

**Bennett's Reading List, Part 2 of 2**

A good selection of readings for children in grades 4-6 might include:

**The Summer of the Swans**, Betsy Bvars

**A New Treasury of Children's Poetry: Old Favorites and New Discoveries**, edited by Joanna Cole

**Prairie Songs**, Pamela Conrad

**James and the Giant Peach and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**, Roald Dahl

**The Black Stallion**, Walter Farley

**Thor and the Giants**, Anita Feagles

**Great Brain books**, John D. Fitzgerald

**Harriet the Spy**, Louise Fitzhugh

**Johnny Tremain**, Esther Forbes

**Selections from Poor Richard's Almanack**, Benjamin Franklin

**Lincoln: A Photobiography**, Russell Freedman

**And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?** Jean Fritz

**A Swinger of Birches: Poems of Robert Frost for Young People**, Robert Frost

**Julie of the Wolves**, Jean Craighead George

**The Wind in the Willows**, Kenneth Grahame

**Mythology**, Edith Hamilton

**The People Could Fly: American Black Folk Tales**, Virginia Hamilton

**Misty of Chincoteague** and **Brighty of the Grand Canyon**, Marguerite Henry

**At the Top of My Voice and Other Poems**, Felice Holmon

**The Phantom Tollbooth**, Norton Juster

**The Trumpeter of Krakow**, Eric Kelly

**The Jungle Book** and **Captains Courageous**, Rudyard Kipling

**Lassie Come Home**, Eric Knight

**From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**, E.I. Konigsburg

**The Call of the Wild**, Jack London

**Tales from Shakespeare**, Charles and Mary Lamb

**The Rainbow Fairy books**, Andrew Lang

**A Wrinkle in Time**, Madeleine L. Engle

**The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood**, Howard Pyle

**The Westing Game**, Ellen Raskin

**Where the Red Fern Grows**, Wilson Rawls

**Bambi**, Felix Salten

**Abe Lincoln Grows Up** and **Rootabaga Stories**, Carl Sandburg

**Cricket in Times Square**, George Seldon

**Black Beauty**, Anna Sewell

**A Day of Pleasure: Stories of a Boy Growing up in Warsaw**, Isaac Bashevis Singer

**Call It Courage**, Armstrong Sperry

**Heidi**, Johanna Spyri

**Treasure Island**, Robert Louis Stevenson

**American Tall-Tale Animals**, Adrien Stoutenburg

**The Nutcracker: A Story and a Ballet**, Ellen Switzer

**What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?** and **Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May?**, Margaret Tomes

**Swiss Family Robinson**, Johann Wyss

A good selection of readings for children in grades 7 and 8 might include:

**I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**, Maya Angelou

**The Voyage of the Lucky Dragon**, Jack Bennett

**A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-32**, Joan W. Blos

**The Moves Make the Man**, Bruce Brooks

**Alice's Adventures in Wonderland** and **Through the Looking Glass**, Lewis Carroll

**Neighbor Rosicky**, Willa Cather

**The Dark is Rising**, Susan Cooper

**The Red Badge of Courage**, Stephen Crane

**Madame Curie: A Biography**, Eve Curie

**Robinson Crusoe**, Daniel Defoe

**Great Expectations**, Charles Dickens

**Diary of a Young Girl**, Anne Frank

**You Come Too**, Robert Frost

**Spin a Soft Black Song**, Nikki Giovanni

**A Raisin in the Sun**, Lorraine Hansberry

**The House of Seven Gables**, Nathaniel Hawthorne

**The Old Man and the Sea**, Ernest Hemmingway

**The Gift of the Magi and Other Stories**, O. Henry

**Kon-Tiki**, Thor Heyerdahl

**Legend Days**, Jamake Highwater

**Thunder of the Gods**, Dorothy Hosford

**The Legend of Sleepy Hollow** and **Rip Van Winkle**, Washington Irving

**Story of My Life**, Helen Keller

**Kim**, Rudyard Kipling

**To Kill a Mockingbird**, Harper Lee

**Good Night, Mr. Tom**, Michelle Magorian

**Mutiny on the Bounty**, Charles Nordhoff and J.N. Hall

**Island of the Blue Dolphins**, Scott O'Dell

**The Scarlet Pimpernel**, Baroness Emma Orczy

**The Complete Tales and Poems**, Edgar Allan Poe

**The Chosen**, Chaim Potok

**The Yearling**, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

**The Light in the Forest**, Conrad Richter

**The Little Prince**, Antoine de Saint-Exupery

**Early Moon**, Carl Sandburg

**Shane**, Jack Schaefer

**Ivanhoe**, Sir Walter Scott

**Plays and Sonnets**, William Shakespeare

**Frankenstein**, Mary Shelley

**Upon the Head of the Goat**, Aranka Siegal

**The Red Pony and the Pearl**, John Steinbeck

**The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde**, Robert Louis Stevenson

**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**, Mildred Taylor

**A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court** and **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**, Mark Twain

**Journey Home**, Yoshiko Uchida

***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe***, C.S. Lewis  
***Castle and Cathedral***, David Macaulay  
***Sarah, Plain and Tall***, Patricia MacLachlan  
***Paul Bunyan Swings His Axe***, Dell J. McCormick  
***Snow Treasure***, Marie McSwigan  
***The Borrowers***, Mary Norton  
***Hailstones and Halibut Bones***, poems by Mary O'Neill  
***Bridge to Terabithia*** and ***The Great Gilly Hopkins***, Katherine Paterson  
***Tales of Mystery and Imagination***, Edgar Allan Poe

***I'm Nobody! Who are you?***, Emily Dickinson  
***Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*** and ***The Lost World***, Arthur Conan Doyle  
***The Count of Monte Cristo*** and ***The Three Musketeers***, Alexandre Dumas  
***My Family and Other Animals***, Gerald Durrell  
***The Fun of It: Random Records of My Own Flying and of Women in Aviation***, Amelia Earhart  
***The Refugee Summer***, Edward Fenton  
***Washington: The Indispensable Man***, James Thomas Flexner

***The Story of Mankind***, Hendrik Van Loon  
***20,000 Leagues Under the Sea***, ***Mysterious Island***, and ***Around the World in Eighty Days***, Jules Verne  
***Up From Slavery***, Booker T. Washington  
***The Time Machine***, H.G. Wells  
***Ethan Frome***, Edith Wharton  
***The Sword in the Stone*** and ***The Once and Future King***, T.H. White  
***The Bridge of San Luis Rey***, Thornton Wilder  
***The Virginian***, Owen Wister  
***Dragonwings***, Laurence Yep