

Honors Reading List 2021- 2022

1. [20,000 Leagues Under the Sea](#)

by Jules Verne

Professor Pierre Aronnax and his two companions find themselves held prisoner by the peculiar Captain Nemo aboard the Nautilus, an unusual submarine.

2. [The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn](#)

by Mark Twain

Presents the adventures of a boy and a runaway slave as they travel down the Mississippi River on a raft.

3. [Anne of Green Gables](#)

by L.M. Montgomery

Instead of a strong orphan boy to help work the farm, the Cuthberts of Avonlea receive a chatty, impulsive redheaded girl at Green Gables.

4. [Around the World in Eighty Days](#)

By Jules Verne

Around the World in Eighty Days is a classic adventure novel by the French writer Jules Verne, published in 1873. In the story, Phileas Fogg of London and his newly employed French valet Passepartout attempt to circumnavigate the world in 80 days on a £20,000 wager (roughly £1.6 million today) set by his friends at the Reform Club. It is one of Verne's most acclaimed works. The story starts in London on Tuesday, October 1, 1872.

5. [Beowulf](#)

Anonymous

The noble simplicity of the epic's anonymous Anglo-Saxon singer is recaptured in a vivid verse translation. Beowulf battles Grendel, Grendel's mother, and the dragon. The translator is Burton Raffel.

6. [The Book Thief](#)

by Markus Zusak

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will be busier still.

7. [The Call of the Wild](#)

by Jack London

A comfortable family dog named Buck is stolen and sold into a harsh life as a sled dog in the 1890s Klondike, where he reverts to his wild nature.

8. [The Chronicles of Narnia](#)

by C.S. Lewis

Four children explore another world populated with unique characters where a battle between good and evil is being waged, and in which they will eventually rule.

9. [David Copperfield](#)

by Charles Dickens

David Copperfield is the story of a young man's adventures on his journey from an unhappy and impoverished childhood to the discovery of his vocation as a successful novelist.

10. [Fahrenheit 451](#)

by Ray Bradbury

Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, returning each day to his bland life and wife, Mildred, who spends all day with her television "family." But then he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse.

11. [The Giver](#)

by Lois Lowery

When 12-year-old Jonas is chosen to be the Receiver of Memories and learns from the Giver the truth about how his orderly society works, he comes to understand the price being paid for that orderly society is much too high.

12. [Hatchet](#)

by Gary Paulsen

When his plane crashes, 13-year-old Brian survives alone in the wilds of Canada for 54 days with only the clothes on his back and a hatchet.

13. [The Hobbit, Or, There and Back Again](#)

by J.R.R. Tolkien

Tolkien's masterpieces of Middle Earth from the journeys of Bilbo to Frodo's reluctant stewardship of the Ring, with men, elves and fantastical creatures well-met and ill-met along the way.

14. [The Hound of the Baskervilles](#)

by Arthur Conan Doyle

The tracks of an enormous hound near the corpse of Sir Charles Baskerville on his estate in the moorlands bring Sherlock Holmes and Watson from the city to investigate.

15. [Johnny Tremain](#)

by Esther Forbes

When a young, arrogant silversmith badly burns his hand in a bowl of molten silver, he must fend for himself on the streets of 1773 Boston and seek a new purpose in life.

16. [Julius Caesar](#)

By William Shakespeare

This is a fantastic play and one of Shakespeare's most famous. It will spark interesting conversations about loyalty, government, and betrayal.

17. [The Jungle Books](#)

by Rudyard Kipling

When 1-year-old Mowgli is abandoned in the jungle by parents terrified of the tiger, Shere Khan, the baby is raised by wolves and taught the ways of the jungle by mentors Bagheera and Baloo, panther and bear.

18. [The Last of the Mohicans](#)

By James Fenimore Cooper

The wild rush of action in this classic frontier adventure story has made **The Last of the Mohicans** the most popular of James Fenimore Cooper's Leatherstocking Tales. Deep in the forests of upper New York State, the brave woodsman Hawkeye (Natty Bumppo) and his loyal Mohican friends Chingachgook and Uncas become embroiled in the bloody battles of the French and Indian War.

19. [The Light in the Forest](#)

by Conrad Richter

John Cameron Butler was taken captive as a child and raised as a Lenne Lenape Indian, but when required to return to his white family at 15 years of age, adjustment is more than difficult.

