

## Oak Hill Classical School's 2025 Summer Reading List

A few notes regarding this list:

We pulled our book titles from lists created by classical Christian schools and other helpful resources (like [readaloudrevival.com](http://readaloudrevival.com)). *Please do your regular due diligence in screening books for your children.* In older grades, a goal of classical Christian education is not to shield students from the sin in this world, but to teach them how to understand and engage the culture based on Biblical principles and a Christian worldview. Hence, these books might contain mature content in the middle/upper grades. We also understand that even in the lower grades, families often differ in what is acceptable content for their own children, so please exercise wisdom.

Each reading list below spans a range of reading levels, which means that some books on the list could be easier or more difficult for your son/daughter. That said, you know your child, and can help them select books that are at the appropriate level for their reading development.

**Books that are in bold font** are our suggested “Read Aloud” chapter books that you can read out loud as a family.

**Books with a + sign** are from a series of books or from a recommended author who has additional books we did not list, but do encourage you to look into, especially if your child enjoyed the one on this list.

**Note about Graphic Novels:** Please note that we have not included any graphic novels on our summer reading list. These books have become increasingly popular. The books are written in the form of a comic strip.

While we believe that there may be a time and a place for such books, our list of books has been thoughtfully gathered with the goal of pushing out to families recommended classics that will strengthen vocabulary, virtue and love of reading. A graphic novel is like a piece of candy enjoyed in moderation; our book list is like a buffet to feast upon all summer.

**Enjoy the adventures you will find  
in the pages of these wonderful books!**



## Chapter Books — Logic School

Adams, Richard. [\*Watership Down\*](#)

**Albus, Kate.** [\*A Place to Hang the Moon\*](#)

Alcott, Louisa. [\*Old Fashioned Girl\*](#)

**Alcott, Louisa.** [\*Little Men\*](#) +

**Alcott, Louisa May.** [\*Little Women\*](#) +

Alder, Elizabeth. [\*King's Shadow\*](#)

Alexander, Lloyd. [\*Time Cat\*](#)

Alexander, Lloyd. [\*The Prydain Chronicles\*](#) +

Austen, Jane. [\*Emma\*](#) +

Avi. [\*Crispin: The Cross of Lead\*](#)

**Baum, Frank L.** [\*The Wizard of Oz\*](#)

**Benge, Janet and Geoff.** [\*Christian Heroes: Then and Now\*](#) +

Bennett, William J. [\*The Book of Virtues\*](#)

Blackwood, Gary. [\*The Shakespeare Stealer\*](#)

Blume, Lesley M.M. [\*Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters\*](#)

Bulla, Clyde Robert. [\*Pocahontas and the Strangers\*](#)

Burnett, Frances. [\*Little Lord Fauntleroy\*](#)

Brown, Daniel James. [\*The Boys in the Boat\*](#)

Cushman, Karen. [\*Catherine, Called Birdy\*](#)

Defoe, Daniel. [\*Robinson Crusoe\*](#)

De Jong, Meindert. [\*The House of Sixty Fathers\*](#)

De Jong, Meindert. [\*The Wheel on the School\*](#)

De Zeeuw, P. [\*Augustine. The Farmer's Boy of Tagaste\*](#)

Dickens, Charles. [\*Great Expectations\*](#) +

Doyle, Arthur Conan. [\*Sherlock Holmes Collection\*](#) +

Eareckson, Joni. [\*Joni\*](#)

Field, Rachel. [\*Calico Bush\*](#)

Fisher, Dorothy. [\*Understood Betsy\*](#)

Forbes, Esther. [\*Johnny Tremain\*](#)

Fletcher, Susan. [\*Shadow Spinner\*](#)

French, Allen. [\*Red Keep\*](#)

**Gilbreth, Frank and Ernestine.** [\*Cheaper by the Dozen\*](#)

Hale, Shannon. [\*The Princess Academy\*](#) +

Haugaard, Erik C. [\*The Samurai's Tale\*](#)

Hemingway, Ernest. [\*The Old Man and the Sea\*](#)

Henty, G. H. [\*By Right of Conquest\*](#)

Henty, G. H. [\*In the Reign of Terror\*](#)

Henty, G.H. [\*The Dragon and the Raven\*](#)



Herriot, James [All Creatures Great and Small](#) +  
Hillenbrand, Laura. [Unbroken \(Young Adult Version\)](#)

**Irving, Washington.** [Rip Van Winkle](#)

Jacques, Brian. [Redwall](#) +  
Jacques, Brian. [Marlfox](#) +  
Juster, Norton [The Phantom Tollbooth](#)

