

Clean Fiction for Adolescents

For the most part free of controversial topics and social engineering

The Chronicles of Narnia Series— C.S. Lewis

Age range: 8–14

“Courage, dear heart.”

Classic fantasy filled with imagination, courage, and moral lessons. Themes of faith, sacrifice, and the triumph of good over evil are woven naturally into the stories. There are free audio-versions of these books on YouTube.

Heidi — Johanna Spyri

Age range: 9–13

“Every day is a good day when one has a good heart.”

A story of kindness, gratitude, and resilience, highlighting the healing power of nature, family, and community.

Anne of Green Gables Series — L.M. Montgomery Age range: 10–15

“Isn’t it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?”

Chronicles Anne Shirley’s growth into a responsible, imaginative, and virtuous young woman. Themes include friendship, empathy, integrity, and joy in everyday life. There are free audio-versions of these books on YouTube.

Little Women Series— Louisa May Alcott

Age range: 10–16

“I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship.”

Focuses on family, faith, and moral development, highlighting generosity, perseverance, and self-discipline.

Little Men— Louisa May Alcott

Age range: 10–16

“Life is made up of little things; little duties, little kindnesses, little words of truth.”

A sequel to *Little Women*, this story emphasizes responsibility, friendship, and character-building as Jo’s boys grow under guidance in a nurturing community.

The Hardy Boys Series — Franklin W. Dixon

Age range: 9–14

“The right path is sometimes the hardest to follow.”

Adventures of two brothers solving mysteries while emphasizing courage, loyalty, and ethical problem-solving.

Nancy Drew Series — Carolyn Keene

Age range: 9–14

“The answers are always there; you just have to look carefully.”

Follows a clever, independent girl solving mysteries. Promotes critical thinking, moral discernment, and perseverance.

The Bobbsey Twins Series — Laura Lee Hope

Age range: 7–12

“Happiness grows when shared with family.”

Lighthearted sibling adventures that teach cooperation, kindness, and family values in everyday life.

The Boxcar Children Series — Gertrude Chandler Warner

Age range: 7–12

“Where there’s a will and a little courage, anything is possible.”

Stories about resourceful orphans solving problems, emphasizing loyalty, integrity, and clever thinking.

Pollyanna — Eleanor H. Porter

Age range: 8–13

“There is something about everything that can be glad about if you look for it.”

Heartwarming story of optimism, gratitude, and the transformative power of kindness. There is a free audio-versions of this book on YouTube.

Treasure Island— Robert Louis Stevenson

Age range: 10–15

“Fifteen men on the dead man’s chest—Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!”

Classic adventure emphasizing courage, loyalty, and moral choices, with enduring lessons on honesty and bravery.

Little House Series — Laura Ingalls Wilder

Age range: 9–14

“Home is the nicest word there is.”

Pioneer life stories emphasizing family, faith, perseverance, and the joys of simple living.

The Wingfeather Saga — Andrew Peterson

Age range: 10–15

“Sometimes courage is just showing up and trying again.”

Fantasy series with Christian allegorical themes of courage, forgiveness, and moral integrity, wrapped in adventure and imaginative storytelling.