



LLS Upper School Summer Reading List

Summer is a wonderful time to read and add to the adventures of your imagination. Below you will find a list of books recommended by LLS Upper School teachers and from lists of “must reads” for young people. Some of the books are good introductions to a time-period or theme that will be studied in the fall, but others are simply good books.

Books with an asterisk (*) are ones a teacher in that grade has identified as a *must* read (as in a really good book, not mandatory); however, only 7th graders have a required book. Please pick at least one book from your grade and start reading! Here’s an idea: read the same book as a few classmates; read it early in the summer, and then have a get-together to discuss the book. You could even start a summer Book Club.

Rising 7th Grade

Required reading:

**Story of the World: History for the Classical Child*

Rising 8th and above

**The Lost World* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Christy, by Catherine Marshall

Dragon’s Gate by Lawrence Yep

The Miracle Worker by William Gibson

The Arrow Over the Door, by Joseph Bruchac:

Banner in the Sky by James Ramsey Ullman

Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff

Moccasin Trail by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

Rising 9th grade and above

**Julius Caesar* by John Buchan

**Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

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The Narnia series by C.S. Lewis

Captains Courageous by Rudyard Kipling

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

The Explorations of Captain James Cook in the Pacific by James Cook

The Once and Future King by TH White

Le Morte d’Arthur by Thomas Malory

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Christy, by Catherine Marshall

Dragon’s Gate by Lawrence Yep

Rising 10th Grade and above

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Spy by Eric Metaxas

The Brontës: A Life in Letters by Juliet Barker

Father Brown detective novels by G.K. Chesterton

The Scarlet Pimpernel by Baroness Orczy



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Rising 10th Grade and above (cont'd)

Wuthering Heights by Charlotte Brontë
The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom
The Diary of Anne Frank
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
The Collected Poems of Wilfred Owen edited by C. Day Lewis
The Poetry of W.B. Yeats edited by Jonathan Allison
The Space Trilogy by C.S. Lewis

Rising 11th Grade and above

**Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen
Middlemarch by George Eliot
Far from the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy
Little Dorrit by Charles Dickens
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
Our Mutual Friend by Charles Dickens
Les Misérables by Victor Hugo
The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas
Clay's Quilt by Silas House
Up from Slavery by Booker T. Washington
The Deerslayer by James Fenimore Cooper
The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper

Rising 12th Grade and above

**Fellowship of the Ring*, by J.R.R. Tolkien
Quo Vadis: A Narrative of the Time of Nero by Henryk Sienkiewicz
Peter Pan by Jim Barrie
Till We Have Faces by C.S. Lewis
The House of the Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorn
The Great Meadow by Elizabeth Maddox Roberts
Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
If You Can Keep It: The Forgotten Promise of American Liberty by Eric Metaxas
Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery by Eric Metaxas
Life of George Washington by Washington Irving

Also suggested:

7 Men and the Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas
7 Women and the Secret of Their Greatness by Eric Metaxas
7 More Men – Short Biographies of Remarkable Historical Figures by Eric Metaxas

Even more good books to read:

1000 Good Books List – compiled by 25 homeschool moms for classical, Christian education
<http://www.classical-homeschooling.org/celoop/1000.html>