

Best Books for Kids

Middle Elementary



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The books on this list for [mid elementary](#) were recommended by at least 3 of the following sources:

1. [1001 Children's Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up](#) by Julia Eccleshare
2. [100 Best Books for Children](#) by Anita Silvey
3. [The Read-Aloud Handbook](#) by Jim Trelease
4. [Babies Need Books](#) by Dorothy Butler
5. [Valerie and Walter's Best Books for Children](#) by Valerie V. Lewis and Walter M. Mayes
6. [What to Read When](#) by Pam Allyn
7. [Best Books for Boys: A Resource for Educators](#) by Matthew Zbaracki
8. [The New York Times Parents' Guide to the Best Books for Children](#) by Eden Ross Lipson

Author	Title	Sources	Read?
Cleary	The Mouse and the Motorcycle	7	
Jacques	Redwall	7	
Lewis	Chronicles of Narnia series	7	
Rowling	Harry Potter series	7	
Gannett	My Father's Dragon	6	
Konigsburg	From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	6	
White	Charlotte's Web	6	
Alexander	Chronicles of Prydain series	5	
Atwater	Mr. Popper's Penguins	5	
Avi	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	5	
Baum	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	5	
Burnett	The Secret Garden	5	
Cleary	Ramona the Pest	5	
DiCamillo	Because of Winn-Dixie	5	
Estes	The Hundred Dresses	5	
Juster	The Phantom Tollbooth	5	
Knight	Lassie Come Home	5	
Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables	5	
Naylor	Shiloh	5	
Norton	The Borrowers	5	
Paterson	Bridge to Terabithia	5	
Rawls	Where the Red Fern Grows	5	

Snicket	The Series of Unfortunate Events series	5	
Spinelli	Maniac Magee	5	
White	Stuart Little	5	
Wilder	Little House series	5	
Banks	The Indian in the Cupboard	4	
Collodi	The Adventures of Pinocchio	4	
Dahl	James and the Giant Peach	4	
Dahl	The BFG	4	
D'Aulaire	D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths	4	
du Bois	The Twenty-One Balloons	4	
Eager	Half Magic	4	
Fitzhugh	Harriet the Spy	4	
Fleischman	Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices	4	
Fleischman	The Whipping Boy	4	
Heide	The Shrinking of Treehorn	4	
Henry	Misty of Chincoteague	4	
King-Smith	Babe, the Gallant Pig	4	
Le Guin	A Wizard of Earthsea	4	
Levine	Ella Enchanted	4	
Lowry	Anastasia Krupnik	4	
MacDonald	Mrs. Piggle Wiggle	4	
MacLachlan	Sarah, Plain and Tall	4	
O'Brien	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	4	
O'Dell	Island of the Blue Dolphins	4	
Polacco	Pink and Say	4	
Selden	The Cricket in Times Square	4	
Streatfeild	Ballet Shoes	4	
Tolkien	The Hobbit	4	
Travers	Mary Poppins	4	
Almond	Skellig	3	
Blume	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	3	
Blume	Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret	3	
Boston	The Children of Green Knowe	3	
Brown	Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein	3	
Burnford	The Incredible Journey	3	
Carroll	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	3	
Cleary	Dear Mr. Henshaw	3	
Cleary	Henry Huggins	3	
Clements	Frindle	3	
Coerr	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	3	
Cohen	Molly's Pilgrim	3	

Dahl	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	3	
Dahl	Matilda	3	
Dakos	If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand: Poems About School	3	
DiCamillo	The Tale of Despereaux	3	
Farley	The Black Stallion	3	
Freedman	Lincoln: A Photobiography	3	
Gantos	Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	3	
Gardiner	Stone Fox	3	
Gipson	Old Yeller	3	
Grahame	The Wind in the Willows	3	
Herge	Adventures of Tintin	3	
Holling	Paddle-to-the-Sea	3	
Howe	Bunnicula series	3	
Hughes	The Iron Giant: A Story in Five Nights	3	
Jarrell	The Animal Family	3	
Kerley	The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins	3	
Kinney	Diary of a Wimpy Kid	3	
Lawson	Rabbit Hill	3	
Lester	John Henry	3	
Lindgren	Pippi Longstocking	3	
Lofting	The Story of Dr. Dolittle	3	
Lord	In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson	3	
Lovelace	Betsy-Tacy	3	
McCloskey	Homer Price	3	
Mowat	Owls in the Family	3	
Pearce	Tom's Midnight Garden	3	
Peet	Bill Peet: An Autobiography	3	
Pilkey	Captain Underpants series	3	
Robinson	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	3	
Saint-Exupery	The Little Prince	3	
Selznick	The Invention of Hugo Cabret	3	
Sewell	Black Beauty	3	
Spinelli	Wringer	3	
Stephoe	In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall	3	
Viorst	The Tenth Good Thing About Barney	3	
Zelinsky	Rapunzel	3	