



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.

High School Grades 9-12

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

High School Anthologies & Poetry

Argonautica by Apollonius of Rhodes
Battle of Maldon & Other Old English Poems by Crossley-Holland & Mitchell
Blindman's World and Other Stories by Edward Bellamy
Cavalleria Rusticana and Other Stories by Giovanni Verga
Deserted Village by Oliver Goldsmith
Diary of a Superfluous Man and Other Stories by Ivan Turgenev
Dream Tales and Prose Poems by Ivan Turgenev
*Hamlet by William Shakespeare
*Henry IV and other histories by William Shakespeare
Holy Sonnets and Other Divine Poems by John Donne
*Homeric Hymns

Little Novels of Sicily by Giovanni Verga
*Macbeth and other tragedies by William Shakespeare
Minor Poems by Edmund Spenser
Necklace and Other Stories and others by Guy DeMaupassant
Pearl by Charles Osgood
*Poems by C. S. Lewis
*Poems by G. K. Chesterton
*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
Poems by Samuel Taylor Coleridge
*Poems by John Keats
*Poems by John Milton
*Poems by Lord Byron
Poems by Matthew Arnold
Poems by Percy Blythe Shelley
Poems by Robert Burns
*Poems by Robert Lewis Stevenson
Poems by Sir Walter Scott
Poems by William Wordsworth
Poems of Hesoid
Poetry as a Means Of Grace by Charles Osgood
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight translated by J. R. R. Tolkien
Sir Orfeo by Unknown
Sonnets by William Shakespeare
Stories and Plays by Anton Chekhov
Taming of The Shrew and other comedies by William Shakespeare
Ursule Mirouet and Other Stories by Honore de Balzac

High School Literature

Alas, Babylon by Pat Frank
*All Creatures Great and Small and others by James Herriot
*All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Remarque
*Amazing Adventures of Father Brown by G. K. Chesterton
American Leonardo by Carleton Mabee
Americanization of Edward Bok by Edward Bok
And Quiet Flows the Don by Mikhail Sholokhov
*Animal Farm; 1984 by George Orwell (C)

Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
Autobiography by Benvenuto Cellini
Autobiography by Theodore Roosevelt
*Ballad of the White Horse by G. K. Chesterton
Barchester Towers and others by Anthony Trollope
*Betrothed by Alessandro Manzoni
Bible in Spain by George Borrow
Bleak House by Charles Dickens
Book of Escapes and Hurried Journeys by John Buchan
Borden of Yale by Mrs. Howard Taylor
*Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Burning Bush and others by Sigrid Undset
Byzantium by Stephen R. Lawhead
Cabinet of Antiquities by Honore de Balzac
*Captain Cook's Explorations by James Cook
*Catherine of Siena by Sigrid Undset
Charterhouse of Parma and others by Stendahl
*Chivalry and others by James Branch Cabell
Conquest of Granada by Washington Irving
Contender by Robert Lipsyte
*Covenant and other historical fiction by James A. Michener
*Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Cripps, the Carrier by Richard Blackmore
*Crisis by Thomas Paine
Cross and the Switchblade by David Wilkerson
*Cruise of the "Nona" and others by Hilaire Belloc
*Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton
Darwin's Black Box by Michel Behe
*David Copperfield by Charles Dickens
*Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather
*Death of Ivan Ilyitch by Leo Tolstoy
Death of the Gods by Dmitri Merejkowski
Diary & Autobiography of John Adams edited by L. Butterfield
Diary by David Brainerd
*Diary of a Country Priest and others by George Bernanos
Dream Thief by Stephen R. Lawhead
*Education of Henry Adams by Henry Adams
*Emma by Jane Austen
Erewhon by Samuel Butler
*Everlasting Man by G. K. Chesterton
Every Living Thing by James Herriot
Experience the Depths of Jesus Christ by Madame Jeanne Guyon
Faerie Queene by Edmund Spenser
Fairy Tale of My Life: An Autobiography by Hans Christian Anderson
Fathers and Sons and others by Ivan Turgenev
*For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway
Four Voyages to the New World by Christopher Columbus
Foxe's Christian Martyrs by John Foxe, edited by W. Grinton Berry
Gargantua and Pantagruel by Francois Rabelais
Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell
Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck
Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

*Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
Green Mansions and others by William H. Hudson
Heart of Darkness and others by Joseph Conrad
Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther by Roland H. Bainton
House by the Medlar Tree by Giovanni Verga, translated by D. H. Lawrence
*House of Seven Gables and others by Nathaniel Hawthorne
How I Found Livingstone by Sir Henry Morton Stanley
Iceland Fisherman and others by Pierre Loti
In This Sign by Joanne Greenburg
*Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Jerusalem and others by Selma Lagerlof
Journal by George Fox
Journal by John Wesley
Lalla Rookh by Tom Moore
Lavengro by George Borrow
Life of Columbus by Washington Irving
Life of George Washington by Washington Irving
*Life of Samuel Johnson by James Boswell
Looking Backward by Edward Bellamy
*Lord Peter and other mysteries by Dorothy Sayers
Lorna Doone by Richard D. Blackmore
*Man Called Thursday by G. K. Chesterton
Martin Chuzzlewit by Charles Dickens
Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
*Moby Dick and others by Herman Melville
*Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie
My Antonia by Willa Cather
*My Confession by Leo Tolstoy
News from Nowhere by William Morris
Old Creole Days and others by George Washington Cable
*Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
On Religion: Speeches to Its Cultured Despisers by F. Schleiermacher
*On Walden Pond by Henry David Thoreau
*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich and others by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
*Our Mutual Friend by Charles Dickens
Paradise War and others in trilogy by Stephen R. Lawhead
Peace Child by Don Richardson
Pere Goiroit by Honore de Balzac
Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc by Mark Twain
Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard
*Pillar of Iron and other historical fiction by Taylor Caldwell
*Power & the Glory and other historical fiction by Graham Greene
*Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Prisoner of Zenda and others by Anthony Hope Hawkins
Quo Vadis by Henryk Sienkiewicz
Rabble in Arms and others by Kenneth Roberts
Ramona by Helen Hunt Jackson
Raven: a Biography of Sam Houston and other biographies by Marquis James
Red and The Black by Stendahl
Romany Rye by George Borrow
Roots of the Mountains by William Morris
*Scaramouche by Rafael Sabatini
*Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Scott's Last Expedition by Robert Scott
 *Sense and Sensibility and others by Jane Austen
 Servant of Slaves and others by Grace Irwin
 *Sevastopol Sketches and others by Leo Tolstoy
 Shadows on the Park by Willa Cather
 Sigurd the Volsung and the Fall of the Niblungs by William Morris
 *Snow Goose by Paul Gallico
 *Song of the Scaffold by Gertrud von Le Fort
 Tale of the South Downs by Richard Blackmore
 Taliesin and others in trilogy by Stephen R. Lawhead
 Thirty Nine Steps and others by John Buchan
 To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
 Tom Jones and others by Henry Fielding
 Travels in Arabian Deserts by Charles Doughty
 Up From Slavery by Booker T. Washington
 Vanity Fair by William Makepeace Thackeray
 Vicar of Wakefield by Oliver Goldsmith
 *Virginians and others by William Makepeace Thackeray
 Voyages to the New World by Hakluyt
 *War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy
 War of the Worldviews by Gary DeMar
 Way of All Flesh by Samuel Butler
 Wisdom of the Desert by Thomas Merton
 With Fire and Sword by Henryk Sienkiewicz
 Witness by Whittaker Chambers

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