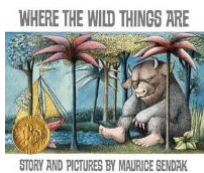


Some Book Recommendations (Most are secular, but many have Christian themes)

A little fact about myself: I am an avid reader of children's literature. They're my favorite! So, if your child is looking for just a fun book to read during this downtime, I'm providing some of my favorite picture books, middle grade books, and even a few for our fabulous high schoolers. And just a little side-note, no matter what your age, every book on this list can be enjoyed by young and old.

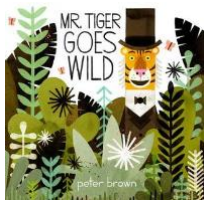
In addition, if you're in the process of helping your child learn about the value of kindness, here is the ultimate list of children's books about kindness: <https://happyyouhappyfamily.com/books-about-kindness/>

Top 10 Picture Books



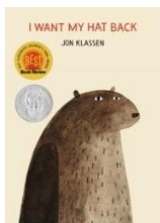
Where the Wild Things Are, by Maurice Sendak

One of the best books of all time! An imaginative adventure that ends in the comfort of home.



Mr. Tiger Goes Wild, by Peter Brown

A story about having courage, even if it means you might have to be a little different than everyone else.



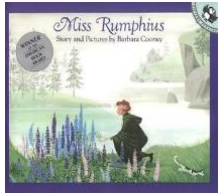
I Want My Hat Back, by Jon Klassen

A simple and hilarious story, but not for the sensitive child. *Spoiler:* It doesn't end well for the poor rabbit who stole the hat.



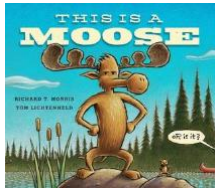
Creepy Carrots, by Peter Brown

A funny yet spooky tale about a rabbit who loves to eat his carrots, until they come to life and start following him.



Miss Rumphius, by Barbara Cooney

A lovely story about a woman who makes the world around her far more beautiful.



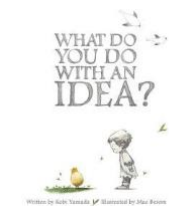
This is a Moose, by Richard T. Morris

A riotous book that must be read out-loud with different voices.



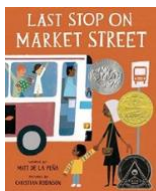
One, by Kathryn Otoshi

A beautiful book for very young readers, about overcoming bullying and how sometimes it just takes one voice to make everyone feel as if they matter.



What Do You Do With An Idea? by Kobi Yamada

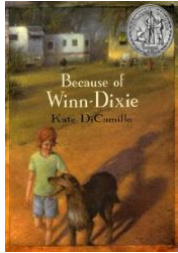
This is a story about one brilliant idea and the powerful effect of letting it grow.



Last Stop On Market Street, by Matt de la Peña

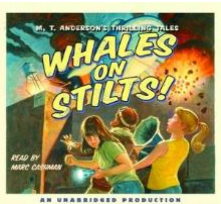
One of my favorite picture books about seeing the beauty of the everyday world we live in.

Top 7 Middle Grade Books (Other than the Harry Potter, Narnia and Peter Jackson series)



Because of Winn-Dixie, by Kate DiCamillo

One of the sweetest stories you'll ever read about finding a purpose in life through love and relationship.



Whales on Stilts, by MT Anderson

A hilarious and riotous story about, well . . . whales on stilts, who not only walk on mechanical legs, but shoot laser beams out of their eyes. Yeah, it's that awesome!



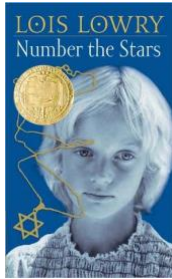
The Night Gardener, by Jonathan Auxier

A spooky tale about two abandoned Irish siblings who travel to work as servants at a creepy, crumbling English manor house. A book that is not for the faint of heart 4th or 5th grader.



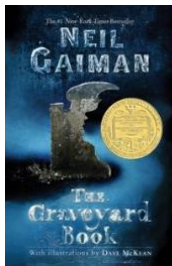
The Strange Case of Origami Yoda, by Tom Angleberger

As funny of a book as you'll ever read, that teaches you Star Wars origami while telling you the funniest story.



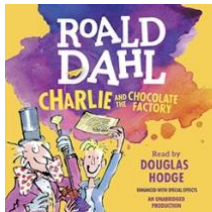
Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry

A powerful book about two best friends who live through World War II together, and one must embark on a dangerous mission to save the other.



The Graveyard Book, by Neil Gaiman

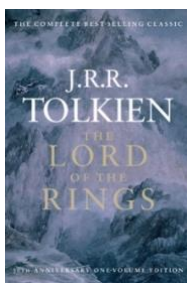
A middle grade book for the older crowd. A spooky tale about a boy who grows up in a graveyard and inherits the powers of ghosts. One of the best written middle grade books I've ever read.



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, by Roald Dahl

Fun and imaginative! If you haven't read this book yet, now is a great time to open its pages. It's a children's book classic!

Top 4 Young Adult Books



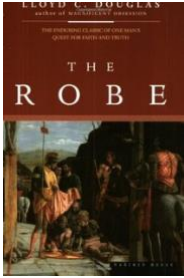
Lord of the Rings, by J.R.R. Tolkien

My personal favorite book of all time. It may not be yours, but you'll love the journey . . . (and the movies don't do it justice).



The Book Thief, by Markus Zusak

My second favorite book of all time! Such a powerful book about finding love through tragedy.



The Robe, by Lloyd C. Douglas

The best Christian fictional work I have ever read. A beautiful story about a Roman centurion who ends up with the robe of Jesus at the crucifixion. The outfall thereafter changes his life forever.



The Faithful Spy, by John Hendrix

Read this book! A formidable graphic novel about Dietrich Bonhoeffer's struggle to be a follower of Christ in Nazi Germany.