen!

The Ramona Quimby books by Beverly Cleary: "Beezus and Ramona," "Ramona the Pest," "Ramona the Brave," "Ramona Quimby, Age 8," "Ramona Forever" - Nine-year-old Beezus Quimby has her hands full with her little sister, Ramona. Sure, other people have little sisters that bother them sometimes, but is there anyone in the world like Ramona?

"The Saturdays" by Elizabeth Enright - *The Saturdays* is the first installment of Enright's Melendy Quartet, an engaging and warm series about the close-knit Melendy family and their surprising adventures (Other titles in the series: "The Four-Story Mistake," "Then There Were Five," "Spiderweb for Two.")

Three Tales of My Father's Dragon by Ruth Gannett - "My Father's Dragon," "Elmer and the Dragon," "The Dragons of Blueland" - The story begins when Elmer Elevator (the narrator's father as a boy) runs away with an old alley cat to rescue a flying baby dragon being exploited on a faraway island. With the help of two dozen pink lollipops, rubber bands, chewing gum, and a fine-toothed comb, Elmer disarms the fiercest of beasts on Wild Island.

Chapter Books - Level 2 (More complex themes and language)

American Girls Series (Kaya, Josephina, Kirsten, Molly, Samantha, Kit, Rebecca, Felicity, Addy, the "Julie" series is not recommended for Early Elementary children) - A set of six books for each title character takes you into the life of a girl during different times in American

history, from 1764 and the life a Nez Perce girl to 1944 and the life of girl on the home front during World War II.

"Babe: the Gallant Pig" by Dick King-Smith - The story of an extraordinary pig that wants to be a shepherd.

"Bunnica" by Deborah and James Howe - Before it's too late, Harold the dog and Chester the cat must find out the truth about the newest pet in the Monroe household -- a suspicious-looking bunny with unusual habits...and fangs!

"Because of Winn-Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo - Because of Winn-Dixie, a big, ugly, happy dog, 10-year-old Opal learns 10 things about her long-gone mother from her preacher father. Because of Winn-Dixie, Opal makes new friends among the somewhat unusual residents of her new hometown, Naomi, Florida. Because of Winn-Dixie, Opal begins to find her place in the world and let go of some of the sadness left by her mother's abandonment seven years earlier.

"Black Stallion" by Walter Farley - From Alec Ramsay and the Black's first meeting on an ill-fated ship to their adventures on a desert island and their eventual rescue, this beloved story will hold the rapt attention of readers new and old.

"Caddie Woodlawn" by Carol Brink - Caddie Woodlawn is a real adventurer. She'd rather hunt than sew and plow than bake, and tries to beat her brother's dares every chance she gets. Caddie is friends with Indians, who scare most of the neighbors -- neighbors who, like her mother and sisters, don't understand her at all.

"The Castle in the Attic" by Elizabeth Winthrop - A magical replica of a castle transports William to adventures in another land.

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl - The gates of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory are opening at last . . . and only five children will be allowed inside.

"Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White - An affectionate, sometimes bashful pig named Wilbur befriends a spider named Charlotte, who lives in the rafters above his pen. A prancing, playful bloke, Wilbur is devastated when he learns of the destiny that befalls all those of porcine persuasion. Determined to save her friend, Charlotte spins a web that reads "Some Pig," convincing everyone that Wilbur is no ordinary animal and should be saved.

"The Cricket in Times Square" by George Selden - The story of a musical cricket and his friends, a mouse and a cat of real character, who took up their abode in a Times Square newsstand.

Encyclopedia Brown series by Donald Sobol - Encyclopedia Brown, fifth-grade mastermind behind Idaville's police force, "a complete library walking around in sneakers." Each book is set up so that readers can try to solve the case along with the boy genius, and the answers to all the mysteries are found in the back.

"The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventures of a Small Snail (and an even Smaller Ant)" by Avi - Avon the snail has never had an adventure. And adventure, he has heard, is the key to a happy life. So with his new friend Edward the ant, Avon sets out on a journey to find the excitement his life has been missing.

