A List of Books For Children

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BOOKS FOR CHILDREN.

Is not the food which you give to your child’s mind of as much importance as that which you give to his body?

When your boy stops questioning you, he has not stopped questioning concerning life and its problems; he has turned to those silent companions which you have placed upon his book shelf or on the library table. Shall heroes and prophets be his counsellors, or shall “Peck’s Bad Boy” and the villain of the dime novel teach him how to look at life? It rests with you.

There is a great difference between books which are to be read to children, those which are to be read with children and those which are to be read by children.

The second kind, which are more profitable than the first, require the mother’s sympathetic and genuine interest in the subject matter in hand; and
frequent stops for little talks about what has been read are necessary.

The third class are books for older children who can read well enough to peruse them alone, but if the mother will take time to read them before giving them to the child she will strengthen the bonds of intellectual sympathy between herself and him.

**LIST No. 1.**

FOR CHILDREN UNDER SIX YEARS OF AGE.

Mother-play and Nursery Song, - by Frederick Froebel
Nursery Finger Plays, - - - by Emilie Poulsson
Mother Goose—in one syllable, -
Songs for Little Ones, - - - by Eleanor Smith
Æsop's Fables—in one syllable, - by Mary Mapes Dodge
Baby World, - - - by Mary Mapes Dodge
Rhymes and Jingles, - - -
Little People of the Air, - - - by Olive Thorne Miller
Nonsense Book, - - - - by Edward Sears

**LIST No. 2.**

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN FROM SIX TO EIGHT YEARS.

Doll World, - - - - - by Mrs. O. Reilly
Sparrow the Tramp, - - - - - by Wesselhoft
The Joyous Story of Toto, - - - by L. E. Richards
Doings of the Bodley Family, - - - by H. E. Scudder
Bodley's Telling Stories, - - - by H. E. Scudder
Birds Christmas Carol, - - - by H. D. Wiggin
Kindergarten Stories and Morning Talks, - by Wiltse
Morning Glories, - - - - by Louise Alcott
Moon Folks, - - - - - by Jane Austin
Mopsa the Fairy, - - - - - by Ingelow
Evenings at Home, - - - - - by Borbonil & Aiken
Posies for Children, - - - - - by Anna Lowell
Shanny and Light House, - - - - -

LIST No. 3.

STORY BOOKS.—FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF EIGHT AND FOURTEEN.

Seven Little Sisters, - - - - by Miss Jane Andrews
Each and All, - - - - - by Miss Jane Andrews
Ten Little Boys on the Way from Long Ago to Now, - - - by Miss Jane Andrews
Story of a Short Life, - - by Mrs. Juliana Horatia Ewing
Mary’s Meadow, - - - by Mrs. Juliana Horatia Ewing
Jackanapes, - - - by Mrs. Juliana Horatia Ewing
Dandelion Clocks, - - - by Mrs. Juliana Horatia Ewing
The Wonder Book, - - - by Nathaniel Hawthorne
Tanglewood Tales, - - - by Nathaniel Hawthorne
True Tales, - - - by Nathaniel Hawthorne
Little Lord Fauntleroy, - - by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Fairy Tales, - - - - - - - - by Jean Mace
Grimm’s Household Tales, - - - - - - - -
Fairy Tales, - - - - - by Hans Christian Andersen
Two Grey Girls, - - - - - by Ellen Haile
Three Brown Boys, - - - - - by Ellen Haile
Chilabric Days, - - - - - - - -
Robinson Crusoe, - - - - - - - - De Foe
Hans Brinker, - - - - - by Mary Mapes Dodge
A Child Garden of Verse, - - by Robert Louis Stevenson
The Boy with an Idea, - - by Putnam & Sons, publishers
Young Merchants, - - by Putnam & Sons, publishers
Boy Engineer, - - - - by Putnam & Sons, publishers
Story of the Nations (8 vols.), Putnam & Sons, publishers
Adventures of Ulysses, by Charles Lamb
Tales from Shakespere, by Charles Lamb
Stories from Greek Tragedians, by Rev. A. J. Church
The Golden Age, by Jas. Baldwin
Water Babies, by Chas. Kingsley
Æsop’s Fables (without the moral explanations attached)
Swiss Family Robinson, by Chas. Kingsley
The Lame Prince, by Miss Mulock
Parables from Nature, by Margaret Gattey
Child Life, by J. G. Whittier
Child’s History of England, by Chas. Dickens
Spinning Wheel Stories, by Louise M. Alcott

