

# *Book Girl Book List*

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*\*Recommended more than once*

## **The Beloved Dozen**

- ☐ Austen, Jane - Persuasion (See also Pride and Prejudice, Sense and Sensibility\*, and Emma)
- ☐ Berry, Wendell - Hannah Coulter (See also Remembering\*, The Memory of Old Jack, Jayber Crow, A Place on Earth, Fidelity: Five Stories)
- ☐ Dickens, Charles - David Copperfield (See also A Christmas Carol, Our Mutual Friend, Bleak House\*, Hard Times, Little Dorrit)
- ☐ Eliot, George - Middlemarch (See also Silas Marner, Scenes of Clerical Life, The Mill on the Floss, Daniel Deronda)
- ☐ Goudge, Elizabeth - Pilgrim's Inn (See also Gentian Hill, A City of Bells\*, The Little White Horse, The Scent of Water\*, The Bird in the Tree, The Dean's Watch, The Rosemary Tree, Green Dolphin Street)
- ☐ Lee, Harper - To Kill a Mockingbird
- ☐ Montgomery, L. M. - The Anne of Green Gables Series (See also The Emily Series)
- ☐ O'Brien, Michael - Island of the World
- ☐ Robinson, Marilynne - Lila (See also Gilead, Home)
- ☐ Tolkien, J.R.R. - The Lord of the Rings Trilogy (See also The Silmarillion, The Hobbit)
- ☐ Tolstoy, Leo - Anna Karenina
- ☐ Lewis, C.S. - Till We Have Faces (See also Out of the Silent Planet, Perelandra, That Hideous Strength, The Chronicles of Narnia)

## **Books About Books, Art, Stories, and Imagination**

- ☐ Adler, Mortimer J. and Charles Van Doren - How to Read a Book: The Classic Guide to Intelligent Reading
- ☐ Deresiewicz, William - A Jane Austen Education: How Six Novels Taught Me about Love, Friendship, and the Things That Really Matter
- ☐ Guroian, Vigen - Tending the Heart of Virtue: How Classic Stories Awaken a Child's Moral Imagination
- ☐ Jacobs, Alan - The Pleasures of Reading in an Age of Distraction
- ☐ Lewis, C.S. - An Experiment in Criticism
- ☐ Nafisi, Azar - Reading Lolita in Tehran
- ☐ Prior, Karen Swallow - Booked: Literature in the Soul of Me (See also Fierce Convictions: The Extraordinary Life of Hannah More: Poet, Reformer, Abolitionist)
- ☐ Barfield, Owen - Poetic Diction: A Study in Meaning
- ☐ Dickerson, Matthew - Following Gandalf: Epic Battles and Moral Victory in the Lord of the Rings
- ☐ Esolen, Anthony - Ten Ways to Destroy the Imagination of Your Child

- ☐ Guite, Malcolm - Faith, Hope and Poetry: Theology and the Poetic Imagination
- ☐ Lewis, C.S. - On Stories: And Other Essays on Literature
- ☐ Lochhead, Marion - The Renaissance of Wonder: The Fantasy Worlds of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, George MacDonald, E. Nesbit, and Others
- ☐ O'Brien, Michael D. - A Landscape with Dragons: The Battle for Your Child's Mind
- ☐ Ryken, Leland - The Christian Imagination: The Practice of Faith in Literature and Writing
- ☐ Tolkien, J. R. R. - Tree and Leaf
- ☐ Ward, Michael - Planet Narnia: The Seven Heavens in the Imagination of C.S. Lewis
- ☐ Williams, Rowan - Dostoevsky: Language, Faith, and Fiction
- ☐ Davison, Andrew (Editor) - Imaginative Apologetics: Theology, Philosophy and the Catholic Tradition
- ☐ Dubai, Thomas - The Evidential Power of Beauty: Science and Theology Meet
- ☐ Ergenbright, Ric - The Art of God
- ☐ Fujimura, Makoto - Refractions: A Journey of Faith, Art, and Culture
- ☐ L'Engle, Madeleine - Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith and Art
- ☐ Macfarlane, Robert and Jackie Morris - The Lost Words
- ☐ MacGregor, Neil and Erika Langmuir - Seeing Salvation
- ☐ Poortvliet, Rein - Noah's Ark
- ☐ Smith, Jane Stuart - The Gift of Music: Great Composers and Their Influence
- ☐ Tudor, Tasha and Richard Brown - The Private World of Tasha Tudor
- ☐ Viladesau, Richard - Theological Aesthetics: God in Imagination, Beauty, and Arts

