

# Family Reading Lists for Toddlers to Teens

Parent-child reading times – even into the teen years – are one of the best ways to turn your child into a well-rounded and educated reader, at least [according to](#) early twentieth century author Walter Taylor Field. To encourage parents to read with their children, Field includes a number of age-appropriate suggestions in his book [Fingerposts to Children's Reading](#). We've listed a handful of his suggestions below:

## **Ages 1-2**

*Mother Goose*

## **Ages 3-4**

*Aesop's Fables*, Aesop

*Fairy Tales*, Hans Christian Anderson

*A Child's Garden of Verses*, Robert Louis Stevenson

## **Ages 5-6**

*Alice in Wonderland*, Lewis Carroll

*Black Beauty*, Anna Sewell

*Just So Stories*, Rudyard Kipling

## **Ages 7-8**

*Robinson Crusoe*, Daniel Defoe

*Wonder Book and Tanglewood Tales*, Nathaniel Hawthorne: "These two books – often published in one volume – supply the best general idea of the Greek myths for children of this age."

*Hiawatha*, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

## **Ages 9-10**

*Midsummer Night's Dream*, William Shakespeare: "Children should be encouraged to go as far in Shakespeare as their interest will lead them."

*The Story of the Iliad*, by Alfred J. Church

*The Odyssey*, by Homer

## **Ages 11-12**

*Child's History of England*, Charles Dickens

*The Boy's King Arthur*, Sidney Lanier

*The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood*, Howard Pyle

## **Ages 13-14**

*Evangeline*, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*Snowbound*, John Greenleaf Whittier

*The Man Without a Country*, Edward Everett Hale

## **Ages 14-15**

*Hamlet*, William Shakespeare

*David Copperfield*, Charles Dickens

*Silas Marner*, George Eliot