

Common Sense Media lists 50 books all students should read before age 12

Common Sense Media has published a list of books that all students should read before they turn 12. They are books that should appeal to both boys and girls and include the qualities of classics.

1. *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems, age 2+
2. *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown, age 2+
3. *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak, age 2+
4. *Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site* by Sherri Diskey Rinker, age 2+
5. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, age 2+
6. *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson, age 3+
7. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter, age 3+
8. *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss, age 4+
9. *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel, age 4+
10. *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans, age 4+
11. *The Complete Tales and Poems of Winnie-the-Pooh* by A.A. Milne, age 5+
12. *Mercy Watson to the Rescue: Mercy Watson, Book 1* by Kate DiCamillo, age 5+
13. *Ramona the Pest* by Beverly Cleary, age 7+
14. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl, age 6+
15. *Ivy + Bean: Book 1* by Annie Barrows, age 6+
16. *Stuart Little* by E.B. White, age 6+
17. *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein, age 6+
18. *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White, age 7+
19. *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman, age 8+
20. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling, age 8+
21. *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe: The Chronicles of Narnia, Book 1* by C.S. Lewis, age 8+
22. *The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread* by Kate DiCamillo, age 8+
23. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll, age 9+
24. *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery, age 9+
25. *The Bad Beginning: A Series of Unfortunate Events, Book 1* by Lemony Snicket, age 9+
26. *Big Nate: In a Class by Himself: Big Nate, Book 1* by Lincoln Peirce, age 9+
27. *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson, age 9+
28. *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis, age 9+
29. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney, age 9+
30. *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien, age 9+
31. *The Lightning Thief: Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1* by Rick Riordan, age 9+
32. *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder, age 9+
33. *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume, age 9+
34. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle, age 9+
35. *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan, age 10+
36. *Hold Fast* by Blue Balliett, age 10+
37. *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World* by Malala Yousafzai, Patricia McCormick, age 10+
38. *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai, age 10+
39. *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George, age 10+
40. *Revolution is Not a Dinner Party* by Ying Chang Compestine, age 10
41. *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech, age 10+
42. *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank, age 11+

43. *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, age 11+
44. *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card, age 12+
45. *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien, age 12+
46. *The Hunger Games, Book 1* by Suzanne Collins, age 12+
47. *Legend, Book 1* by Marie Lu, age 12+
48. *March: Book One* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, age 12+
49. *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton, age 12+
50. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, age 12+