

Babbit, Natalie. *Jack Plank Tells Tales*

Jack Plank is an ex-pirate who is looking for a new career—and telling tales of his exploits along the way.

Buckley, Michael. *The Sisters Grimm: The Fairy-Tale Detectives*

Two orphans are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother whom they have always believed to be dead and become swept up in multiple mysteries.

**Burnett, Frances Hodgson
*The Secret Garden***

Bad-tempered Mary come to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and a mysteriously locked garden.

Catling, Patrick. *Chocolate Touch*

A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

**Coville, Bruce
*Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher***

12-year-old Jeremy, small for his age but artistically talented, unknowingly buys a dragon's egg.

Dahl, Roald. *The BFG*

Kidsnatched by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), Sophie concocts a plan with him to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

Eager, Edward. *Half Magic*

Four children suddenly find themselves involved in a series of extraordinary, hilarious adventures after one discovers an ordinary-looking coin that seems to grant wishes.

Farley, Walter. *The Black Stallion*

Young Alec is shipwrecked on a desert island with a horse destined to play an important part in his life. After their rescue, they continue to America.

Funke, Cornelia. *The Thief Lord*

Two brothers, having run away from an aun, are sought by a detective but have found shelter with Venice's "Thief Lord."

Gaiman, Neil. *Odd and the Frost Giants*

An unlucky 12-year-old Norwegian named Odd leads the Norse gods Loki, Thor, and Odin in an attempt to outwit evil Frost Giants who have taken Asgard.

**George, Jean Craighead
*My Side of the Mountain***

A boy relates his adventures living alone in the Catskill Mountains, including his struggle for survival, dependence on nature, friendship with animals and ultimate need for human companionship.

**Ibbotson, Eva
*The Secret of Platform 13***

A young hag joins an old wizard, a gentle fey and a giant ogre on a journey from their magical island kingdom to London, to try and rescue a prince who'd been stolen as an infant nine years before.

**Jonell, Lynne
*Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat***

Emmy discovers that she and her parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions, so she and some new friends try everything possible to return things to normal.

Juster, Norton. *The Phantom Tollbooth*

Milo cures his boredom by journeying through a magical land learning the importance of words and numbers.

**Konigsburg, E.L.
*Jennifer, Hecate, Macbeth,
William McKinley, and Me, Elizabeth***

Two girls, one of whom is the first black child in a middle-class suburb, play at being apprentice witches.

L'Engle, Madeline. *A Wrinkle in Time*

Meg and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers during a search for her father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret government work.

**Lewis, C.S.
*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe***

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into Narnia and assist a golden lion in battling a witch who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

**Lin, Grace
*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon***

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish and joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon—in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain.

McCloskey, Robert. *Homer Price*

Six episodes in the life of Homer, including one in which he and his pet skunk capture four bandits and another about a donut machine on a rampage.

Robinson, Barbara

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

The six mean Herdman kids lie, steal, smoke cigars (even the girls)—and then become involved in the community Christmas pageant.

Sachar, Louis

Sideways Stories from Wayside School

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

Schlitz, Laura Amy

A Drowned Maiden's Hair

Maud Flynn is “plain, clever, and bad,” so it comes as a surprise when she's adopted by the elderly Hawthorne sisters. Life seems perfect—until Maud learns of the role she has to play in the high-stakes “family business.”

Thurber, James. *The Thirteen Clocks*

In a cold, gloomy castle where all the clocks have stopped, a wicked Duke amuses himself by finding new and fiendish ways of rejecting the suitors for his niece.



Chapter Books to Read Aloud to Kids 8 to 11



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Dole Branch, 255 Augusta, 386-9032