## Children's Classics

- ☐ Cooney, Barbara - Roxaboxen, Miss Rumphius
- ☐ Rylant, Cynthia - The Relatives Came
- ☐ Locker, Thomas - The Boy Who Held Back the Sea
- ☐ Gray, Libba Moore - My Mama Had a Dancing Heart
- ☐ Hodges, Margaret - Saint George and the Dragon
- ☐ Barklem, Jill - Brambly Hedge Series
- ☐ Fox, Mem - Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge
- ☐ Brett, Jan - Fritz and the Beautiful Horses
- ☐ Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie and Helen Kinsey - The Bear That Heard Crying
- ☐ Hague, Kathleen and Michael - Alphabears
- ☐ Aiken, Joan - The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
- ☐ Alcott, Louisa May - Little Women (See also Little Men)
- ☐ Burnett, Frances Hodgson - A Little Princess (See also The Secret Garden, Little Lord Fauntleroy)

- ☐ Goudge, Elizabeth - The Little White Horse
- ☐ Montgomery, L. M. - The Story Girl
- ☐ Nesbit, E. - The Railway Children (See also The Story of Treasure Seekers)
- ☐ Porter, Eleanor - Pollyanna
- ☐ Spyri, Johanna - Heidi
- ☐ St. John, Patricia - Treasures of the Snow
- ☐ White, E. B. - Charlotte's Web
- ☐ Barrie, J.M - Peter Pan
- ☐ Grahame, Kenneth - The Wind in the Willows
- ☐ Milne, A.A. - The Complete Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh
- ☐ Potter, Beatrix - Petter Rabbit and other stories
- ☐ Stevenson, Robert Louis - Treasure Island
- ☐ Kingsley, Charles - The Water-Babies
- ☐ Moody, Ralph - Little Britches Series
- ☐ Stewart, Trenton Lee - The Mysterious Benedict Society
- ☐ Birdsall, Jeanne - The Penderwicks
- ☐ Taylor, Sydney - All-of-a-kind Family
- ☐ Brink, Carol Ryrie - Caddie Woodlawn (See also Winter Cottage)
- ☐ Forbes, Esther - Johnny Tremain
- ☐ Seredy, Kate - The Good Master
- ☐ Latham, Jean Lee - Carry On, Mr. Bowditch
- ☐ Almedingen, E.M. - Ellen
- ☐ Hunt, Irene - Across Five Aprils
- ☐ De Trevino, Elizabeth Borton - I, Juan de Pareja
- ☐ Padowicz, Julian - Mother and Me: Escape from Warsaw 1939
- ☐ Kelly, Eric - The Trumpeter of Krakow
- ☐ Aiken, Joan - The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
- ☐ DiCamillo, Kate - Because of Winn-Dixie
- ☐ Lewis, C.S. - The Chronicles of Narnia Series
- ☐ Smith, S.D - The Green Ember Series
- ☐ Peterson, Andrew - The Wingfeather Saga series
- ☐ Trafton, Jennifer - Henry and the Chalk Dragon
- ☐ Snicket, Lemony - A Series of Unfortunate Events Series
- ☐ MacDonald, George - The Princess and the Goblin, At the Back of the North Wind, The Lost Princess
- ☐ Rowling, J.K. - Harry Potter Series
- ☐ Tales of Hans Christian Anderson
- ☐ Jacques, Brian - Redwall Series
- ☐ Bunyan, John - Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrim's Progress

