



Woodmont Academy Recommended Reading List

'If you wish to be a good reader, read.'" Epictetus

Welcome to the Woodmont Academy list of recommended books! While this list is by no means exhaustive, it serves as a guide for families to explore our vast literary heritage with care and prudence.

As we strive to lead children to truly good works of literature, we will modify this list periodically and highlight books that have our special Woodmont endorsement (labeled with an asterisk *). Several listed books are included in the regular Woodmont curriculum and will also be labeled (C).

Please be aware that some titles have been listed at levels that may be unrealistic in terms of difficulty and maturity. We are in the process of re-listing certain titles under levels that seem more age-appropriate. We encourage parents to examine any listed book at a library to verify its level for their child

We welcome your questions and comments regarding our reading list. Please contact our Dean of Academics, Mr. Frank Nicely at 443-574-8100 extension 105 or fnicely@woodmontacademy.org.

Middle School Grades 6-8

* *Woodmont Staff Favorite* (C)-Used in the Woodmont Curriculum

Middle School Anthologies, Poetry, Plays, and Prose

Arts by Hendrick Willem Van Loon
Best Novels and Stories by Eugene Rhodes, edited by Dobie
Idylls of the King and other poetry by Alfred Tennyson
Lady or the Tiger and Other Stories by Frank Stockton
McGuffey's Fourth Reader by William McGuffey
*Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare
*Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare
Poem of the Cid by unknown
*Poems by Emily Dickinson
*Poems by John Donne
*Poems by George Herbert
*Poems by Robert Browning
*Poems by Robert Frost

*Poems by Ben Johnson
*Poems by Gerard Manley Hopkins
Poems by Rudyard Kipling
Poems by Thomas Gray
Poems by Thomas Macaulay
*Poems by Blessed J.H. Newman
*Poems by T.S. Elliott
Poems of Horace
Poems by Robert Southwell
*Poems by Francis Thompson
*Poems by St. John of the Cross
Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
Selections from Souvenirs Entymologiques by Henri Fabre
Song of Roland by Unknown
Story of Mankind by Hendrick Willem Van Loon
Swoop and Other Stories by P. G. Wodehouse
Tales by Washington Irving
Tales of Mystery and Imagination by Edgar Allen Poe
Van Loon's Geography by Hendrick Willem Van Loon
Works of Anne Bradstreet edited by Jeannine Hensley

Middle School Christmas Stories

Gift, The by R. Kent Hughes, illustrated by Ron DiCianni
*Rembrandt: The Christmas Story published by Thomas Nelson

Middle School Literature

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt
Admiral of the Ocean Sea: Life of Christopher Columbus & others by Samuel E. Morison
Adventures of Richard Hannay and others by John Buchan
All Men Are Brothers and others by Pearl S. Buck
Anna and the King of Siam by Margaret Landon
*Anne of Green Gables and others by Lucy Maud Montgomery (C)
*Archimedes and the Door of Science by Jeanne Bendick
*Augustine Came to Kent by Barbara Willard
*Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman by Ernest Gaines
*Beauty by Robin McKinley
Bob, Son of Battle by Alfred Ollivant
Boy Alone and others in the trilogy by Reginald Ottley
Boy on the Rooftop by Tomas Szabo
Boy's War by David J. Michell
Bridge of San Luis Rey by Thornton Wilder
Bruchko by Bruce Olson
Bulfinch's Age of Chivalry by Thomas Bulfinch
Bulfinch's Age of Fable by Thomas Bulfinch
Bulfinch's Legends of Charlemagne by Thomas Bulfinch
Calico Captive by Elizabeth George Speare

*Call of the Canyon and others by Zane Gray
Chase Me, Catch Nobody by Erik Christian Haugaard
Chosen by Chaim Potok
Christy by Catherine Marshall
Chronicles of Brother Cadfael by Ellis Peters
Cider Days by Mary Stolz
Circuit Rider and others by Edward Eggleston
Cloister and the Hearth by Charles Reade
Day of Pleasure by Isaac Bashevis Singer
Devil in Print by Mary Drewery
*Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
Flames of Rome by Paul Maier
For Love of Jody by Robbie Branscum
Giants in the Earth and others by O. E. Rolvaag
Good Morning, Miss Dove by Frances Gray Patton
*Goodbye, Mr. Chips by James Hilton
*Guns of Navarone by Alistair MacClean
Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day by Scott O'Dell
Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom
*Hittite Warrior by Joanne Williamson
*Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien
Hoosier School-Boy by Edward Eggleston
Hoosier Schoolmaster by Edward Eggleston
*Hound of the Baskervilles & others by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
House of Dies Drear by Virginia Hamilton
*How Green Was My Valley by Richard Llewellyn
If You Love Me Nothing Else Matters by Patricia St. John
In His Steps by Charles Sheldon
In the Hall of the Dragon King & others in the trilogy by Stephen R. Lawhead
Island of Dr. Moreau by H. G. Wells
*Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell (C)
*Julius Caesar and other biographies by John Buchan
King's Fifth by Scott O'Dell
Leader by Destiny by Jeanette Eaton
*Life of David Crockett by Davey Crockett
*Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain
Likely Lad by Gillian Avery
Lion's Paw by D. R. Sherman
*Little White Horse and others by Elizabeth Goudge
*Lord of the Rings Trilogy by J. R. R. Tolkein
*Lost Baron, The by Allen French
*Lost World by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
*Madeleine Takes Command by Ethel C. Brill
Mama's Bank Account by Kathryn Forbes
Mara, Daughter of the Nile by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Max's Dream by William Mayne
Miracle Worker by William Gibson
Moonstone and others by Wilkie Collins
Moves Make the Man by Bruce Brooks
Mrs. Mike by Benedict & Nancy Freedman

