Hey bookish friends! What a task and joy to put this together! A few things to note about this list before you dive in:

(1) It's not perfect! You know your child, your preferences, your family's culture, your literary taste, etc. etc. best. Look up these titles yourself before plowing ahead! Maybe you're more of a classics-only reader…well, some of these books aren't classics, so maybe those won't be a fit for you/your child (though there are several newer titles on this list that I think are someday bound to become classics!)! Maybe you want to avoid certain types of drama or suspense or family dynamics…well, some of these books may be peppered with those things, so the easiest way to find the right match if you're unsure about a certain title is to *vet the books yourself*.

(2) These are books that, in almost all cases, my own children have read (and in many cases, LOVED). A very few titles are on their TBR lists. Those few book recommendations on this list that I have not read or checked thoroughly myself have come from other devout Catholic or Christian friends and solid Catholic and classical book lists from Catholic homeschool programs and similar institutions. If you have a crew of voracious readers as I have, you'll find that you simply cannot pre-read or thoroughly personally review every book your child reads. So the trusted source of your booklist and some good, wholesome review websites can be a big help here! I lean on those often!

(3) There are so many places to find these books! I'm often linking to Amazon because it's easy for reading descriptions, and for those of you considering purchasing titles, as many of these books would be amazing assets to a growing home library! But there are so many other places to find the books on the list: your local library, ThriftBooks, Audible (one of our favs) and other audiobook apps (including through your local library!), etc. About audio…my children have *listened* to a great many of these titles. Listening provides SO many academic, language benefits, so don't let anyone tell you that audiobooks that your kids have listened to don't "count" as books read!

(4) It's really hard to categorize these books by age. Reading levels are so fluid because everyone reads on different levels, and maturity levels at different ages vary widely! Again, make a parental judgement call here, but I attempted to put some rough order in here just so you know that your five year old may not yet enjoy *A Wrinkle in Time* as he would at age 10. ;) Some series will span years of enjoyment! When it comes to reading aloud, you'd be amazed at what a young child can enjoy/comprehend, so if you're going to level quite a bit up, do that for read-aloud time, and if you are considering leveling down, try that book for your child's independent reading. Confidence grows when children read books that are below their level, and they also appreciate certain youthful classics in a whole new way when older, so no need to forgo "younger reads" for older kids, especially if time and interest allow! There are several series here that have carried us through several years/ages!

(5) It's not comprehensive; how I wish it were! Send me some favs I missed! I haven't even tackled picture books or learn-to-read style books or chapter books that we read for specific academic subjects (science, history, logic, etc.)…that might take a novel. ;)

Mostly, I hope this is helpful to you!!! AMDG!

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Age 5ish and up
A Bear Called Paddington
Charlotte's Web
The Tumtum and Nutmeg Collection
Winnie the Pooh Complete Collection
My Father's Dragon Series
The Prince Martin Series (these wonderful books scale in intensity; wait on book six and following until older)
Fairchild Family Series (can't find a link to a whole set, but they are all great!)
Once Upon a Time Saints Series
Beatrix Potter Treasury
Favorite Thorton Burgess Animal Stories Set
The Fabled Stables Series
The Mrs. Piggle Wiggle Treasury
Poppy Tales from Dimwood Series
The Brambly Hedge Collection
The Ralph Mouse Collection
The Prairie Thief
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain
Mr. McBroom's Wonderful One Acre Farm
Pippi Longstocking
The Growly Books
James Harriot's Treasury for Children
The Princess in Black Series (I'm linking to the 8 book set, as we love the older books, but had issues starting with book 10)
A Child's Garden of Verses
Faith & Freedom Readers (set includes books for all following years, too)
The Little Prince
The Mercy Watson Collection
James Herriot's Treasury for Children
Illustrated Stories from Aesop

Age 6ish and up
Grandma's Attic Treasury
The Little House Books Complete Set
Five Little Peppers Series
The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls Collection
The Betsy-Tacy Series
Sarah, Plain and Tall Saga
Sisters of the Last Straw Series (30% off with code KATIE30)
Little Pilgrim's Progress
Nate the Great Series
Andrew Lang Fairy Book Series