## Family Read-Alouds

- ☐ Chesterton, G.K. - The Man Who Was Thursday: A Nightmare
- ☐ Cooper, Susan - The Dark is Rising Series

- ☐ Enger, Leif - Peace Like a River
- ☐ Dickens, Charles - Oliver Twist
- ☐ Douglas, Lloyd C. - The Big Fisherman
- ☐ Gilbreath, Frank and Ernestine - Cheaper By the Dozen
- ☐ Herriot, James - The Complete James Herriot: All Creatures Great and Small
- ☐ L'Engle, Madeleine - A Wrinkle in Time
- ☐ Lowry, Lois - The Giver
- ☐ Montgomery, L.M. - Rainbow Valley
- ☐ Pargeter, Edith - The Heaventree Trilogy
- ☐ Porter, Eleanor H. - Just David
- ☐ Stevenson, Robert Louis - Kidnapped: Being Memoirs of the Adventures of David Balfour in the Year 1751
- ☐ Tolkien, J.R.R. - The Hobbit
- ☐ Wodehouse, P.G. - Right Ho, Jeeves!

## Biographies & Memoirs

- ☐ Brother Andrew - God's Smuggler
- ☐ Elie, Paul - The Life You Save May Be Your Own
- ☐ Elliot, Elisabeth - A Chance to Die (See also Through the Gates of Splendor)
- ☐ Frank, Anne - The Diary of a Young Girl
- ☐ Garth, John - Tolkien and the Great War
- ☐ Green, Melody - No Compromise: The Life Story of Keith Green
- ☐ Marshall, Catherine - Christy
- ☐ Marshall, Catherine - A Man Called Peter
- ☐ Merton, Thomas - The Seven Story Mountain
- ☐ Rockness, Miriam Huffman - A Passion for the Impossible: The Life of Lilius Trotter
- ☐ Schaeffer, Edith - L'Abri
- ☐ Smith, James Bryan - Rich Mullins: An Arrow Pointing to Heaven
- ☐ Ten Boom, Corrie - The Hiding Place
- ☐ Vanauken, Sheldon - A Severe Mercy
- ☐ Buechner, Frederick - The Sacred Journey: A Memoir of Early Days
- ☐ Capon, Robert Farra - The Supper of the Lamb: A Culinary Reflection
- ☐ Dillard, Annie - Pilgrim at Tinker Creek
- ☐ L'Engle, Madeleine - The Crosswicks Journals (See also A Circle of Quiet, The Summer of the Great-grandmother, The Irrational Season, Two-Part Invention: The Story of a Marriage)
- ☐ Lewis, C.S. - Surprised by Joy: The Shape of My Early Life
- ☐ Macfarlane, Robert - The Old Ways: A Journey on Foot (See also: Mountains of the Mind: Adventures in Reaching the Summit, The Wild Places, The Lost Words)
- ☐ Miller, Donald - Blue Like Jazz

- ☐ Norris, Kathleen - The Cloister Walk (See also Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith, The Quotidian Mysteries: Laundry, Liturgy, and Women's Work)

## Classics

- ☐ Chaucer, Geoffrey - The Canterbury Tales
- ☐ Alighieri, Dante - The Divine Comedy
- ☐ Dostoevsky, Fyodor - The Brothers Karamazov (See also Crime and Punishment, The Dream of a Ridiculous Man)
- ☐ Fitzgerald, F. Scott - The Great Gatsby
- ☐ Heany, Seamus (translator) - Beowulf
- ☐ Homer - The Odyssey
- ☐ Hugo, Victor - Les Miserables
- ☐ Milton, John - Paradise Lost
- ☐ Shakespeare - King Lear, Much Ado About Nothing