20. [Little Women](#)

by Louisa May Alcott

The close-knit March family girls-Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy-are the heroines of this family story of childhood, adolescence and adulthood, with all its joys and sorrows.

21. [Lord of the Flies](#)

By Willian Golding

At the dawn of the next world war, a plane crashes on an uncharted island, stranding a group of schoolboys. At first, with no adult supervision, their freedom

is something to celebrate. This far from civilization they can do anything they want.

22. [Murder on the Orient Express](#)

by Agatha Christie

When a wealthy American is found dead on the Orient Express train while traveling from Istanbul to Paris, Belgian Detective Hercule Poirot suspects that one of thirteen passengers may have committed the crime.

23. [My Brother Sam Is Dead](#)

by James Lincoln Collier

Tim Meeker is forced to choose between the Revolution his brother, Sam, believes in and the British rule supported by his father.

24. [Pride and Prejudice](#)

By Jane Austen

Few have failed to be charmed by the witty and independent spirit of Elizabeth Bennet in Austen's beloved classic *Pride and Prejudice*. When Elizabeth Bennet first meets eligible bachelor Fitzwilliam Darcy, she thinks him arrogant and conceited; he is indifferent to her good looks and lively mind.

25. [The Princess Bride](#)

by William Goldman

When the vain and deceitful Prince Humperdinck commands the beautiful Buttercup to marry him, Westley, her true love, will do whatever it takes (and it takes a lot) to remove her from Humperdinck's clutches.

26. [The Red Badge of Courage](#)

by Stephen Crane

With the tumult of war around him, a young Union soldier wages an internal battle between paralyzing fear and courage.

27. [Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry](#)

By Mildred D. Taylor

Set in Mississippi at the height of the Depression, this is the story of one family's struggle to maintain their integrity, pride, and independence in the face of racism and social injustice. And it is also Cassie's story—Cassie Logan, an independent girl who discovers over the course of an important year why having land of their own is so crucial to the Logan family.

28. [The Secret Garden](#)

By Frances Hodgson Burnett

"One of the most delightful and enduring classics of children's literature, *The Secret Garden* by Victorian author Frances Hodgson Burnett has remained a firm favorite with children the world over ever since it made its first appearance. Initially published as a serial story in 1910 in *The American Magazine*, it was brought out in novel form in 1911."

29. [The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde](#)

by Robert Louis Stevenson

The lawyer, Utterson, is surprised and horrified when his investigations of Mr. Hyde, a monster of a man, lead him to the door of his client and friend, the upright Dr. Jekyll.

30. [The Time Machine](#)

By H.G. Wells

When the Time Traveller courageously stepped out of his machine for the first time, he found himself in the year 802,700—and everything had changed. In this unfamiliar, utopian age creatures seemed to dwell together in perfect harmony. The Time Traveller thought he could study these marvelous beings—unearth their secret and then return to his own time—until he discovered that his invention had been stolen.

31. [A Tree Grows in Brooklyn](#)

by Betty Smith

Francie Nolan, a young Brooklyn girl both impoverished and mistreated, searches with courage and determination for beauty and truth in an ugly world.

32. [Watership Down](#)

by Richard Adams

Forced from their home in Sandleford Warren by the intrusion of man, a courageous band of Berkshire rabbits face adversity, hardship and predators as they pursue a new place called "home."

33. [The Witch of Blackbird Pond](#)

By Elizabeth George Speare

Sixteen-year-old Kit Tyler is marked by suspicion and disapproval from the moment she arrives on the unfamiliar shores of colonial Connecticut in 1687. Alone and desperate, she has been forced to leave her beloved home on the island of Barbados and join a family she has never met. Torn between her quest for belonging and her desire to be true to herself, Kit struggles to survive in a hostile place.

34. [Where the Red Fern Grows](#)

The Story of Two Dogs and A Boy

by Wilson Rawls

Ten-year-old Billy lovingly raises two redbone hounds, Old Dan and Little Ann, to be champion raccoon hunters in the Ozark mountains, but must come to terms with the greater forces of the wilderness.

35. [A Wrinkle in Time](#)

by Madeleine L'Engle

Meg Murry, her brother, Charles Wallace, along with their neighbor, Calvin O'Keefe, travel through time and space to find their scientist father and battle a growing cosmic evil.

36. [The Yearling](#)

By Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Jody Baxter, a young boy living in the backwoods of Florida, takes in an orphaned fawn and as they grow together, must make fateful decisions about the animal he has come to love.