

## Juvenile Fiction Classics

The following titles have truly stood the test of time. They are stories that have been loved and shared for two or more decades. They are shelved in the chapter book section by the first three letters of the author's last name unless otherwise noted. Need help? Ask a librarian!

Alcott, Louisa May. [Little Women](#). (Fiction: F ALC)

Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in mid-nineteenth-century New England.



Babbitt, Natalie. [Tuck Everlasting](#). (J BAB)

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.



Barrie, J.M. [Peter Pan](#). (J BAR)

The adventures of Peter Pan, the boy who would not grow up.

Birdsall, Jeanne. [The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy](#). (J BIR)

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.



Burnett, Frances Hodgson. [The Secret Garden](#). (J BUR)

Ten-year old Mary come to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and mysteries of a locked garden.

Carroll, Lewis. [Alice's Adventures in Wonderland](#). (J CAR)

When a young girl falls down a rabbit hole, she discovers a strange and interesting world with fantastical, mad characters as she tries to find her way back home.

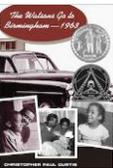
Cleary, Beverly. [Ramona the Pest](#). (J CLE)

Ramona meets lots of interesting people in kindergarten class, like Davy whom she keeps trying to kiss and Susan whose springy curls seem to ask to be pulled.



Cooper, Susan. [The Dark is Rising](#). (J COO)

On his eleventh birthday Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.

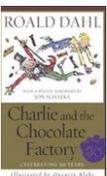


Curtis, Christopher Paul. [The Watsons go to Birmingham--1963](#). (J CUR)

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

Dahl, Roald. [The BFG](#). (J DAH)

Kidnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

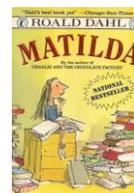


Dahl, Roald. [Charlie and the Chocolate Factory](#). (J DAH)

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

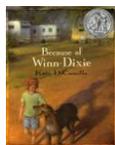
Dahl, Roald. [James and the Giant Peach](#). (J DAH)

Wonderful adventures abound after James escapes from his fearful aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach.



Dahl, Roald. [Matilda](#). (J DAH)

Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.



DiCamillo, Kate. [Because of Winn-Dixie](#). (J DIC)

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Farley, Walter. [The Black Stallion](#). (J FAR)

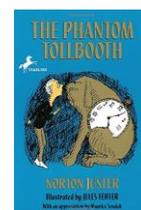
Pulled to a desert island by a wild black stallion he has freed during a shipwreck at sea, then rescued by a southbound freighter, a seventeen-year-old boy befriends the horse, trains him by night, and rides him to victory in a match race.

Fitzhugh, Louise. [Harriet the Spy](#). (J FIT)

Eleven-year-old Harriet keeps notes on her classmates and neighbors in a secret notebook, but when some of the students read the notebook, they seek revenge.

Juster, Norton. [The Phantom Tollbooth](#). (J JUS)

A journey through a land where Milo learns the importance of words and numbers provide a cure for his boredom.



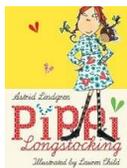
Konigsburg, E. L. [From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler](#). (J KON)

When Claudia decides to run away, she plans to bring her brother, Jamie, and to be gone just long enough to teach her parents a lesson. She and Jamie take up residence in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, but find that once the fun is over, they need help getting back home.



Lewis, C.S. [The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe](#). (J LEW)

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

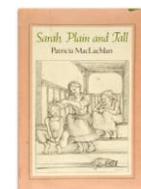


Lindgren, Astrid. [Pippi Longstocking](#). (J LIN)

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.

MacLachlan, Patricia. [Sarah Plain and Tall](#). (J MAC)

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.



Montgomery, L M. [Anne of Green Gables](#). (J MON)

By mistake, Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a farm on Prince Edward Island and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone.

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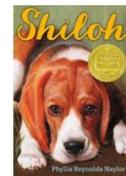
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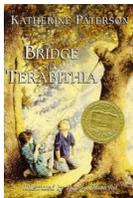
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. [Shiloh](#). (J NAY)

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.



O'Dell, Scott. [Island of the Blue Dolphins](#). (J ODE)

Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.



Paterson, Katherine. [Bridge to Terabithia](#). (J PAT)

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

Paulsen, Gary. [Hatchet](#). (J PAU)

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

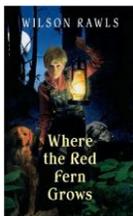
Pullman, Philip. [The Golden Compass](#). (Young Adult: YA PUL)

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.



Raskin, Ellen. [The Westing Game](#). (J RAS)

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

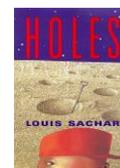


Rawls, Wilson. [Where the Red Fern Grows](#). (J RAW)

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

Rowling, H.K. [Harry Potter](#). (J ROW)

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.



Sachar, Louis. [Holes](#). (J SAC)

Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish boys' juvenile detention center in the Texas desert. As punishment, the boys here must each dig a hole every day, five feet deep and five feet across. Ultimately, Stanley "digs up the truth"--and through his experience, finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

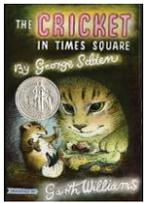
de Saint-Exupery, Antoine. [The Little Prince](#). (J SAI)

An aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert encounters a little prince from a small planet who relates his adventures in seeking the secret of what is important in life.

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Selden, George. [The Cricket in Times Square.](#) (J SEL)

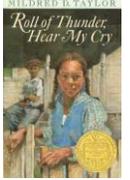
The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

Speare, Elizabeth George. [Witch of Blackbird Pond.](#) (J SPE)

In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.

Taylor, Mildred D. [Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry.](#) (J TAY)

A black family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

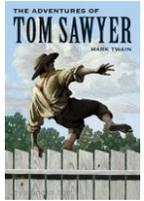


Tolkien, J.R.R. [The Hobbit.](#) (Fiction: F TOL)

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.

Twain, Mark. [Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.](#) (Fiction: F TWA)

Presents the adventures of a boy and a runaway slave as they travel down the Mississippi River on a raft.

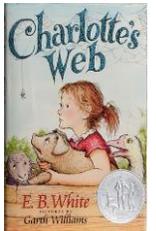


Twain, Mark. [Adventures of Tom Sawyer.](#) (J TWA)

The adventures of a mischievous young boy and his friends growing up in a Mississippi River town in the nineteenth century.

White, E B. [Charlotte's Web.](#) (J WHI)

Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.



White, E B. [Stuart Little.](#) (J WHI)

The adventures of the debonair mouse, Stuart Little, as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.



Wilder, Laura Ingalls. [Little House in the Big Woods.](#) (J WIL)

A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, build a well, and fight a prairie fire.

Yep, Lawrence. [Dragonwings.](#) (J YEP)

In the early twentieth century a young Chinese boy joins his father in San Francisco and helps him realize his dream of making a flying machine.

