

Reading List

The following list is a compilation of eight different Catholic recommended reading lists. Four are Catholic Home School programs, one is Spiritus Sanctus Academy School, and three book lists are from other Catholic sources. The list is organized by grade level, alphabetically by the author's last name: Kindergarten and below, 1st-3rd grades, 4th-6th grades, 7th-9th grades, and 10th-12th grades. I have indicated whether each book has won an award, the genre of the book, and who recommended it.

This list is intended to be a helpful resource for grades K-12th. The suggested grade levels are only guidelines. You will need to use your judgment in deciding a recommended book's suitability for your family.

Key:

Marks after certain titles indicate the following:

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| * Newbery Award | +Caldecott Award |
| # Newbery Honor | -Caldecott Honor |

The first letter in the parenthesis indicates the type of genre.

- R-religion
- L-literature
- E-educational aids (dictionaries and thesauruses)
- P-philosophy
- H-history
- G-geography
- S-science
- M-math
- A-art (music, visual art, architecture, dance)
- / after a letter- indicates a work of fiction (Note: the literature genre (L) is already considered to be fiction)

The second set of letters in the parenthesis indicates the source of the recommendation. Every effort has been made to include all the books recommended from each source.

- AA- The Angelicum Academy (Nursery-12th Grade)
- BB- Bethlehem Books (K-12th Grade, from Michael O'Brien's book *A Landscape With Dragons*)
- CA- Catholic Authors (9th-12 Grade)
- CC- Laura Berquist's Classical Curriculum (4th-12th Grade, from *Designing Your Own Classical Curriculum*)
- CS- Catholic Scholars Online (K-6th Grade)
- KA- Kolbe Academy (K-12th Grade)
- SH- Seton Home School (K-12th Grade)
- SS- Spiritus Sanctus Academy (K-8th Grade)

Kindergarten & Below

- Aardema, Verna: *Who's in Rabbit's House?* (L-KA,SS)
Adamson, Joy: *Born Free* (L-KA,SS)
Aesop: *Aesop's Fables* (L-BB,CC,KA,SH,SS)
Ahlberg, Janet and Allan: *Each Peach Pear Plum* (L-KA,SS)
Aliki: *The Listening Walk*
 My Five Senses & others (S/-BB,SH)
Anderson, Hans Christian: *Anderson's Fairy Tales*(L-AA,BB,CS,KA,SH,SS)
Anno, Mitsumasa: *Anno's Alphabet & others* (M/-KA,SS)
Arch Book Series: *Daniel in the Lions' Den & others* (R-CS)
Ardjzone, Edward: *The Tim and Ginger Series* (L-BB)
Arnold, Mary: *The Fussy Angel* (R/-BB)
Arnosky, Jim: *All Night Near the Water* (S-BB)
 Come Out Muskrats (S-BB)
 Crinkleroot's Guide to Knowing the Trees (S-BB)
 Crinkleroot's Guide to Walking in Wild Places (S-BB)
 Crinkleroot's 25 Birds Every Child Should Know (S-BB)
 Crinkleroot's 25 Mammals Every Child Should Know(S-BB)
 Raccoons and Ripe Corn (S-BB)
 Watching Foxes & others (S-BB)
Artzybasheff, Boris: *Seven Simeons* (L-BB)
Asbjornsen, Peter C.: *East of the Sun and West of the Moon* (L-BB,KA,SS)
Awdry, Reverend W.: *Thomas the Tank Engine: Complete Collection* (L-SH)
Azarian: *A Farmer's Alphabet* (L-KA,SS)
Baker, Betty: *Little Runner of the Longhouse* (L-KA,SS)
Barklem, Jill: *The Brambly Hedge Birthday Book* (L-BB)
 Brambly Spring-Winter Books (L-BB)
 The Secret Staircase (L-BB)
Baskin, Leonard: *Hose's Aviary* (S-KA,SS)
Baynes, Pauline: *Bilbo's Last Song* (written by J.R.R. Tolkien) (L-BB)
 The Puffin Book of Nursery Rhymes (ed. Opie) (L-BB)
 Snail and Caterpillar (written by Helen Piers) (L-BB)
 The Song of the Three Holy Children (L-BB)
 Thanks Be to God: Prayers from around the World (R-BB)
Bemelmans, Ludwig: *Madeline-* (L-CS,SH,SS)
Benson, Msgr. Robert Hugh: *An Alphabet of Saints* (R-SH)
 A Child's Rule of Life (R-SH)
 Old Testament Rhymes (R-SH)
Beskow, Elsa: *Around the Year* (L-BB)
 Children of the Forest (L-BB)
 The Flowers' Festival & others (L-BB)
Betts, Ethel Franklin: *The Complete Mother Goose* (L-SS)
Biro, Val: *The Fox and the Crow* (L-SS)
 The Monkey and the Fisherman (L-SS)
Bishop, Claire H.: *The Five Chinese Brothers* (L-BB)