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**Reading List
for Kids & Teens**

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Here is a list of books for kids and teens that demonstrate values such as perseverance, leadership, judgment, curiosity, friendship, self-regulation, and hope. The list includes memoirs, fiction, non-fiction, and American history.

Young Readers (around 3-5)

I Am Martin Luther King, Jr.

by Brad Metzger and Christopher Eliopoulos (illustrator)

Child of the Civil Rights Movement

Paula Young Shelton and Raul Colon (illustrator)

We're Different, We're the Same (Sesame Street)

by Bobby Kates and Joe Mathieu (illustrator)

The Sneetches and Other Stories

by Dr. Seuss

Horton Hears a Who!

by Dr. Seuss

The Butter Battle Book

by Dr. Seuss

Little Blue Truck

by Alice Schertle and Jill McElmurry (illustrator)

Mae Among the Stars

by Roda Ahmed and Stasia Burrington (illustrator)

Juno Valentine and the Magical Shoes

by Eva Chen and Derek Desierto (illustrator)

Hair Love

by Matthew Cherry and Vashti Harrison (illustrator)

Enemy Pie



by Derek Munson and Tara Calahan King (illustrator)

Ferdinand

by Munro Leaf and Robert Lawson (illustrator)

Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type

by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin (illustrator)

A Good Day

by Kevin Henkes

The World Needs More Purple People

by Kristen Bell, Benjamin Hart, and Daniel Wiseman (illustrator)

The Little Engine That Could

by Watty Piper

Happy in Our Skin

by Fran Manuskin

The Peculiar Pig

by Joy Steuerwald

Elementary School

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse (all ages)

by Charlie Mackesy

George Washington

by National Geographic Society

Abe Lincoln Remembers

by Ann Turner and Wendell Minor (illustrator)

I Have a Dream

by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Kadir Nelson (illustrator)

My Dream of Martin Luther King

by Faith Ringgold

Wonder

by R.J. Palacio

Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation

by Duncan Tonatiuh

A Place To Land: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Speech that Inspired a Nation

by Barry Wittenstein and Jerry Pinkney (illustrator)

The Year of Billy Miller

by Kenvin Henkes

Code 7: Cracking the Code for an Epic Life

by Bryan Johnson

Free For You and Me: What Our First Amendment Means

by Christy Mihaly and Manu Montoya (illustrator)

Little House on the Prairie

by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story

by Joseph Bruchac and Liz Amini-Holmes (illustrator)

Best Friends

by Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham (illustrator)

The Phantom Tollbooth

by Norton Juster

Lillian's Right To Vote

Jonah Winter and Shane W. Evans (illustrator)

She Persisted Around the World: 13 Women Who Changed History

by Chelsea Clinton and Alexander Boiger (illustrator)

I Am Jackie Robinson

by Brad Metzger and Christopher Eliopoulos (illustrator)

Vote for Our Future!

by Margaret McNamara and Micah Player (illustrator)

The President of the Jungle

by André Rodrigues, Larissa Ribeiro, Paula Desgualdo, and Pedro Markun

Stonewall: A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution

by Rob Sanders and James Christoph (illustrator)

Middle School

FICTION

Resistance

by Jennifer Nielsen

Freak the Mighty

by Rodman Philbrick

American Born Chinese (graphic novel)

by Gene Luen Yang

The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963

by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Good War

by Todd Strasser

Esperanza Rising

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

A Long Walk to Water

by Linda Sue Park

The Book Thief

by Markus Zusak

Fahrenheit 451

by Ray Bradbury

Harrison Bergeron (short story)

by Kurt Vonnegut

The Giver

by Lois Lowry

Anthem

by Ayn Rand

Animal Farm

by George Orwell

Inside Out and Back Again

by Thanhha Lai

Bud, Not Buddy

by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Night Diary

by Veera Hiranani

Refugee

by Alan Gratz

Out of My Mind

by Sharon Draper

The House on Mango Street

by Sandra Cisneros

Watership Down

by Richard Adams

MEMOIR

Red Scarf Girl

by Ji-li Jiang

I Am Malala

by Malala Yousafzai

Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality

by Jo Ann Allen Boyce

Facing Frederick: The Life of Frederick Douglass, a Monumental American Man
by Tonya Bolden

Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman
by Dorothy Sterling

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl
by Anne Frank

My Survival: A Girl on Schindler's List
by Rena Finder and Joshua M. Greene

Facing the Lion: Memoirs of a Young Girl in Nazi Europe
by Simone Arnold Liebster

Facing the Lion: Growing Up Maasai on the African Savanna
by Herman Viola and Joseph Lekuton

Soul Surfer
by Bethany Hamilton

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
by William Kamkwamba

POEMS

A Maze Me - Poems for Girls
by Naomi Shihab Nye

“Human Family”
by Maya Angelou

“Kindness”
by Naomi Shihab Nye

“The Road Not Taken”
by Robert Frost

“See It Through”
by Edgar Albert Guest

“Touching the Sky”

by Shreya D. Chattree

“Be the Best of Whatever You Are”

by Douglas Malloch

OTHER: Non-Fiction, History

Unbroken (the Young Adult adaptation)

by Laura Hillenbrand

High School

FICTION

1984

by George Orwell

Animal Farm

by George Orwell

Brave New World

by Aldous Huxley

To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

Lord of the Flies

by William Golding

Of Mice and Men

by John Steinbeck

In the Time of the Butterflies

by Julia Alvarez

The Handmaid’s Tale

by Margaret Atwood

The Testaments (sequel)
by Margaret Atwood

The Bathwater Brigade
by Jefferson Shupe

The Circle
by Dave Eggers

A Free Life
by Ha Jin

The Secret Life of Bees
by Sue Monk Kidd

Tell the Wolves I'm Home
by Carol Rifka Brunt

The Screwtape Letters
by C. S. Lewis

Life of Pi
by Yann Martel

The Kite Runner
by Khaled Hosseini

The Chocolate War
by Robert Cormier

Feed
by M.T. Anderson

MEMOIR

The Color of Water
by James McBride

Educated
by Tara Westover

The Glass Castle

by Jeannette Walls

The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace

by Jeff Hobbs

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

by Maya Angelou

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave

by Frederick Douglass

Night

by Elie Weisel

Maus (graphic memoir)

by Art Spiegelman

Persepolis (graphic memoir)

by Marjane Satrapi

OTHER: Non-Fiction, History

The Madness of Crowds

by Douglas Murray

1776

by David McCullough

The Gulag Archipelago

by Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community

by Martin Luther King, Jr., forward by Coretta Scott King

The Other Wes Moore

by Wes Moore

In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom

by Yeonmi Park

The Librarian of Auschwitz

by Antonio Iturbe Lilit Thwaites (translator)

Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom

by David W. Blight

The Rise of American Democracy: Jefferson to Lincoln

by Sean Wilentz

Hamilton: An American Biography

by Tony Williams

The Constitution and the Declaration of Independence: The Constitution of the United States of America, by The Founding Fathers

by Paul Skousen

The Know Your Bill of Rights Book

by Sean Patrick