

# ESSENTIAL GIRLS BOOKS

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- *The House That Jack Built*, a Little Golden Book
- *Mr. Pine's Purple House*, by Leonard P. Kessler
- *A Is for Annabelle*, by Tasha Tudor
- *The Little Red Hen*, edited by Diane Muldrow
- *The Gingerbread Boy*, by Paul Galdone
- *The Little Drummer Boy*, by Ezra Jack Keats
- *The Mitten*, by Jan Brett
- *Guess How Much I Love You*, by Sam McBratney
- *Officer Buckle and Gloria*, by Peggy Rathmann
- *The Runaway Bunny*, by Margaret Wise Brown
- *The Golden Egg Book*, by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Home for a Bunny*, by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Little Mommy*, by Sharon Kane
- *First Prayers and First Graces*, by Tasha Tudor
- *Corduroy*, by Don Freeman
- *Blueberries for Sal*, by Robert McCloskey
- *Baby Dear*, by Eloise Wilkin
- *The Sunflower Garden*, by Janice May Udry
- *The Little House*, by Virginia Lee Burton
- *Miss Rumphius*, by Barbara Cooney
- *Maybelle the Cable Car*, by Virginia Lee Burton
- *Katy and the Big Snow*, by Virginia Lee Burton
- *The Quilt Story*, by Tony Johnston
- *The Legend of Old Befana*, by Tomie dePaola
- *Strega Nona*, by Tomie dePaola
- *The Seven Silly Eaters*, by Mary Ann Hoberman
- *Madeline* series, by Ludwig Bemelmans
- *Peter and Lotta's Adventure*, by Elsa Beskow
- *A Child's Garden of Verses*, by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *Cautionary Tales and Other Verses* (includes *The Bad Child's Book of Beasts* and *More Beasts for Worse Children*), by Hilaire Belloc
- *The Owl and the Pussycat*, by Edward Lear
- *Just Plain Fancy* and *The Keeping Quilt*, by Patricia Polacco
- *Flicka, Ricka, Dicka* series, by Maj Lindman
- *Chester's Way*, by Kevin Henkes
- *How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World*, by Marjorie Priceman
- *Pancakes, Pancakes!*, by Eric Carle
- *Bread and Jam for Frances*, by Russell Hoban
- *Owl Moon*, by Jane Yolen
- *Roxaboxen*, by Alice McLerran
- *Hubert's Hair-Raising Adventure*, by Bill Peet

- *House Is a House for Me*, by Mary Ann Hoberman
- *Sarah Somebody*, by Florence Slobodkin
- *Nurse Matilda*, by Christianna Brand
- *A New Coat for Anna*, by Harriet Ziefert
- *The Wounded Duck*, by Peter Barnhart
- *Marguerite Makes a Book*, by Bruce Robertson
- *Christina Katerina and the Box*, by Patricia Lee Gauch
- *Amelia Bedelia* series, by Peggy Parish
- *Raggedy Ann and Andy* series, by Johnny Gruelle
- *Marcella: A Raggedy Ann Story*, by Johnny Gruelle
- *Miss Twiggley's Tree*, by Dorothea Warren Fox
- *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile*, by Bernard Waber
- *Katy No-Pocket*, by Emmy Payne
- *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, by Dr. Seuss
- *Pickle-Chiffon Pie*, by Jolly Roger Bradfield
- *Doctor De Soto*, by William Steig
- *The Monkey and the Crocodile*, by Paul Galdone
- *The Ant and the Elephant*, by Bill Peet
- *One Morning in Maine*, by Robert McCloskey
- *Cinderella*, by Paul Galdone
- *Frances* series, by Russell Hoban
- *Rumpelstiltskin*, by Paul Galdone
- *Tomie dePaolo's Mother Goose*, by Tomie dePaolo
- *Chanticleer and the Fox*, by Geoffrey Chaucer
- *Prairie School*, by Avi
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, by Patricia MacLachlan
- *Nutcracker*, by E. T. A. Hoffmann
- *Rapunzel*, by Paul O. Zelinsky
- *The Wheel on the School*, by Meindert DeJong
- *King Midas and the Golden Touch*, by Charlotte Craft
- *Christmas Oranges*, by Linda Bethers
- *Little House* series, by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *Caddie Woodlawn*, by Carol Ryrie Brink
- *The Children of Noisy Village*, by Astrid Lindgren
- *A Little Princess*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *The Hundred Dresses*, by Eleanor Estes
- *The Cabin Faced West*, by Jean Fritz
- *Ballet Shoes*, by Noel Streatfeild
- *Misty of Chincoteague*, by Marguerite Henry
- *Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle*, by Betty MacDonald
- *A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Black Beauty*, by Anna Sewell
- *Dog Diaries* series, by Kate Klimo
- *The Happy Hollisters* series, by Jerry West