Freddy the Pig books by Walter R. Brooks, 26 books written from 1927-1958, some titles: "Freddy the Detective," "Freddy Goes Camping," "Freddy the Magician" - Freddy is

introduced as "the smallest and cleverest" of the pigs on the Bean farm. He becomes the central character shortly into the series. Freddy's interests drive the books as he becomes a detective, politician, newspaper editor, magician, pilot, and other vocations or avocations.

"Half Magic by Edward Eager (many other titles by author as well) - The title refers to a coin that the children find. Through a comical series of coincidences, they discover that the coin is magic. Well, it's not totally magic--it's only (you guessed it) half magic. Imagine the results emerging from inaccurate efforts: half invisible, half rescued, half everything!

"The Great Brain" by Fitzgerald - The best con man in the Midwest is only ten years old. Tom, a.k.a., the Great Brain, is a silver-tongued genius with a knack for turning a profit. When the Jenkins boys get lost in Skeleton Cave, the Great Brain saves the day. Whether it's saving the kids at school, or helping out Peg-leg Andy, or Basil, the new kid at school, the Great Brain always manages to come out on top—and line his pockets in the process.

"Harriet the Spy" by Louise Fitzhugh - Harriet is determined to become a famous author. In the meantime, she practices by following a regular spy route each day and writing down everything she sees in her secret notebook. Her life is turned upside down when her classmates find her notebook and read it aloud!

"Homer Price" by Robert McCloskey - Welcome to Centerburg! Where you can win a hundred dollars by eating all the doughnuts you want; where houses are built in a day; and where a boy named Homer Price can foil four slick bandits using nothing but his wits and a pet skunk.

"The House at Pooh Corner" by AA Milne - The House at Pooh Corner continues the adventures of Pooh and introduces the bouncing, pouncing, lovable Tigger.

"The Indian in the Cupboard" by Lynn R. Banks - What could be better than a magic cupboard that turns small toys into living creatures? Omri's big brother has no birthday present for him, so he gives Omri an old medicine cabinet he's found. Although their mother supplies a key, the cabinet still doesn't seem like much of a present. But when an exhausted Omri dumps a plastic toy Indian into the cabinet just before falling asleep, the magic begins. Turn the key once and the toy comes alive; turn it a second time and it's an action figure again.

Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder - Based on the memories of Laura Ingalls Wilder's childhood in the Midwest region of the United States during the late 19th century: "Little House in the Big Woods," "Farmer Boy," "Little House on the Prairie," "On the Banks of Plum Creek," "By the Shores of Silver Lake," "The Long Winter," "Little Town on the Prairie," "These Happy Golden Years."

"Mary Poppins" by P. Travers - From the moment Mary Poppins arrives at Number Seventeen Cherry-Tree Lane, everyday life at the Banks house is forever changed. This classic series tells the story of the world's most beloved nanny, who brings enchantment and excitement with her everywhere she goes.

"My Side of the Mountain" by Jean Craighead George - Every kid thinks about running away at one point or another; few get farther than the end of the block. Young Sam Gribbley gets to the end of the block and keeps going--all the way to the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. There he sets up house in a huge hollowed-out tree, with a falcon and a weasel for companions and his wits as his tool for survival. In a spellbinding, touching, funny account, Sam learns to live off the land, and grows up a little in the process.