Kipling, Rudyard [Captains Courageous](#)  
Knight, Eric . [Lassie Come Home](#)  
Konigsburg, E.L. [The Second Mrs. Giaconda](#)  
Konigsburg, E.L. [A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver](#)

L'Engle, Madeline. [A Wrinkle in Time](#) +  
**Lewis, C.S.** [Till We Have Faces](#) +  
Lindskoog, and Hunsicker. [Faerie Gold: Treasures from the Lands of Enchantment](#)  
Lofting, Hugh. [The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle](#) +  
Loftis, Larry. [The Watchmaker's Daughter: Corrie Ten Boom](#)  
London, Jack. [The Call of the Wild](#)  
Lovett, Margaret . [The Great and Terrible Quest](#)

MacDonald, George. [The Princess and Curdie](#) +  
MacDonald, George. [The Princess and the Goblin](#)  
MacDonald, George. [The Golden Key](#) +  
McCaffrey, Anne . [Black Horses for the King](#)  
Merrill, Jean. [The Pushcart War](#)  
**Montgomery, L.M.** [Anne of Green Gables](#) +

Nesbit, E. [Five Children and It](#)

O'Dell, Scott. [The King's Fifth](#)

Paterson, Katherine [Jacob Have I Loved](#)  
Peck, Richard [A Year Down Yonder](#)  
**Peterson, Andrew.** [The Wingfeather Saga](#) +  
Pyle, Howard . [The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood](#)  
Picard, Barbara Leonie. [Ransom for a Knight](#)  
Porter, Gene-Stratton. [The Girl of the Limberlost](#) +

**Raskin, Ellen** [The Westing Game](#)  
Rawlings, Marjorie. [The Yearling](#)  
Rebsamen, Frederick. [Beowulf](#)  
Repp, Gloria. [Nothing Daunted: Isobel Kuhn](#)



Sayers, Dorothy L. [The Nine Tailors](#)  
Selden, George. [Cricket in Times Square](#)  
Serrailier, Ian. [Escape from Warsaw/ Silver Sword](#)  
Shakespeare, William. [A Midsummer Night's Dream](#)  
Shelley, Mary. [Frankenstein](#)  
**Smith, S.D. [The Green Ember Series](#) +**  
Speare, Elizabeth. [The Bronze Bow](#)  
Speare, Elisabeth. [The Witch of Blackbird Pond](#)  
Steele, William O. [The Perilous Road](#)  
Sterling, Dorothy. [Freedom Train](#)  
Stevenson, Robert Louis. [Kidnapped](#)  
Stevenson, Robert Louis [Treasure Island](#)  
Swift, Jonathan. [Gulliver's Travels](#)

Taylor, Sydney. [All-of-A-Kind Family](#)  
**Taylor, Theodore. [Air Raid-Pearl Harbor](#)**  
Thomasma, Kenneth. [Naya Nuki](#)  
Tolkien, J. R. R. [The Lord of the Rings](#) +  
Trapp, Maria Augusta. [The Story of Trapp Family Singers](#)  
**Twain, Mark. [The Adventures of Tom Sawyer](#)**  
Twain, Mark. [The Adventures of Huckleberry Fin](#)  
Twain, Mark. [The Prince and the Pauper](#)

Van Leeuwen, Jean. [Bound for Oregon](#)  
**Verne, Jules. [Around the World in Eighty Days](#)**  
Verne, Jules. [Journey to the Center of the Earth](#)  
Verne, Jules [20,000 Leagues Under the Sea](#)

Washington, Booker T. [Up From Slavery](#)  
Wilson, N. D. [100 Cupboards](#) + L, V  
Wodehouse, P.G. [Much Obligated Jeeves](#) +



## Chapter Books — Rhetoric School

Alcorn, Randy. [\*Managing God's Money\*](#)

Alighieri, Dante. [\*Inferno\*](#)

Aquinas, Thomas. [\*Summa Theologica\*](#)

Aristotle. [\*Rhetoric, Poetics, and Ethics\*](#)

Aurelius, Marcus. [\*Meditations\*](#)

**Austen, Jane.** [\*Pride and Prejudice\*](#) +

Baldwin, James. [\*The Fire Next Time\*](#)

Berry, Wendell. [\*Hannah Coulter\*](#)

Bridges, Jerry. [\*The Discipline of Grace\*](#)

Bronte, Charlotte. [\*Jane Eyre\*](#) +

Bronte, Emily. [\*Wuthering Heights\*](#) +

Bunyan, John. [\*The Pilgrim's Progress\*](#)

Cather, Willa. [\*My Antonia\*](#)

Cervantes. [\*Don Quixote\*](#)

