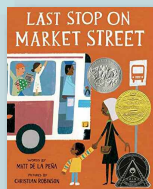


Presbyterian Women Children's Reading List

This reading list is meant to serve as a resource for groups taking action to enhance children's literacy. It is a compilation of recommendations by Churchwide Coordinating Team members and PW staff. It is by no means comprehensive, but is meant as a starting point. Age ranges are shown in parentheses.

Caldecott Award winners (a sampling)

- *The Biggest Bear* by Lynd Ward (4–7)
- *The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdrich (9–12)
- *A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams (4–8)
- *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type* by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin (4–8)
- *Grandfather's Journey* by Allen Say (4–7)
- *John Henry* by Julius Lester, ill. by Jerry Pinkney (4–8)
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña, ill. by Christian Robinson (3–5)
- *Olivia* by Ian Falconer (3–7)
- *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats (2+)
- *Strega Nona* by Tomie dePaola (3–8)



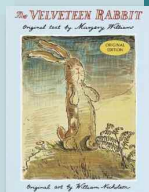
Building character

- *A Is for Activist* by Innosanto Nagara (3–7)
- *The Berenstain Bears Show Some Respect* by Jan and Stan Berenstain (4–8)
- *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein (1–8)
- *God's Dream* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, ill. by LeUyen Pham (4+)
- *Horton Hears a Who* by Dr. Seuss (5–9)
- *Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen* by Howard Binkow and Susan Cornelison (2–5)
- *The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper, ill. by George Hauman (3–7)
- *Maddi's Fridge* by Lois Brandt, ill. by Vin Vogel (4–8)
- *My Mouth Is a Volcano* by Julia Cook, ill. by Carrie Hartman (5–8)
- *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister, ill. by J. Allison James (3–10)
- *¡Sí, Se Puede! Yes, We Can!* by Diana Cohn, ill. by Francisco Delgado (5–7)
- *Teamwork* by Ann Morris (5+)
- *Under the Lemon Moon* by Edith Hope Fine, ill. by René King Moreno (6–8)
- *The Velveteen Rabbit* by M. Williams (3–7)
- *Voices Are Not for Yelling* and others by Elizabeth Verdick and Marieka Heinlen (1–4)
- *We Are All Born Free* by Amnesty International (6+)
- *Why War Is Never a Good Idea* by Alice Walker, ill. by Stefano Vitale (4–8)



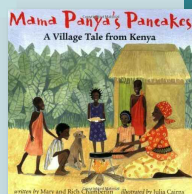
Classics of children's literature (a few)

- *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White, ill. by Garth Williams (8–12)
- *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis (8+)
- *Henry Huggins* by Beverly Cleary (8–10)
- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell (10–14)
- *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (10–13)
- *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf, ill. by Robert Lawson (3–5)
- *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* and others by Beatrix Potter (3–7)
- *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams, ill. by William Nicholson (3–7)
- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle (1–3)
- *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein (6–8)
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak (4–8)



Families

- *The Berenstain Bears and the Trouble with Chores* by Jan and Stan Berenstain (4–8)
- *The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdrich (9–12)
- *Families, Families, Families!* by Suzanne Lang (3–7)
- *Feast for 10* by Cathryn Falwell (4–7)
- *Full, Full, Full of Love* by Trish Cooke, ill. by Paul Howard (2–5)
- *Ghost* by Kelly DiPucchio, ill. by Christian Robinson (4–8)
- *The Great Big Book of Families* by Mary Hoffman, ill. by Ros Asquith (5–8)
- *Heart Picked: Elizabeth's Adoption Tale* by Sara Crutcher (4–8)
- *Let's Go See Papá!* by Lawrence Schimel, ill. by Alba Marina Rivera (9–12)
- *Lola Loves Stories* by Anna McQuinn, ill. by Rosalind Beardshaw (2–5)
- *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch, ill. by Sheila McGraw (4+)
- *Mama Panya's Pancakes* by Mary Chamberlin (4+)
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia (8–12)



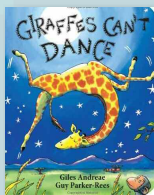
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Folk tales