- "Minn of the Mississippi" by Holling Clancy Holling** - The history of the Mississippi River Valley is told in text and pictures through the adventures of Minn, a snapping turtle, as she travels downstream.
- "Misty of Chincoteague" by Marguerite Henry** - On an island off the coasts of Virginia and Maryland lives a centuries-old band of wild ponies. Among them is the most mysterious of all, Phantom, a rarely seen mare that eludes all efforts to capture her--that is, until a young boy and girl lay eyes on her and determine that they can't live without her. Phantom would forever be a creature of the wild. But her gentle, loyal colt Misty is another story altogether.
- "No Talking" by Andrew Clements** - Dave Packer's fifth-grade classmates are so boisterous and difficult to quiet down that the teachers have dubbed them "The Unshushables." Dave has just read about Mahatma Gandhi and learned that the man practiced silence one day a week to bring order to his mind. Though Dave likes to talk nonstop, he's determined to give the idea a try. An encounter with Lynsey, another chatterbox, sparks the boys and girls into challenging each other to a no-talking contest for 48 hours.
- "Paddle to the Sea" by Holling Clancy Holling** - A young Indian boy from Nipigon country in the Canadian wilderness carves an Indian figure in a 12-inch canoe that he names Paddle-to-the-Sea. Wishing that he could undertake a journey to the Atlantic Ocean, the boy sends the toy carving instead. Paddle-to-the-Sea begins on a snow bank near a river that eventually leads him to the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River, and finally the Atlantic Ocean. Along the way, Paddle's journey is fraught with danger including wild animals, saw mills, fishing nets, and a shipwreck.
- "The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy"** by Jeanne Birdsall - This summer the Penderwick sisters have a wonderful surprise: a holiday on the grounds of a beautiful estate called Arundel. Soon they are busy discovering the summertime magic of Arundel's sprawling gardens, treasure-filled attic, tame rabbits, and the cook who makes the best gingerbread in Massachusetts. But the best discovery of all is Jeffrey Tifton, son of Arundel's owner, who quickly proves to be the perfect companion for their adventures.
- "The Phantom Tollbooth" by Norton Juster** - This fantasy centers around Milo, a bored ten-year-old who comes home to find a large toy tollbooth sitting in his room. Joining forces with a watchdog named Tock, Milo drives through the tollbooth's gates and begins a memorable journey. He meets such characters as the foolish, yet lovable Humbug, the Mathemagician, and the not-so-wicked "Which," Faintly Macabre, who gives Milo the "impossible" mission of returning two princesses to the Kingdom of Wisdom...
- "Rascal" by Sterling North** - Rascal is only a baby when young Sterling brings him home. He and the mischievous raccoon are best friends for a perfect year of adventure—until the spring day when everything suddenly changes.
- "Sarah Plain and Tall" by Patricia MacLachlan** - Two children experience the apprehensions and joys of the possibility of a new mother.
- "The Story of Doctor Dolittle" by Hugh Lofting** - Doctor Dolittle is truly extraordinary. Not only can he talk to the animals--he can also understand what they say to him. One day Doctor

Dolittle receives a message from Africa. The monkeys there need his help. So he sails off from his home, bringing along all his animal friends: Dab-Dab, the duck; Jip, the dog; Gub-Gub, the baby pig; Polynesia, the parrot; and Too-Too, the owl. The doctor and his friends have many amazing adventures. They even meet the rarest of all animals, the two-headed pushmi-pullyu!

"Thimble Summer" by Elizabeth Enright - A few hours after nine-year-old Garnet Linden finds a silver thimble in the dried-up riverbed, the rains come and end the long drought on the farm. The rains bring safety for the crops and the livestock, and money for Garnet's father. Garnet can't help feeling that the thimble is a magic talisman, for the summer proves to be interesting and exciting in so many different ways.

"The Toothpaste Millionaire" by Jean Merrill - Likable, clever, and inventive sixth-graders Rufus Mayflower and Kate Mackinstrey develop and sell toothpaste to become millionaires in just one year! This fun, breezy story includes many real-life mathematical problems which the characters must solve to succeed in their budding business.

"The Trumpet of the Swan" by E.B. White - Like the rest of his family, Louis is a trumpeter swan. But unlike his four brothers and sisters, Louis can't trumpet joyfully. In fact, he can't even make a sound. And since he can't trumpet his love, the beautiful swan Serena pays absolutely no attention to him. Louis tries everything he can think of to win Serena's affection--he even goes to school to learn to read and write. But nothing seems to work. Then his father steals him a real brass trumpet. Is a musical instrument the key to winning Louis his love?

"Winnie the Pooh" by AA Milne - Whether Pooh is tracking a wild Woozle with Piglet, finding a tail for Eeyore, or sailing off in Christopher Robin's umbrella, he is always ready to lend a paw to his friends.