## Girl Power

- ☐ Bronte, Charlotte - Jane Eyre
- ☐ Cather, Willa - The Song of the Lark (See also My Antonia, Death Comes for the Archbishop)
- ☐ Holmes, Marjorie - Two from Galilee: The Story of Mary and Joseph
- ☐ Morley, Christopher - Parnassus on Wheels
- ☐ Stratton-Porter - A Girl of the Limberlost (See also Freckles, The Keeper of the Bees)
- ☐ Undset, Sigrid - Kristin Lavransdatter Trilogy

\*\*\*Already mentioned: Books by Jane Austen, George Elliot, Elizabeth Goudge, Charles Dickens, L.M Montgomery

## Spiritual Classics & The Christian Life

- ☐ Athanasius - On the Incarnation (See also The Life of Antony)
- ☐ Buechner, Frederick - Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale; The Sacred Journey: A Memoir of Early Days, The Hungering Dark, The Magnificent Defeat, Listening to Your Life: Daily Meditations with Frederick Buechner
- ☐ Foster, Richard - Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home (See also Celebration of Discipline, Streams of Living Water, Freedom of Simplicity)
- ☐ Irenaeus - Against Heresies (See also commentary by Hans Urs von Balthasar - The Scandal of the Incarnation: Irenaeus against the Heresies)
- ☐ Julian of Norwich - Revelations of Divine Love
- ☐ Keller, Timothy - The Prodigal God (See also The Reason for God, Counterfeit Gods, Prayer, Generous Justice)
- ☐ L'Engle, Madeleine - The Genesis Trilogy
- ☐ Lewis, C.S. - The Great Divorce (See also The Screwtape Letters, Mere Christianity, The Weight of Glory, Letters to Malcolm Chiefly on Prayer, The Four Loves, A Grief Observed)
- ☐ Lloyd, Michael - Cafe Theology: Exploring Love, the Universe and Everything

- ☐ MacDonald, George - Unspoken Sermons
- ☐ Merton, Thomas - The Sign of Jonas
- ☐ Murray, Andrew - Humility: The Journey toward Holiness
- ☐ Packer, J.I. - Knowing God
- ☐ Peterson, Eugene - Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places (See also Run with Horses, A Long Obedience in the Same Direction, Tell It Slant, The Contemplative Pastor, Eat this Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading)
- ☐ Schmemmann, Alexander - For the Life of the World
- ☐ Torrance, Thomas F. - Incarnation: The Person and Life of Christ
- ☐ Underhill, Evelyn - Mysticism (See also Concerning the Inner Life, The Letters of Evelyn Underhill)
- ☐ Wright, N.T. - Jesus and the Victory of God (See also Surprised by Hope, After You Believe: Why Christian Character Matters, Simply Christian)
- ☐ Yancey, Philip - What's So Amazing about Grace? (See also The Jesus I Never Know, Soul Survivor, Reaching for the Invisible God)
- ☐ Brother Lawrence - The Practice of the Presence of God
- ☐ Buchanan, Mark - The Rest of God: Restoring Your Soul by Restoring Sabbath
- ☐ Cairns, Scott - Love's Immensity: Mystics on the Endless Life
- ☐ Chambers, Oswald - My Utmost for His Highest
- ☐ Northumbria Community - Celtic Daily Prayer
- ☐ Goudge, Elizabeth - A Book of Comfort: An Anthology (See also A Book of Peace, A Book of Faith)
- ☐ Merton, Thomas - No Man is an Island, New Seeds of Contemplation, Bread in the Wilderness
- ☐ Miller, Calvin - The Singer Trilogy
- ☐ St. Teresa of Avila - The Interior Castle
- ☐ De Waal, Esther - The Celtic Way of Prayer: The Recovery of the Religious Imagination
- ☐ Willard, Dallas - The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life
- ☐ Williams, Rowan - Silence and Honey Cakes (See also Benedicta Ward's The Sayings of the Desert Fathers)
- ☐ Boers, Arthur Paul - The Rhythm of God's Grace: Uncovering Morning and Evening Hours of Prayer
- ☐ Boersma, Hans - Heavenly Participation: The Weaving of a Sacramental Tapestry
- ☐ Ireton, Kimberlee Conway - The Circle of Seasons: Meeting God in the Church Year
- ☐ McKelvey, Douglas Kaine - Every Moment Holy: New Liturgies for Daily Life
- ☐ Smith, James K.A. - You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit
- ☐ Tickle, Phyliss - The Divine Hours Series
- ☐ Plough Publishing - Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas, Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter

- ☐ Pennoyer, Greg and Gregory Wolfe (Editor) - God with Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Christmas, God for Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Lent and Easter
- ☐ Bonhoeffer, Dietrich - Letters and Papers from Prison
- ☐ Bunyan, John - Pilgrim's Progress, Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrim's Progress
- ☐ Hart, David Bentley - The Doors of the Sea: Where was God in the Tsunami?
- ☐ Janzen, J. Gerald - At the Scent of Water: The Ground of Hope in the Book of Job
- ☐ Lloyd-Jones, Sally - Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing
- ☐ Nouwen, Henri J. M. Nouwen - The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming (See also Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World, The Way of the Heart: The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers, The Wounded Healer: Ministry in Contemporary Society, Love Henri: Letters on the Spiritual Life)
- ☐ Von Balthasar, Hans Urs - Theo-Drama: Theological Dramatic Theory
- ☐ Clarkson, Sally: Own Your Life: Living with Deep Intention, Bold Faith, and Generous Love (See also The Mission of Motherhood, The Ministry of Motherhood, The Lifegiving Table, The Lifegiving Home, Different, Dancing with My Father)

## Books to Cultivate Wisdom and Navigate Culture

- ☐ Berry, Wendell - The Art of the Commonplace (See also Life is a Miracle: An Essay against Modern Superstition, Sex Economy Freedom and Community, Standing by Words, The Unsettling of America)
- ☐ Boorstin, Daniel J. - The Discoverers: A History of Man's Search to Know His World and Himself (See also The Seekers: The Story of Man's Continuing Quest to Understand His World, The Creators: A History of Heroes of the Imagination)
- ☐ Carr, Nicholas - The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains
- ☐ Crouch, Andy - Culture Making
- ☐ Gaarder, Jostein - Sophie's World
- ☐ MacIntyre, Alasdair - After Virtue
- ☐ O'Donovan, Oliver - Begotten or Made?
- ☐ Postman, Neil - Amusing Ourselves to Death (See also Technopoly)
- ☐ Stafford, Wess - Too Small to Ignore
- ☐ Taylor, Charles - A Secular Age
- ☐ Volf, Miroslav - Exclusion and Embrace
- ☐ Wirzba, Norman - From Nature to Creation: A Christian Vision for Understanding and Loving our World
- ☐ Doerr, Anthony - All the Light We Cannot See
- ☐ Fenollera, Natalia Sanmartin - The Awakening of Miss Primm
- ☐ Stratton-Porter, Gene - The Keeper of Bees
- ☐ Shaffer, Mary Ann and Annie Barrows - The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

☐ Von Arnim, Elizabeth - The Enchanted April

☐ Yates, Elizabeth - The Journeyman

\*\*\*Already mentioned: Books by Wendell Berry, Elizabeth Goudge

## Fantasy

☐ Clarke, Susanna - Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norwell

☐ Lawhead, Stephen R. - The Pendragon Cycle

☐ MacDonald, George - Lilith (See also Phantastes, At the Back of the North Wind, The Princess and the Goblin, David Elginbrod)

☐ Rowling, J. K. - The Harry Potter Series

☐ Wangerin Jr., Walter - The Book of the Dun Cow

☐ White, T.H. - The Once and Future King

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## Other Novels

☐ Ishiguro, Kazuo - The Remains of the Day

☐ Endo, Shusako - Silence

☐ Paton, Alan - Cry, the Beloved Country (See also Too Late the Phalarope)

