Presbyterian Women Children's Reading List

WHAT COLOR IS

Newberry 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 byJulia Cook, ill. by Carrie Hartman (5–8)
- Rosie Revere, Engineer; Iggy Pect, Architect; Ada Twist Scientist—all by Andrew Beaty and David Roberts

Sad Isn't Bad

THE READ-ALOUD

- 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 Maraaret Granahan
- Every Child Ready To Read www.everychildreadytoread.org
- On bias—www.tfcbooks.org/guide-antibias-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

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.

MARKET STREET

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
- 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 byJulia Cook, ill. by Carrie Hartman (5–8)
- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister, ill. by J. Allison James (3–10)
- ¡Si, 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+)

The VELVETEEN RABBIT

- 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)

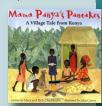
 Where the Sidewalk Enda by Shel Silver
- Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein (6–8)
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak (4–8)

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)
- Gaston 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+)

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 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+)
- Maria 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 GIRAFFES CAN'T
- and Lois Ehlert (1-4)
- Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Loebl (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 (babv-3)
- Good Dog Carl by Alexandra Day (1-4)
- Good Night, Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann
- 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)

Presbyterian Women Children's Reading List

on the Ball

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IN THE RESERVE

- Home by Carson Ellis (4–8)
- I Am Jazz by J. Herthel and J. Jennings Keep Your Ear
- Keep Your Ear on the Ball by Genevieve Petrillo, ill. by Lea Lyon (8-12)
- Malcolm Little by Ilyasah Shabazz (6-10)
- · Maria 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
- 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 Kostecki-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)
- ¡Si, 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

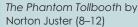
Lakota Youth . . . edited by Timothy P. McLaughlin, ill. by S. D. Nelson (8-12)

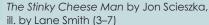
• We All Count: A Book of Cree Numbers by Julie Flett (3-6)

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)

- The Magician's Hat by Malcolm Mitchell, ill. by Dennis Campay (4-8)
- The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires (3-7)





MAGNIFICENT

- · 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

WANGARI

- 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 Aurélia 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)