Chaucer. [\*The Canterbury Tales\*](#)

Chediak, Alex. [\*Thriving at College\*](#)

Christie, Agatha. [\*And Then There Were None\*](#)

Christie, Agatha. [\*The Secret Adversary\*](#)

Chuang Tzu. [\*The Way of Chuang Tzu\*](#)

Crouch, Amy and Andy: [\*My Tech-Wise Life: Growing Up and Making Choices in a World of Devices\*](#)

Dallimore, Arnold. [\*Spurgeon\*](#)

DeYoung, Kevin. [\*Just Do Something\*](#)

**Dickens, Charles.** [\*A Christmas Carol\*](#) +

Dickens, Charles. [\*A Tale of Two Cities\*](#)

Dickinson, Emily. [\*Poems\*](#)

Dostoevsky, Fyodor. [\*Notes from Underground\*](#)

Emerson. [\*Essays\*](#)

Equiano, Olaudah. [\*The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano\*](#)

Frank, Pat. [\*Alas, Babylon\*](#)

Gardner, John. [\*Grendel\*](#)

Gilgamesh. [\*The Epic of Gilgamesh\*](#)

Goethe. [\*Faust\*](#)



Hamilton, Duncan. [\*For the Glory\*](#)  
Hawthorne, Nathaniel. [\*Short Stories\*](#)  
Herodotus. [\*The Histories\*](#)  
Hersey, John. [\*Hiroshima\*](#)  
Hillenbrand, Laura. [\*Unbroken \(Young Adult Version\)\*](#)  
Homer. [\*The Iliad\*](#)  
Homer. [\*The Odyssey\*](#)  
Horace. [\*Odes\*](#)  
Hugo, Victor. [\*Les Miserables\*](#)

King, Jr., Martin Luther. [\*Letter from Birmingham Jail\*](#)

LeTourneau, R.G. [\*Mover of Men and Mountains\*](#)  
Lewis, C.S. [\*The Space Trilogy: Out of the Silent Planet. Perelandra. That Hideous Strength\*](#)  
Lewis, C.S. [\*Till We Have Faces +\*](#)  
Lutzer, Erwin. [\*Rescuing the Gospel\*](#)

Mathis, David. [\*Habits of Grace\*](#)  
Melville, Herman. [\*Moby Dick\*](#)  
Milton, John. [\*Paradise Lost\*](#)  
Mohler, Albert. [\*The Conviction to Lead\*](#)  
Modernist Poetry (WWI Poets, Eliot, Auden, Yeats, Cummings, Hughes, Frost, Stevens)  
Moore, Thomas. [\*Utopia\*](#)

**O.Henry.** [\*Short Stories\*](#)

Ovid. [\*Metamorphoses\*](#)

Piper, John. [\*Don't Waste Your Life\*](#)  
Plato. [\*The Republic\*](#)  
Poe, Edgar Allan. [\*Short Stories of Edgar Allan Poe\*](#)

Rilke, Maria. [\*Letters to a Young Poet\*](#)  
Rumi. [\*Poems\*](#)

Salinger, J.D. [\*Franny and Zooey\*](#)  
Sayers, Dorothy. [\*Murder Must Advertise\*](#)  
Sayers. [\*Sayings of the Desert Fathers\*](#)  
Shakespeare, William. [\*Hamlet\*](#)  
Shakespeare, William. [\*The Tempest\*](#)  
Shelley, Mary. [\*Frankenstein\*](#)  
Smith, Adam. [\*The Wealth of Nations\*](#)  
Snorri Sturluson. [\*The Prose Edda\*](#)  
Solzhenitsyn, Aleksander. [\*The Gulag Archipelago\*](#)  
Sproul, R.C. [\*The Holiness of God\*](#)



St. Augustine. [\*Confessions\*](#)  
Steinbeck, John. [\*Cannery Row\*](#)  
Steinbeck, John. [\*Tortilla Flat\*](#)  
Stevenson, Bryan. [\*Just Mercy \(Young Adult Version\)\*](#)  
**Swift, Jonathan.** [\*Gulliver's Travels\*](#)

Victorian Poets: Tennyson, Arnold, Keats  
Thoreau, Henry David. [\*Walden\*](#)

Undset, Sigrid. [\*Gunnar's Daughter\*](#)  
Various. [\*One Thousand and One Nights\*](#)

Watson, Benjamin. [\*Under Our Skin\*](#)  
White, T.H. [\*The Once and Future King\*](#)  
Whitman, Walt. [\*Leaves of Grass\*](#)  
Wodehouse, P.G. [\*Laughing Gas\*](#)  
Wodehouse, P.G. [\*The Mating Season\*](#)