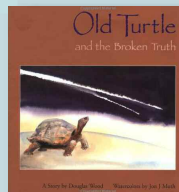
- *Beaver Steals Fire: A Salish Coyote Story* by Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, ill. by Sam Sandoval (4–7)
- *The Empty Pot; The Foolish, Timid Rabbit* and others in the Fairy Tales from Around the World series by Charlotte Guillain and Steve Dorado (4–8)
- *John Henry* by Julius Lester, ill. by Jerry Pinkney (4–8)
- *Mama Panya's Pancakes* by Mary Chamberlin (4+)
- *Charia Had a Little Llama/María Tenía Una Llamita* by Angela Dominguez (4–7)

For younger children

- *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich* by Julia Sarcone Roach (3–7)
- *Bob Books* (beginning readers) by Bobby Lynn Maslen (4–6)
- *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina (2–3)
- *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*—Bill Martin, Jr, John Archambault and Lois Ehler (1–4)
- *Frog and Toad Together* by Arnold Loebel (4–8)
- *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae, ill. by Guy Parker-Rees (4+)
- *Girl of Mine* by Jabari Asim, ill. by LeUyen Pham (1–3)
- *Global Babies* by The Global Fund for Children (baby–3)
- *Good Dog Carl* by Alexandra Day (1–4)
- *Good Night, Gorilla* by Peggy Rathmann (1–3)
- *Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney, ill. by Anita Jeram (2–3)
- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff, ill. by Felicia Bond (4–8)
- *The King, the Mice and the Cheese* by Nancy and Eric Gurney (3–7)
- *Lola at the Library* by Anna McQuinn, ill. by Rosalind Beardshaw (2–5)
- *Maddi's Fridge* by Lois Brandt, ill. by Vin Vogel (4–8)
- *Olivia* by Ian Falconer (3–7)
- *Peekaboo Morning* by Rachel Isadora (3+)
- *Peek-a Who?* by Nina Laden (1–3)
- *Please, Baby, Please!* by Spike Lee and Tonya Lewis Lee, ill. by Kadir Nelson (2–8)



- *Rain Feet* by Angela Johnson (3–5)
- *Say Hello!* by Rachel Isadora (3–5)
- *The SheepOver* by Jennifer and John Churchman (3–6)
- *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats (2+)
- *Thunder Rose* by Jerdine Nolan (4–7)
- *Whistle for Willie* by Ezra Jack Keats (2+)
- *Who Loves You, Baby?* by Nina Laden (2–4)
- *Whose Toes Are Those?* by Jabari Asim, ill. by LeUyen Pham (1–3)

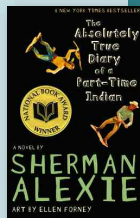


God's creation

- *Aani & the Tree Huggers* by Jeannine Atkins, ill. by Venantius J. Pinto (6+)
- *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema (5–8)
- *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* by Kadir Nelson Sam Snead (4–8)
- *In the Canyon* by Liz G. Scanlon (4–8)
- *Old Turtle* by Douglass Wood (6–9)
- *Old Turtle and the Broken Truth* by Douglass Wood (4–8)
- *One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia* by Miranda Paul, ill. by Elizabeth Zunon (6–9)

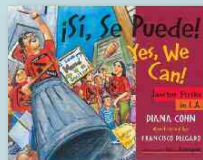
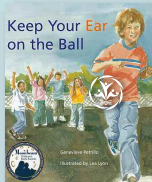
God's diverse people

- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie, ill. by Ellen Forney (12–17)
- *Abuela's Weave* by Omar S. Castaneda, ill. by Sanchez (6–9)
- *All the Colors of the Earth* by Sheila Hamanaka (4–8)
- *The Amazing Erik* by Mike Huber, ill. by Joseph Cowman (3–6)
- *Around Our Way on Neighbors' Day* by Tameka Fryer Brown (5–7)
- *Crane Boy* by Diana Cohn, ill. by Youme Landowne (8–10)
- *The Flag of Childhood: Poems from the Middle East* by Naomi Shihab Nye (8–12)
- *Global Babies* (and others) by The Global Fund for Children (baby–3)
- *God's Dream* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, ill. by LeUyen Pham (4+)
- *Grandfather's Journey* by Allen Say (4–7)
- *Habibi* by Naomi Shihab Nye (12+)
- *Happy* by Pharrell Williams (3–7)