Saints Around the World
Tales from Deckawoo Drive Set
Billy and Blaze Collection
Homer Price
Stuart Little
The King of the Golden River
Grimm's Fairy Tales (These MinaLima edition books are insanely cool)
Pinocchio
Poems Every Child Should Know (30% off with code KATIE30)
Understood Betsy
Mr. Popper's Penguins
The Jim Weiss Audio Collection
The Cricket in Times Square
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
Angel Food for Boys and Girls (30% off with code KATIE30)
The Boxcar Children Series
A to Z Mysteries Series
Ramona Quimby Collection (This is an example of a series I was iffy about at first, because I thought my kids might get sassy like Ramona ;)…tried a few stories via audiobook and they were obsessed, thinking the series hilarious and delightful. I've never once had a behavioral problem with any child who went through the series, despite my initial concerns…again, know your kids and make the call)
Henry Huggins Series
Hardy Boys Clue Book Collection
Faith & Freedom Readers

Age 7ish and up
Classic Starts® Series (some are more well done than others; read reviews!)
Saint Chronicles Series
All of a Kind Family Series
The Mitchells Series
Virtue Adventures Series
Cul-de-sac Kids Collection
Chime Travellers Series
The Melendy Quartet
William Bennett Books: The Children's Book of Virtues…Heroes…America…
Stories of the Saints
The Railway Children
The Trumpet of the Swan
The Hundred Dresses
Sugar Creek Gang Series
Catechism of the Seven Sacraments
The Holy Mass: On Earth as It Is in Heaven

The Moffats Series
The Pyes
A Little Princess
Mary Poppins Series
The Jungle Book
Paddle to the Sea
Heidi
Tales from Shakespeare
Mineral Maniacs
I'm Bernadette! and Christmas with Bernadette
Matchlock Gun
The Enchanted Castle
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz
The Gooney Bird Greene Collection
Frindle
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Ben and Me
Faith & Freedom Readers

Age 8ish and up
The Green Ember Series
The Complete Adventures of the Borrowers
The Penderwicks Series
The Restorationists
Mary Fabyan Windeatt Saint Series (30% off with code KATIE30)
Hank the Cowdog Series
The Vanderbeekers Series
Rush Revere Series
The Adventures of Nick & Sam Series
Holy Mysteries
Little Lord Fauntleroy
Black Beauty
Pollyanna
Strawberry Girl
The Wind in the Willows
The Princess and the Goblin
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
Encyclopedia Brown Series
The Reluctant Dragon
Centerburg Tales
The Sherlock Holmes Children's Collection
Doctor Dolittle Collection

The Courage of Sarah Noble
The American Girl Collection
Vision Books Saint Series
The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place Series
The Charles Dickens Children's Collection (Easy Classics)
Usborne Illustrated Classics
Storybooks for Advent
Faith & Freedom Readers

Age 9ish and up
The Chronicles of Narnia
The Mysterious Benedict Society Series
The Tuttle Twins Series
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales Series
Hero's Guide Series
The Famous Five Collection
The Wild Robot Series
The Shoe Books Series
The Mandie Collection
The Tale of Despereaux
Caddie Woodlawn
My Side of the Mountain Series
The Black Stallion Adventures
Gone-Away Lake Books
The Rescuers
Lunch Money
The Sign of the Beaver
The Family Under the Bridge
A Place to Hang the Moon
Rascal
The Secret Garden
Island of the Blue Dolphins
From The Mixed-Up of Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankwiler
Echo
Your Story Hour Audio
Very Young Catholic Series
The Hobbit: A Graphic Novel
Storybooks for Advent
Faith & Freedom Readers

Age 10ish and up
The Virtue Chronicles Series

The Wingfeather Saga
The Adventures of TinTin
Christian Heritage Series
A Wrinkle in Time
Redwall Series
The Harwood Mysteries
Anne of Green Gables Series
Will Wilder Series
Chronicles of Prydian Series
The Ascendance Series
Old Yeller
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer & Huckleberry Finn
The Adventures of Robin Hood
Little Women
Little Men
Treasure Island
Great Illustrated Classics Books
Johnny Tremain
The Prince and the Pauper
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm
Captains Courageous
Twenty-One Balloons
Justin Morgan Had a Horse
Tom Playfair & Percy Wynn (30% off with code KATIE30)
Robinson Crusoe
Tirzah
The Bronze Bow
A Christmas Carol
Storybooks for Advent
Faith & Freedom Readers
The Lord of the Rings Series (May be more enjoyed when started at 11/12)
The Ranger's Apprentice Series (again, maybe more 11/12 age; look it up!)

***BONUS!* Favorite Bibles/Bible Stories for the 5-10 age range:**
Salvation History Story Time
My Catholic Picture Bible Stories
The Golden Children's Bible
Catholic Bible Chronicles
God's Plan in Scripture
The Holy Bible Adapted for Young Readers

Plus, more booklists & recommendations here.