

Recommended Book List for Students Entering 7th Grade



BIBLE/FAITH/INSPIRATIONAL

- *All Creatures Great & Small, All Things Bright & Beautiful, All Things Wise & Wonderful, The Lord God Made Them All, Every Living Thing* series†** / James Herriot (an English veterinarian)
- *The Book of Virtues for Young People* / William J. Bennett
- *Chronicles of Narnia* series† / C.S. Lewis
- *The Holy Bible*†**: *The Book of Romans, The Book of James*
- *Girlz Rock: Devotions for Girls (Faithgirlz!)*† / Kristi Holl & Jennifer Vogtlin
- *God Guy: Becoming the Man You're Meant to Be*†** / Michael DiMarco
- *God's Little Devotional Book for Teens*†** / David C. Cook
- *Hugs for Teens: Stories, Sayings, and Scriptures to Encourage & Inspire* / Scott Krippayne
- *Jesus Calling*†** / Sarah Young
- *Jesus Freaks*† / D.C. Talk
- *Left Behind: The Young Trib Force* series† / Jerry B. Jenkins & Tim LaHaye
- *The One Year Devotions for Teens: DEVOS*** (One Year Books)† / Susie Shellenberger
- *The One Year Book of Devotions for Boys*† / Children's Bible Hour (Producer), Tyndale (Producer)
- *The One Year Book of Devotions for Girls*† / Children's Bible Hour (Producer), Tyndale (Producer)
- *Pilgrim's Progress*† / Paul Bunyan
- *The Power of a Praying Teen*†** / Stormie Omartian
- *The Secret of the Desert Stone*† / Frank Peretti
- *Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board*†** / Bethany Hamilton & Rick Bundschuh
- *The Veritas Project* series† / Frank Peretti
- *A Wrinkle in Time* and *A Door in the Wall* (series) / Madeline L'Engle

SOCIAL STUDIES

FICTION (PRIMARILY HISTORICAL FICTION)

- *Across the Wide River*** / Stephanie Reed
- *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*** / John Boyne
- *Breaking Stalin's Nose* / Eugene Yelchin
- *The Disappeared* / Gloria Whelan
- *Fire from the Rock*** / Sharon Draper
- *Glory Be* / Augusta Russel Scattergood
- *Heart of a Samurai* / Margi Preus
- *Inside Out and Back Again* / Thanhha Lai
- *The Lions of Little Rock*** / Kristin Levine
- *Little Women or Little Men* / Louisa May Alcott
- *The Mighty Miss Malone*** / Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Oliver Twist* / Charles Dickens
- *Quake: Disaster in San Francisco* / Gail Langer Karwoski
- *The Red Badge of Courage*** / Stephen Crane
- *Return to Sender*** / Julia Alvarez

- *Rifles for Watie* / Harold Keith
- *The Shakespeare Stealer Series***: *The Shakespeare Stealer*, *Shakespeare's Scribe*, *Shakespeare's Spy* / Gary Blackwood
- *Small Acts of Amazing Courage* / Gloria Whelan
- *Summer of the War* / Gloria Whelan
- *A Traitor Among Us* / Elizabeth Van Steinwyk
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* / Elizabeth George Speare
- *Witness* / Karen Hesse

NON-FICTION

- *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793* / Jim Murphy
- *Behind Rebel Lines* / Seymour Reit
- *Blizzard: The Storm that Changed America* / Jim Murphy
- *Heroes for My Daughter* / Brad Meltzer
- *Heroes for My Son* / Brad Meltzer
- *The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery* / Steve Sheinkin
- *Zlata's Diary*** / Zlata Filipovic

SCIENCE

- *The Amateur Naturalist* / Nick Baker
- *Animal Tracks and Signs* / Jinny Johnson
- *Backyard Science* / Shar Levine & Leslie Johnstone
- *Bone Detective: The Story of Forensic Anthropologist Diane France* / Lorraine Jean Hopping
- *The Book of Potentially Catastrophic Science* / Sean Connolly
- *Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet* / Alexandra Siy
- *Case for a Creator for Kids, Updated and Expanded†*** / Lee Strobel
- *The Case for Pluto: How a Little Planet Made a Big Difference* / Alan Boyle
- *The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs: A Scientific Mystery* / Sandra Markle
- *Cool Chemistry Concoctions: 50 Formulas that Fizz, Foam, Splatter and Ooze* / Joe Rhatigan & Veronika Gunter
- *Cool Stuff and How It Works*** / Chris Woodford & Luke Collins
- *The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of Elements* / Sam Kean
- *Elephant Talk: The Surprising Science of Elephant Communication*** / Ann Downer
- *ER Vets: Life in an Animal Emergency Room* / Donna M. Jackson
- *Forgery: Crime-Solving Science Experiments* / Kenneth G. Rainis
- *The Frog Scientist* / Pamela S. Turner
- *Genius: A Photobiography of Albert Einstein* / Marfe Ferguson Delano
- *Gorilla Doctors: Saving Endangered Great Apes* / Pamela S. Turner
- *Guinea Pig Scientists: Bold Self-experimenters in Science and Medicine* / Leslie Dendy & Mel Boring
- *The Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe* / Loree Griffin Burns
- *Insights from Insects: What Bad Bugs Can Teach Us* / Gilbert Waldbauer
- *Invisible Allies: Microbes That Shape Our Lives* / Jeanette Farrell
- *Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Largest Parrot* / Sy Montgomery
- *Life on Earth - and Beyond: An Astrobiologist's Quest* / Pamela S. Turner
- *Mission Control, This Is Apollo: The Story of the First Voyages to the Moon*** / Andrew Chaikin
- *Nature Science Experiments* / Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen
- *An Ocean of Air: Why the Wind Blows and Other Mysteries of the Atmosphere* / Gabrielle Walker
- *The Prairie Builders: Reconstructing America's Lost Grasslands* / Sneed B. Collard, III
- *Saving God's Green Earth: Rediscovering the Church's Responsibility to Environmental Stewardship†*** / Tri Robinson & Jason Chatraw
- *Science Fair Season: Twelve Kids, a Robot Named Scorch ... & What It Takes to Win* / Judy Dutton