- *The Boxcar Children* series (originals), by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, by L. Frank Baum
- *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C. S. Lewis
- *Mary Frances* series, by Jane Eayre Fryer
- *The Green Ember*, by S. D. Smith
- *Charlotte's Web*, by E. B. White
- *The Little Match Girl*, by Hans Christian Andersen
- *Heidi*, by Johanna Spyri
- *The Blue Fairy Book*, by Andrew Lang
- *Beezus and Ramona*, by Beverly Cleary
- *The Snow Queen*, by Hans Christian Andersen
- *The Railway Children*, by E. Nesbit
- *The Story of the Treasure Seekers*, by E. Nesbit
- *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*, by Joan Aiken
- *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, by Barbara Robinson
- *The Saturdays*, by Elizabeth Enright
- *Across Five Aprils*, by Irene Hunt
- *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*, by T. S. Eliot
- *The Princess and the Goblin* and *The Princess and Curdie*, by George MacDonald
- *The Mitchells* series and *The Bantry Bay* series, by Hilda van Stockum
- *The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *Gone-Away Lake* series, by Elizabeth Enright
- *Stuart Little*, by E. B. White
- *The Lady Grace Mysteries* series, by Grace Cavendish
- *Elsie Dinsmore* series, by Martha Finley
- *Cherry Ames* series, by Helen Wells
- *Nancy Drew Mystery Stories* (originals), by Carolyn Keene
- *The Light Princess*, by George MacDonald
- *Number the Stars*, by Lois Lowry
- *Mary Poppins*, by P. L. Travers
- *Good Queen Bess*, by Diane Stanley and Peter Vennema
- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, by Grace Lin
- *Strawberry Hill*, by Mary Ann Hoberman
- *The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles*, by Julie Andrews Edwards
- *Because of Winn-Dixie*, by Kate DiCamillo
- *Tuck Everlasting*, by Natalie Babbitt
- *Lad: A Dog* (and all his other collie stories), by Albert Payson Terhune
- *When We Were Very Young*, *Now We Are Six*, *The House at Pooh Corner*, and *Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A. A. Milne
- *Treasury for Children*, *All Creatures Great and Small*, *All Things Wise and Wonderful*, and *The Lord God Made Them All*, by James Herriot
- *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*, by Kate Douglas Wiggin
- *The Tale of Despereaux*, by Kate DiCamillo
- *Betsy-Tacy* series, by Maud Hart Lovelace
- *Daughter of the Mountains*, by Louise Rankin

- *Blue Willow*, by Doris Gates
- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll
- *The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook*, by Joyce Lankester Brisley
- *Texas Tomboy*, by Lois Lenski
- *The Search for Delicious*, by Natalie Babbitt
- *Anne of Green Gables*, by L. M. Montgomery
- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*, by Robert C. O'Brien
- *Rare Treasure*, by Don Brown
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, by Elizabeth George Speare
- *Young Pioneers*, by Rose Wilder Lane
- *Mother*, by Kathleen Norris
- *Sense and Sensibility*, by Jane Austen
- *Pride and Prejudice*, by Jane Austen
- *The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *Romeo and Juliet*, by William Shakespeare
- *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers*, by Maria Augusta Trapp
- *Silas Marner*, by George Eliot
- *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee
- *Middlemarch*, by George Eliot
- *Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte Brontë
- *My Antonia*, by Willa Cather
- *The Hiding Place*, by Corrie ten Boom
- *Great Expectations* and *Hard Times*, by Charles Dickens
- *Little Dorrit*, by Charles Dickens