

A Feast of Books

"...to introduce children to literature is to install them in a very rich and glorious kingdom, to bring a continual holiday to their doors, to lay before them a feast exquisitely served."

- Charlotte Mason

Picture Books

The Hungry Little Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.
Chicken Soup with Rice by Maurice Sendak
Miss Bindergarten series
Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
Bats on Parade by Kathi Appelt
The Napping House by Audrey Wood
Quick as a Cricket by Audrey Wood (for young children..prob 1-4 yrs)
Crickwing by Janell Cannon
The Narrow Escapes of Solomon Smart by Mabel Watts
The Tale of Three Trees by Angela Elwell Hunt
The Junkyard Wonders by Patricia Polacco
Ginger and Petunia by Patricia Polacco
The Little House on the Prairie series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne
Do You Know What I'll Do by Charlotte Zolotow
The Small Family series, but especially Cowboy Small by Lois Lenski
Randy's Dandy Lions by Bill Peet
The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams (the original text and art)
Time of Wonder by McCloskey
Great Joy (Christmas Story) by Kate DiCamillo
I Believe by Pauline Baynes
The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau
Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
A House is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman
This is London by M. Sesak
Christina Katerina and The Box by Patricia Lee Gauch
Jesus Storybook Bible
How's Inky? By Sam Campbell
The Child's Story Bible by Catherine Vos
Chanticleer by Barbara Cooney
My Little Sister Ate One Hare by Bill Grossman
Pigsty by Mark Teague
Pigs in the Mud by Lynn Plourde
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
The Gardener by Sarah Stewart
The Bee Tree by Patricia Polacco
The Brambly Hedge Series by Jill Barklem

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Saint George and the Dragon by Margaret Hodges
Jennie's Hat by Ezra Jack Keats
Fireflies by Julie Brinkloe
The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant
Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
The Old Woman Who Named Things by Cynthia Rylant
Amos and Boris by William Steig
I Know a Lady by Charlotte Zolotow
Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
James Herriot's Treasury for Children

Chapter Books

My Father's Dragon Series by Ruth Stiles Gannett
The Wheel on the School by Meindert DeJong
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett (illustrated by Tasha Tudor)
The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh
Understood Betsy by Dorothy Fisher
The Enchanted Wood Series by Enid Blyton
Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrim's Progress by Oliver Hunkin
Teddy's Button by Amy Le Feuvre
Abraham Lincoln: Chronicles of Faith by Sam Wellman
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Cheaper by the Dozen by Frank B. Gilbreth
Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren (illustrated by Lauren Child)
Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
Mandy by Julie Andrews
The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
Penderwick Series by Jeanne Birdsall
Burgess Book for Children by Thornton W. Burgess
Girl of the Limberlost by Gene Stratton Porter
Wild Animals I have Known by Ernest Thompson Seton
The Shining Company by Rosemary Sutcliff
Bambi by Felix Salten
Just David by Whole Heart Ministries
Light and the Glory for Children by Peter Marshall
Series of Composer Books written by Opal Wheeler
Treasures of the Snow by Patricia St. John
Sarah, Plain, and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
Thimble Summer by Elizabeth Enright
Tales from Shakespeare by Mary Lamb

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Continuing the feast...

Poetry

A Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson (illustr. by Tasha Tudor)

Now We are Six/When We Were Very Young by A.A. Milne

A Child's Book of Poems by Gyo Fujikawa

Authors to Know

Cynthia Rylant

Patricia Polacco

Tome DePaola

Laura Ingalls Wilder

Tasha Tudor

Mem Fox

Virginia Burton

Margaret Wise Brown

Eric Carle

Kevin Henkes

Lois Lenski

Leo Lionni

Ezra Jack Keats

Steven Kellogg

Bill Peet

Beatrix Potter

Audrey Wood

Charlotte Zolotow

Barbara Cooney

Jean Craighead George

Avi

Jan Brett

William Steig

Robert McCloskey

Jane Yolen

Holling C. Holling

Kate DiCamillo

Elizabeth Enright

Books to Help you Find More Living Books

What to Read When by Pam Allyn

Read for the Heart: Whole Books for Wholehearted Families by Sarah Clarkson

Books Children Love by Elizabeth Wilson

Honey for a Child's Heart by Gladys Hunt

The Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease

How to Get Your Child to Love Reading by Esme Codell

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Adult Fiction

Mark of the Lion Series by Francine Rivers (just the first two of the three books in the series).

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Middlemarch by George Eliot

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

Five for Sorrow, Ten for Joy by Rumer Godden

Pilgrim's Inn by Elizabeth Goudge

At the Back of the North Wind by George MacDonald

I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith

China Court by Rumer Godden

Adult Nonfiction

The Hiding Place by Corie Ten Boom

Same Kind of Different As Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

Romancing a Child's Heart by Monte Swann (parenting)

Gift from the Sea by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Attributes of God by A.W. Pink

The Ragamuffin Gospel by Brennan Manning

Art Journaling Magazine

Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder by Richard Louv

Hidden Art of Homemaking by Edith Schaeffer

A Severe Mercy by Sheldon Van Auken

The Sense of Wonder by Rachel Carson

To My Daughter With Love by Donna Green

Drops Like Stars by Rob Bell

For God So Loved the World by Elizabeth Goudge

Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals by Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove and Enuma Okoro

The Divine Hours (every season) by Phyllis Tickle

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."

- Emilie Buchwald