- *The Secret of the Yellow Death: A True Story of Medical Sleuthing*** / Susan Jermain
- *Sound Projects with a Music Lab You Can Build* / Robert Gardner
- *Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon* / Catherine Thimmesh
- *Thomas Edison for Kids: His Life and Ideas: 21 Activities* / Laurie Carlson
- *Tigerland and Other Unintended Destinations* / Eric Dinerstein
- *True Green Kids: 100 Things You Can Do to Save the Planet*** / Kim McKay & Jenny Bonnin
- *What's Eating You? Parasites - The Inside Story* / Nicola Davies
- *The Wild Trees: A Story of Passion and Daring*** / Richard Preston
- *Wild Wings* / Gill Lewis
- *World Without Fish* / Mark Kurlansky

BIOGRAPHY

- *Christian Men of Science†* / George Mulfinger & Julia Mulfinger Orozco
- *Robert Boyle: Trailblazer of Science†*** (Sowers Series) / John Tiner
- *George Washington Carver: Man's Slave Becomes God's Scientist†*** (Sower Series) / David Collins
- *Johannes Kepler: Giant of Faith and Science* (Sower Series)†** / John Hudson Tiner
- *Men of Science, Men of God: Great Scientists Who Believed the Bible†* / Henry Madison Morris
- *Isaac Newton: Inventor, Scientist, and Teacher* (Sower Series)†** / John Hudson Tiner

OTHER HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TITLES:

- *Al Capone Does My Shirts* and *Al Capone Shines My Shoes* (sequel) / Gennifer Choldenko
- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*** and *Through the Looking Glass* / Lewis Carroll
- *Banner in the Sky* / James Ramsey Ullman
- *The Call of the Wild* and *White Fang* / Jack London
- *City of Ember*, *The People of Sparks*, *The Diamond of Darkhold*, *The Prophet of Yonwood* (series) / Jeanne DuPrau
- *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* (Bk. 1), *Crispin: At the Edge of the World* (Bk. 2), *Crispin: The End of Time* (Bk. 3) series / Avi
- *Crossing Jordan* / Adrian Fogelin
- *A Dog's Life* and *Everything for a Dog* (sequel) / Ann Martin
- *Esperanza Rising*** / Pam Muñoz Ryan
- *Everest Trilogy: The Contest, The Climb, The Summit* / Gordon Korman
- *Flush, Hoot, Scat, or Chomp!* / Carl Hiaasen
- *From the Mixed-Up Files... *** / E.L. Konigsburg
- *Gossamer* / Lois Lowry
- *The Hunger Games* (Bk. 1), *Catching Fire* (Bk. 2), *Mockingjay* (Bk. 3) series / Suzanne Collins *Inkheart*, *Inkspell*, *Inkdeath* series / Cornelia Funke
- *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* / Wendy Mass
- *Listening for Lions*** / Gloria Whelan
- *Lord of the Rings* series / J.R.R. Tolkien
- *On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness†* / Andrew Peterson
- *Paint the Wind* / Pam Munoz Ryan
- *Peak* / Roland Smith
- *Peter Pan* / James M. Barrie classic
- *Pictures of Hollis Woods*** / Patricia Reilly Giff
- *Rules* / Cynthia Lord
- *Souder* / William H. Armstrong
- *Star Girl* / Jerry Spinelli
- *Surviving the Applewhites* / Stephanie S. Tolan
- *The Swiss Family Robinson* / J.D. Wyss
- *Treasure Island* / Robert Louis Stevenson
- *The View from Saturday* / E.L. Konigsburg

- *Watership Down* / Richard Adams
- *The Wednesday Wars* / Gary D. Schmidt
- *When You Reach Me*** / Rebecca Stead

† Christian title

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