Boyhood is pre-eminently the period of perception. Hence all books on scientific subjects are helpful, if they are simple enough to aid the child in seeing nature and her marvels. The mother should be careful that the child does not rest in mere perception of the objects of nature, but that he compares and classifies them, and, above all, that he is led to trace a purpose in created things, in order that he may learn “to look through nature up to nature’s God.”

LIST OF CHILDREN’S BOOKS ON SCIENTIFIC SUBJECTS.
The Story Mother Nature Told, by Jane Andrews
Child’s Book of Nature (3 vols.) by Worthington Hooper
Among the Stars, by Agnes Giberne
History of a Mouthful of Bread, by Jean Mace
Overhead,  
by Laura and Anna Moore
Life and Her Children,  
by Arabella Buckley
Winners in Life's Race,  
by Arabella Buckley
Fairyland of Science,  
by Arabella Buckley
Little Folks in Feathers and Furs,  
by Olive Thorne Miller
Queer Pets,  

Little Lucy's Wonderful Globe,  
by Charlotte M. Yonge
Four Feet, Two Feet, and No Feet,  
by C. L. Mateaux
Odd Folks at Home,  
by McCook
Tenants of an Old Farm Yard,  
by McCook
Home Studies in Nature,  
by Mary Treat

Many other valuable books might be added to this list. However, a few good books are better than many less good ones. It is well to lead a child to the world's great books as soon as possible. Enough have been given to show the kinds of books which are not hurtful to children. Each book on the above list has been personally inspected.

After all it is not so important what your child reads as what you read. If the father reads nothing but the newspapers and the mother nothing but novels, what then? Children are taught as much by the general tone of conversation of their parents as by the books they are given to read.
A LIST OF BOOKS HELPFUL TO MOTHERS AND TEACHERS IN THEIR STUDY OF CHILD NATURE.

Mother-play and Nursery Song, - by Frederick Froebel
The Child, - - by Madam Marenholtz von Bulow
Household Education, - - - by Harriet Martineau
Levana, - - - - by Jean Paul Richter
Christian Nurture, - - - by Horace Bushnell
Conscious Motherhood, - - - by Emma Marwedel
Bits of Talk about Home Matters, - - by H. H.
Reminiscences of Froebel, by Madam Marenholtz von Bulow
The Children for Christ, - - by Rev. Andrew Murry
From the Cradle to the School, - - by Bertha Meyer
Gentle Measures in Training the Young, by Jacob Abbott
Emil, - - - - by Jean Paul Rousseau
Leonard and Gertrude, - - - - by Pestalozzi
Hints on Early Education, - - - - Anonymous
For Boys, a Special Physiology, by Mrs. E. R. Shepherd
For Girls, a Special Physiology, by Mrs. E. R. Shepherd

LIST OF BOOKS HELPFUL TO MOTHERS AND TEACHERS IN SCIENCE.

Steps in Scientific Knowledge, - - - by Paul Bert
History of a Mouthful of Bread, - - by Jean Mace
Ministry of Nature, - - - by Hugh Macmillan
Bible Teachings in Nature, - - by Hugh Macmillan
Sabbath in the Fields, - - by Hugh Macmillan
Elementary Book of Zoology, - - by Packard
Little Folks in Feathers and Furs, by Olive Thorne Miller
The Geological Story Briefly Told, - - by Dana
Science Primer—Geology, - - by Archibald Geikie
Science Primer—Botany, - - by J. D. Hooker
Science Primer—Chemistry, by H. E. Roscoe
Fairy Land of Science, by Arabella Buckley
Madame How and Lady Why, by Chas. Kingsley
Principles of Geology, by Lyell
How Plants Grow, by Gray
How Plants Behave, by Gray
Child's Book of Nature, by Hooker
Elementary Botany, by Bessey
Revised Manual of Botany, by Gray