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- *Home* by Carson Ellis (4–8)
- *I Am Jazz* by J. Herthel and J. Jennings (4–8)
- *Keep Your Ear on the Ball* by Genevieve Petrillo, ill. by Lea Lyon (8–12)
- *Malcolm Little* by Ilyasah Shabazz (6–10)
- *María Had a Little Llama/María Tenía Una Llamita* by Angela Dominguez (4–7)
- *Mixed Me!* by Taye Diggs, ill. by Shane W. Evans (4–8)
- *Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress* by C. Baldacchino, I. Malenfant (4–7)
- *My Name Is Not Isabella* by Jennifer Fosberry and M. Litwin (4–8)
- *One Million Men and Me* by Kelly Starling Lyons (3–5)
- *The Paper Bag Princess* by R. N. Munsch and M. Martchenko (4–7)
- *Same, Same but Different* by Jenny Sue Kosteck-Shaw (4–7)
- *Say Hello!* by Rachel Isadora (3–5)
- *Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children* by Sandra L. Pinkney (2–3)
- *Shades of People* by Shelley Rotner and Sheila Kelly (3–6)
- *¡Sí, Se Puede! Yes, We Can!* by Diana Cohn, ill. by Francisco Delgado (5–7)
- *Sitti's Secrets* by Naomi Shihab Nye, ill. by Nancy Carpenter (5–8)
- *Sylvia & Aki* by Winifred Conkling (9–12)
- *Two Eyes, a Nose and a Mouth* by Roberta Grobel Intrater
- *Walking on Earth & Touching the Sky: Poetry and Prose by Lakota Youth . . .* edited by Timothy P. McLaughlin, ill. by S. D. Nelson (8–12)
- *We All Count: A Book of Cree Numbers* by Julie Flett (3–6)

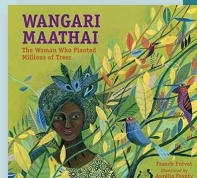


- *The Magician's Hat* by Malcolm Mitchell, ill. by Dennis Campay (4–8)
- *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires (3–7)
- *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster (8–12)
- *The Stinky Cheese Man* by Jon Scieszka, ill. by Lane Smith (3–7)
- *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein (6–8)
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak (4–8)
- *What Do You Do With an Idea?* by Kobi Yamada, ill. by Mae Besom (5–8)
- *Zoom* by Istvan Banyai (5–8)



Inspiring

- *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho (12+)
- *Dreams of Freedom* by Amnesty International (4–8)
- *Every Little Thing* by Cedella Marley, ill. by Vanessa Newton (3–6)
- *I Am Amelia Earhart; I Am Abraham Lincoln; I Am Helen Keller; I Am Albert Einstein; I Am Martin Luther King, Jr.; I Am Jane Goodall* and others by Brad Meltzer and Christopher Eliopoulos (5–8)
- *Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom* abridged by Chris Van Wyk, ill. by Paddy Bouma (7–11)
- *One Love* by Cedella Marley, ill. by Vanessa Newton (3–6)
- *Rad American Women A-Z: Rebels, Trailblazers, and Visionaries Who Shaped Our History . . . and Our Future!* by Kate Schatz, ill. by Miriam Klein Stahl (8–16)
- *Rosa* by Nikki Giovanni, ill. by Bryan Collier
- *The Streets Are Free* by Kurusa, ill. by Monika Doppert (7–8)
- *Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer* by Carole Boston Weatherford, ill. by Ekua Holmes (9–12)
- *Wangari Maathai* by Franck Prevot, ill. by Aurélie Fronty (6–9)
- *What Color Is My World?* by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (8–12)
- *Wind Flyers* by Angela Johnson, illustrated by Loren Long (5–9)