*My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
Night Flight by Antoine de Saint-Exupery
Nikolenka's Childhood by Leo Tolstoy
O! Pioneers by Willa Cather
*Odyssey of Homer by Barbara Leonie Picard
Of Courage Undaunted by James Daugherty
One of Ours by Willa Cather
Onion John by Joseph Krungold
Pictures of Travel in Sweden by Hans Christian Anderson
Pond by Robert Murphy
Portable Chaucer by Theodore Morrison
Profiles in Courage by John F. Kennedy
Promises in the Wind by Irene Hunt
Prospering by Elizabeth George Speare
*Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm by Kate Douglas Wiggen
*Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
*Red Hugh Prince of Donegal by Robert T. Reilly (C)
*Reb, The and The Redcoats by Constance Savory
*Robe by Lloyd C. Douglas
Sarah Bishop by Scott O'Dell
*Scarlet Pimpernel by Baroness Orczy
Scottish Chiefs by Jane Porter
Second Mrs. Giaconda by E. L. Konigsburg
Shadows on the Rock by Willa Cather
*Silver Chalice and other historical fiction by Thomas B. Costain
Slake's Limbo by Felice Holman
Small Woman by Alan Burgess
*Son of Charlemagne by Barbara Willard
*Space Trilogy by C. S. Lewis
*Stories of Charlemagne by Jennifer Westwood
*Story of a Bad Boy and others by Thomas Bailey Aldrich
*Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow by Allen French
Streams to the River, River to the Sea by Scott O'Dell
String in the Harp by Nancy Bond
*Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars
Swift Rivers by Cornelia Meigs
Ten Fingers for God by Dorothy Clarke Wilson
Tevye the Dairyman by Sholom Aleichem
Time Enough for Drums by Anne Rinaldi
Time Machine and others by H. G. Wells
To the Tune of a Hickory Stick by Robbie Branscum
Tom Brown at Oxford by Thomas Hughes
Tom Brown's School Days by Thomas Hughes
*Trumpeter of Krakow by Eric P. Kelly
Two Years Before the Mast by Richard Henry Dana
Valley of the Shadow by Janet Hickman
*Virginian and others by Owen Wister
Voyage Round the World by William Dampier
*War of The Worlds by H. G. Wells
Watership Down by Richard Adams

Well at the World's End and others by William Morris
Whale Song by Robert Siegel
*White Company by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
*White Fang by Jack London
*Winged Watchman, The by Hilda Van Stockum
Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken
*Yearling by Marjorie Rawlings
Young Brontes by Mary Louise Jarden

Middle School Advanced Literature

Barnaby Rudge by Charles Dickens
*Ben Hur and others by Lew Wallace
Black Tulip by Alexandre Dumas
Blood and Sand by Blasco Ibanez
*Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas
Four Horsemen of Apocalypse by Blasco Ibanez
*Frankenstein by Mary W. Shelley
Fromont Jeune by Alphonse Daudet
George Trilby by Du Maurier
Gil Blas by Alain Le Sage
*Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
*Greek Way to Western Civilization by Edith Hamilton
*Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift
Hereward the Wake by Charles Kingsley
*Hunchback of Notre Dame by Victor Hugo
*Ivanhoe by Sir Walter Scott
Kenilworth by Sir Walter Scott
*King Solomon's Mines and others by Henry Rider Haggard
*Last Days of Pompeii by Lord Edward Bulwar-Lytton
Legends of the Alhambra by Washington Irving
*Les Miserables by Victor Hugo
Lilith by George MacDonald
Lost Queen of Egypt by Lucile Morrison
*Master of Ballantrae by Robert Louis Stevenson
Middlemarch by George Eliot
Miracle at Philadelphia by Catherine Bowen
*Mythology by Edith Hamilton
*Nicholas Nickleby by Charles Dickens
*Old Curiosity Shop by Charles Dickens
*Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
*Oregon Trail by Francis Parkman
*Pilgrim's Progress and others by John Bunyan
*Prince Otto by Robert Louis Stevenson
Quatre-Vingt-Treize by Victor Hugo
*Rob Roy by Sir Walter Scott
*Roman Way to Western Civilization by Edith Hamilton
Sanders of the River and others by Edgar Wallace
*Silas Marner and others by George Eliot

*Snow White and Rose Red by Regina Doman
*Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson
*Taking of the Bastille by Alexandre Dumas
*Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
*Talisman by Sir Walter Scott
Tartarin by Alphonse Daudet
*Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas
Travels by Marco Polo
Travels in Africa by Mungo Park
Twenty Years After by Alexandre Dumas
Whites and The Blues by Alexandre Dumas
*Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Lives of the Saints

*Saints for Youth: Vision Books Series
(*Ignatius Press* www.ignatius.com)
*The Quiet Light and others by Louis deWohl
(*Ignatius Press* www.ignatius.com)