



COVENANT ACADEMY
A Classical Christian School

“... children should have the joy of living in far lands, in other persons, in other times—a delightful double existence; and this joy, they will find for the most part, in their storybooks.” -Charlotte Mason

Recommended Summer Reading for Rising Sixth Graders

Suggestions for Reading Aloud

Garfield, Leon *Shakespeare Stories*

Kamkwamba, William *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* (Young Readers Edition)

Karon, Jan *At Home in Mitford*

Lowry, Lois *The Giver*

Napoli, Donna Jo *The Magic Circle*

Yousafzai, Malala *I Am Malala*

Suggested Audiobooks

McCaughrean, Geraldine *Odysseus* (an accessible poetic retelling of Homer’s *Odyssey*)

Stevenson, Robert Louis *Kidnapped*

Wallace, Lew *Ben-Hur* (Focus on the Family Radio Theater produces a compelling version)

Good Books for Independent Reading

Avi *The Man Who Was Poe*

Bridges, Ruby *Through My Eyes*

Cushman, Karen *The Ballad of Lucy Whipple*

Farley, Walter *Black Stallion* series

Hamilton, Virginia M.C. *Higgins, the Great*

Jacques, Brian *Castaways of the Flying Dutchman*

McCasland, David *Eric Liddell: Pure Gold*

North, Sterling *Rascal*

O’Dell, Scott *Island of the Blue Dolphins*

Ryan, Pam Muñoz *Echo*

Sachar, Louis *Holes*

Shetterly, Margot Lee *Hidden Figures*

Taylor, Theodore *The Cay* and *Timothy of the Cay*

Velde, Vivian Vande *The Rumpelstiltskin Problem*

Woodson, Jacqueline *Brown Girl Dreaming*

Poetry/Short Stories

Doyle, Arthur Conan *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*



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Ferris, Helen *Favorite Poems Old and New* as selected

Fleischman, Paul *Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices* (ideally read aloud together)

Roessel, David Langston Hughes: *Poetry for Young People* and other titles in this series

Sandburg, Carl *Wind Song*

We request that you do NOT allow your student to read the following books that we will want to read and discover together in class this coming year.

King Arthur, Roger Lancelyn Green

Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry

A Wrinkle in Time, by Madeliene L'Engle

The Golden Goblet, by Eliose Jarvis McGraw

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, C.S. Lewis

A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens

Resources for Parents

MacKenzie, Sarah *The Read Aloud Family: Making Meaningful and Lasting Connections with Your Kids*

Trelease, Jim *The Read Aloud Handbook*

Martin, Jamie *Give Your Child the World*