

j WHITE

The Sword in the Stone by T.H.White

Ever wonder what King Arthur was like when he was a boy? This book tells of his magical education by Merlin and the things he learned when the wizard transformed him into a variety of animals.



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CLASSICS

for kids

Grades 6-8

j ALC

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The story of four sisters and how they fulfilled themselves during and after the Civil War. This book has inspired at least four generations of girls to use their talents to the utmost.

j ARM

Souder by William H. Armstrong

An African-American son of sharecroppers grows up in the post-Civil War South with the help of his dog, Souder.

j BAB

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

What would you do if you had the chance to live forever? Would you really want to? When ten-year-old Winifred meets the Tuck family, she faces this decision.

j BAG

National Velvet by Enid Bagnold

A young English girl wins a horse in a raffle and rides it in the Grand National Steeplechase.

j BUR

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

When the orphan Mary goes to live with her cold and uncaring guardian in England, she discovers that his huge mansion contains a shocking secret, and that the garden behind that mansion can turn that secret into happiness.

j FIT

Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh

Harriet spies on her neighbors to gather material for her future career as an author, but when she spies on her classmates, the consequences are not pleasant.

j FOR

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes

In the days leading up to the American Revolution, a young man seeking his fortune gets caught up in world-shaking events. This is the greatest children's book about the Revolution.

j LEG

The Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula Le Guin

A boy named Sparrowhawk becomes a wizard's apprentice. He shows talent at magic, but can he control the magic or will it end up controlling him?

j MON

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

The most talkative orphan in the world learns how to concentrate and understand others when she goes to live on Prince Edward Island with her relatives, stern Marilla and kindly Matthew.

j ODE

The Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

A young Indian girl is stranded on an island where she spends 18 years all alone, coexisting with a pack of wild dogs. Based on a true story, this may be the greatest desert island survivor tale since Robinson Crusoe.

j RAW

The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

In the Florida Everglades one hundred years ago, a boy must learn the consequences of trying to tame a wild deer.

j SPE

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

In colonial Wethersfield, Connecticut, a rebellious teenaged girl makes friends with an old woman whom everyone suspects of being an evil sorceress.

j STE

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Cabin boy Jim Hawkins tells us of the adventures he had while seeking a fabulous treasure, and of his perilous encounter with the most cunning pirate of them all, Long John Silver.

j TOL

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Home-loving Bilbo Baggins is forced to go on adventures with dwarves and elves. He meets many magical creatures, including a dragon and a sickening swamp dweller called Gollum.

j VER

Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne

In the days before airplanes and automobiles, Phileas Fogg takes a bet that he can travel around the world in eighty days.