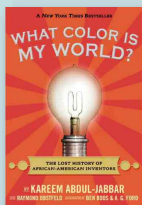
Good for the imagination

- *Christina Katerina and the Box* by Patricia Lee Gauch (4–8)
- *Dare to Care: Pet Dragon* by M. P. Robertson and Sallie Symes (6–9)
- Dr. Seuss books
- *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg (8–12)

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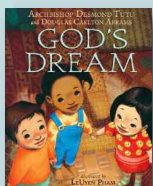
Newbery Award winners (a sampling)

- *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White, ill. by Garth Williams (8–12)
- *The Dark Frigate* by Charles Boardman Hawes (11–15)
- *The Family Under the Bridge* by Natalie Savage Carlson, ill. by Garth Williams (8–12)
- *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool (8–12)
- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry (10–12)
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia (8–12)
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle (10–14)



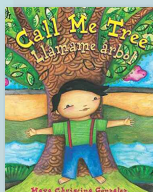
Nurturing faith

- *The Blessing Seed* by Caitlin Matthews, ill. by Alison Dexter (4+)
- *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis (8+)
- *God's Dream* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, ill. by LeUyen Pham (4+)
- *A Little Jar of Oil* and others in the *God Loves Me Storybooks* series by Patricia Nederveld, ill. by Lisa Workman (8+)
- *Only a Star* by Margery Facklam, ill. by Nancy Carpenter (3+)
- *The Rhyme Bible Storybook* by L. J. Sattgast, ill. by Laurence Cleyet-Merle (4–8)
- *Shanti Means Peace* by Anna Bedford (5–8)

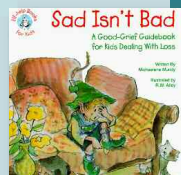


Nurturing self-image

- *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman, ill. by Caroline Binch (4–8)
- *Bright Eyes, Brown Skin* by Cheryl Willis Hudson, ill. by George Ford (6–9)
- *Call Me Tree* by Maya C. Gonzalez (4–7)
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney (8–12)
- *Do Princesses Wear Hiking Boots?* by Carmela L. Coyle, ill. by Mike Gordon (3–7)
- *Firebird* by Misty Copeland (5–8)
- *First Day in Grapes* by L. King Perez, ill. by Robert Casilla (6–11)



- *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud, ill. by David Messing (4–7)
- *I Love My Hair* by Natasha A. Tarpley, ill. by E. B. Lewis
- *Jacky Ha Ha* by James Patterson, ill. by Chris Grabenstein (9–12)
- *My Mouth Is a Volcano* by Julia Cook, ill. by Carrie Hartman (5–8)
- *Rosie Revere, Engineer*; *Iggy Pect, Architect*; *Ada Twist Scientist*—all by Andrew Beatty and David Roberts
- *Sad Isn't Bad* by Michaelene Mundy, ill. by R. W. Alley (4–8)
- *Shades of People* by Shelley Rotner and Sheila Kelly (3–6)
- *Something More Special* by Judith Gupton Wiley
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli (12+)
- *The Things You Will Be* by Dr. Seuss
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña, ill. by Christian Robinson (3–5)
- *Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors? The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell* by T. L. Stone and M. Priceman (5–8)
- *The Wonderful Things You Will Be!* by Emily Winfield Martin (3–7)



Sources/Resources

- "100 Children's Books To Read in a Lifetime"—www.amazon.com
- *Babies Need Words Every Day*—www.ala.org/alsc/babiesneedwords
- *Children's Book Week*—www.bookweekonline.com
- *Children's Books that Nurture the Spirit: Choosing and Using the Best* by Louise Margaret Granahan
- *Every Child Ready To Read*—www.everychildreadytoread.org
- *On bias*—www.ifcbooks.org/guide-anti-bias-childrens-books
- *The Read-Aloud Handbook: Seventh Edition* by Jim Trelease
- Scholastic—www.scholastic.com/worldofpossible
- *Teaching for Change*—www.teachingforchange.org
- *We Need Diverse Books*—<http://weneeddiversebooks.org>