☐ Potok, Chaim - The Chosen (See also My Name is Asher Lev)

☐ Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan - The Yearling

☐ Wilcock, Penelope - The Hawk and the Dove

\*\*\*Already mentioned: Books by Wendell Berry, L.M. Montgomery, Marilynne Robinson, J.R.R. Tolkien

## Poetry

☐ May, Jamaal - "There are Birds Here"

☐ Karr, Mary - "Disgraceland"

☐ Stallings, A.E. - "Fairy-tale Logic"

☐ Merwin, W.S. - "Thanks"

☐ Ryan, Kay - "Patience"

☐ Ratzlaff, Keith - "Hopeful Angel"

☐ Wiman, Christian

☐ Bringhurst, Robert

☐ Bloom, Harold (Editor) - The Best Poems of the English Language: From Chaucer through Robert Frost

☐ Guite, Malcolm - Sounding the Seasons: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year, Waiting on the Word: A Poem a Day for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany

☐ McEntyre, Marilyn Chandler - Drawn to the Light: Poems on Rembrandt's Religious Paintings, The Color of Light: Poems on Van Gogh's Late Paintings, In Quiet Light: Poems on Vermeer's Women

☐ Milosz, Czeslaw (Editor) - A Book of Luminous Things: An International Anthology of Poetry

☐ Sterling Publishing - Poetry for Young People Series



- ☐ Trott, James H. (Editor) - A Sacrifice of Praise: An Anthology of Christian Poetry in English from Caedmon to the Mid-Twentieth Century
- ☐ Untermeyer, Louis (Editor) - The Golden Books Family Treasury of Poetry

## Recommended by Others

- ☐ Hugo, Victor - Les Miserables
- ☐ Bronte, Charlotte - Jane Eyre\*\*\*
- ☐ Rivers, Francine - Redeeming Love
- ☐ Fenollera, Natalia Sanmartin - The Awakening of Miss Prim
- ☐ Portis, Charles - True Grit
- ☐ Austen, Jane - Pride and Prejudice\*\*
- ☐ Gaskell, Elizabeth - Cranford
- ☐ Lewis, C.S. - The Chronicles of Narnia\*, The Abolition of Man, The Weight of Glory, till We Have Faces
- ☐ Pargeter, Edith - The Heaven Tree Trilogy
- ☐ Taylor, John V. - The Go-Between God
- ☐ Dwyer, Susan - Playing with Fire: A Natural Selection of Religious Poetry
- ☐ Tolstoy, Leo - Anna Karenina
- ☐ Berry, Wendell - Hannah Coulter
- ☐ Undset, Sigrid - Kristin Lavransdatter trilogy
- ☐ Ishiguro, Kazuo - The Remains of the Day
- ☐ Cather, Willa - The Song of the Lark
- ☐ Eliot, George - Adam Bede, Middlemarch, The Mill on the Floss
- ☐ Buck, Pearl S. - The Good Earth
- ☐ Smith, Alexander McCall - The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series
- ☐ Sayers, Dorothy L. - Gaudy Night
- ☐ Dostoevsky, Fyodor - The Brothers Karamazov
- ☐ Dickens, Charles - Dombey and Son, Martin Chuzzlewit
- ☐ Enger, Leif - Peace like a River
- ☐ L'Engle, Madeleine - Walking on Water, A Wrinkle in Time, A Circle of Quiet
- ☐ The Bible
- ☐ The Book of Common Prayer
- ☐ MacDonald, George - Diary of an Old Soul
- ☐ Goudge, Elizabeth - The Scent of Water
- ☐ Rawls, Wilson - Where the Red Fern Grows
- ☐ Marshall, Catherine - Christy
- ☐ Stratton-Porter, Gene - The Keeper of Bees
- ☐ Peterson, Eugene - Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places
- ☐ Yancey, Philip - The Jesus I Never Knew