"Where the Mountain Meets the Moon" by Grace Lin - In the valley of Fruitless mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. In the evenings, her father regales her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man on the Moon, who knows the answers to all of life's questions. Inspired by these stories, Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man on the Moon to ask him how she can change her family's fortune. She encounters an assorted cast of characters and magical creatures along the way, including a dragon who accompanies her on her quest for the ultimate answer.

"The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" L. Frank Baum - Follow the adventures of young Dorothy Gale and her dog, Toto, as their Kansas house is swept away by a cyclone and they find themselves in a strange land called Oz. Here she meets the Munchkins and joins the Scarecrow, Tin Woodman, and the Cowardly Lion on an unforgettable journey to the Emerald City, where lives the all-powered Wizard of Oz.

Chapter Books - Level 3 (Challenging Language, Great Read-Aloud for Older Children)

"Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll - Alice falls down, down, down into a land of wonder, a place filled with White Rabbits, Mock Turtles, screaming Queens, and Mad Hatters. Join Alice as she experiences the silliness and excitement of a place gone crazy.

- "Adam of the Road" by Elizabeth Gray** - Eleven-year-old Adam loved to travel throughout thirteenth century England with his father, a wandering minstrel, and his dog, Nick. But when Nick is stolen and his father disappears, Adam suddenly finds himself alone. He searches the same roads he traveled with his father, meeting various people along the way. But will Adam ever find his father and dog and end his desperate search?
- "Anne of Green Gables" by L. M. Montgomery** - When eleven-year-old Anne Shirley arrives at Green Gables with nothing but a carpetbag and an overactive imagination, she knows that she has found her home. But first she must convince the Cuthberts to let her stay, even though she isn't the boy they'd hoped for. The loquacious Anne quickly finds her way into their hearts, as she has with generations of readers, and her charming, ingenious adventures in Avonlea, filled with colorful characters and tender escapades, linger forever in our memories.
- "Heidi" by Johanna Spyri** - What happens when a little orphan girl is forced to live with her cold and frightening grandfather? The heartwarming answer has engaged children for more than a century, both on the page and on the screen. Johanna Spyri's beloved story offers youngsters an endearing and intelligent heroine, a cast of unique and memorable characters, and a fascinating portrait of a small Alpine village.
- "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien** - Bilbo Baggins, the hobbit, is a peaceful sort of cozy hole in the Shire, a place where adventures are uncommon and rather unwanted. So when the wizard Gandalf whisks him away on a treasure hunting expedition with a troop of rowdy dwarves, he's not entirely thrilled. Encountering ruthless trolls, beastly orcs, gigantic spiders, and hungry wolves, Bilbo discovers within himself astonishing strength and courage.
- "Just So Stories" by Rudyard Kipling** - How did the camel get his hump? How did the leopard get his spots? How did the elephant get his trunk? For one hundred years, these classic tales -- drawn from the oral storytelling traditions of India and Africa and filled with mischievously clever animals and people -- have entertained young and old alike. Intertwined within these delightful tales are little pearls of wisdom about the pitfalls of arrogance and pride and the importance of curiosity, imagination, and inventiveness.
- "A Little Princess" by Frances Hodgson Burnett** - When Sara Crewe arrives at Miss Minchin's London boarding school, she seems just like a real little princess. She wears beautiful clothes, has gracious manners, and tells the most wonderful stories. Then one day, Sara suddenly becomes penniless. Now she must wear rags, sleep in the school's dreary attic, and work for her living. Sara is all alone, but keeps telling herself that she can still be a princess *inside*, if only she tries hard enough.
- "Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott** - Set in New England during the Civil War, the novel follows the adventures of the March sisters as they struggle to pursue their dreams.
- "The Secret Garden" by Frances Hodgson Burnett** - Frightened orphan Mary discovers the joyful wonders of life on the Yorkshire Moors with the help of two local boys and a mysterious, abandoned garden...where all things seem possible.
- "Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Grahame** - A classic of magical fancy and enchanting wit, this children's tale follows the adventures of an intrepid quartet of heroes-Mole, Water Rat, Badger, and the incorrigible Toad.