

Best-Loved Books: A Unique Reading List for Gifted Students in Grades 6-12

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- A Wrinkle in Time (Beloved sci fi about time travel. Best for younger readers.)
- Where the Red Fern Grows (Beautifully written book about a boy and his dogs. Tear-jerker.)
- The Borrowers (Delightful story about "little" people who live in our walls.)
- The True Confessions of [Charlotte](#) Doyle (Historical fiction - girl on a sailing ship.)
- Something Upstairs (Ghostly time travel and historical fiction about slaves.)
- The Outsiders (15-yr-old author) (A classic about misunderstood teens. Kids love this book.)
- The Giver (A sci-fi about a future world with many rules. Great for 6-10th)
- Knee-deep in Thunder (A fantasy about a journey into a strange world.)
- House of Stairs (A sci-fi about orphans. Can't give away the plot!)
- The Hobbit (A classic fantasy and first book before the Lord of the Rings.)
- Eragon (17-yr-old author) (Fantasy about dragons and life in a strange world.)
- Ender's Game (Sci-fi about a future world where children are trained as leaders.)
- Ender's Shadow (Parallel book and even better than Ender's Game!)
- Speak (A troubled teen; suspense builds as reader slowly finds out why.)
- And Then There Were None (Classic mystery; Agatha Christie's best. Keeps reader guessing!)
- Eyes of the Dragon (Stephen King wrote it for his 12-yr.-old; it's NO baby book! 8-12)
- Roots (Classic and wonderful; almost 900 pages; author traces his roots back to capturing of slaves. My gifted 7th - 12th graders loved it!)
- Flowers for Algernon (Classic lit.; involves coping with enhanced intelligence.)
- Catcher in the Rye (A confused young man's funny/sad account of a time in his life.)
- The Forever King (Now and then/ not exactly time travel; King Arthur legend.)
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Lit. Classic: Mental institution w/ unforgettable characters.)
- The Doomsday Book (Time travel to the time of the Bubonic plague.)
- Watchers (Involves dog w/ enhanced intelligence, a serial killer, and more.)
- Swan Song (The ultimate good vs. evil after nuclear war. No one ever forgets this book. 900 pages of can't put it down. Scary but ends well.)