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Books That Did Not Make the List

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Standards Used in Reviewing These Books

I base my reviews on the following standards. If I believe the book goes against ANY of these standards, I do not recommend the book. This does not mean the book does not also contain good messages or have good qualities. Most unclean books and movies are mixed with some positive messages and qualities.

1. Avoids All Uses of Profanity and Taking God's Name in Vain

2. Avoids Violence Used for Entertainment or Shock Value or that is Graphic

3. Does Not Weaken Family, Faith, or Christ-Like Behavior

I believe a book should meet these criteria:

- Portrays strong families, motherhood, and fatherhood as desirable and noble. Portrays parents as valuable, involved, and helpful
 - Promotes respect and appreciation for teachers, peers, siblings, and extended family
 - Portrays faith in God as desirable and noble
 - Portrays learning and education as desirable and noble
- Does not portray bad behavior or weak character traits as humorous, entertaining, normal, or acceptable (laziness, negativity, flippant attitude, disrespect, cruelty, violence, gossip, pride, vanity, self-centeredness, revenge, greed, worldliness, unkindness, immodesty, immorality, lack of depth of character)

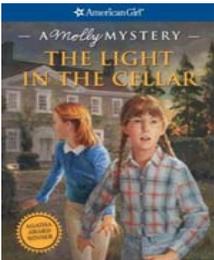
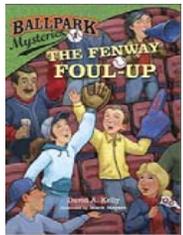
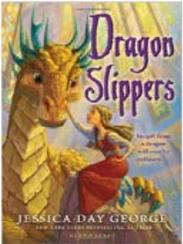
Note about PROFANITY: I do not recommend any books with profanity in them. If I can first search a Kindle book for profanity, I do that, and I don't even read a book if it does contain profanity. If I have to read a book not searchable by Kindle, I stop when I encounter the first instance of profanity. Thus, if a book is not recommended due to profanity, I do not always know how much profanity it contains. Also, it does not mean that the book is recommended except for the profanity because I have not reviewed it for other content. I consider taking God's name in vain as profanity and worse than swear words. My personal opinion is that profanity in literature is always wrong. Personally, I choose not to edit out profanity as I read it to my children because 1) The standards I apply to my children apply to myself. If it is wrong for them to read profanity, it is wrong for me to do so as well. To edit out profanity as I read aloud, I see the profanity as I come across it, so I avoid the book in order to keep profanity out of my mind as well as my children's minds. 2) I want to be an example to my children and let them know that I do not even want to own or read a book with profanity. This has been the single biggest factor in my children choosing for themselves to avoid books with profanity. Example is the most effective teacher. 3) I want all the books in my home to be books that my children can open and read at any time. I feel it's easier and safer not to have books with profanity hanging around that you have to put it in a separate place that may get mixed up with other books or that you forget contain profanity. 4) There is SO MUCH amazing, completely wholesome literature out there that you could not read it all in a lifetime. Yes, there are books with amazing messages that contain profanity, but I do not feel the amazing messages make the profanity acceptable. And, again, you can find those same amazing messages in books that are ALSO completely clean. We have done the work to find those for you on our recommended book list! (Note: D word refers to D*MN; H word refers to H*LL)

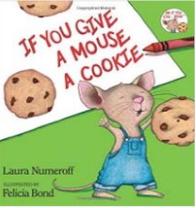
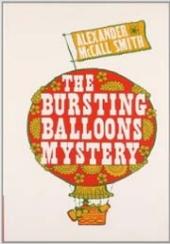
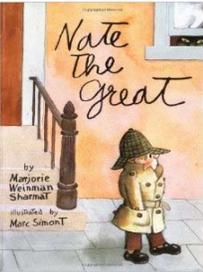
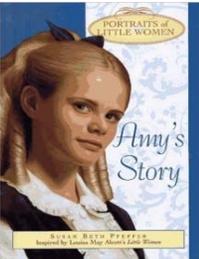
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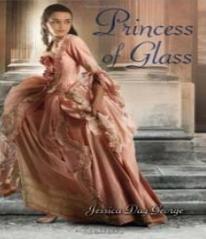
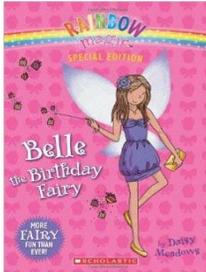
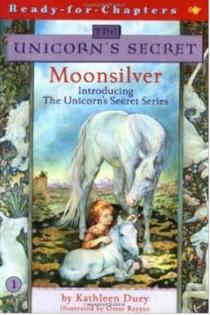
Note from Jenny Phillips about NEGATIVIY: Negativity is a big problem in much literature today, but people misunderstand what I mean by negativity. Negativity does not mean that difficult, negative things happen in a book, such as death, bullying, divorce, etc. Negativity means that a character or plot dwells on what is wrong in a negative way that is not uplifting or that a character is constantly displaying the character traits of pessimism and ingratitude in a way that is uncorrected or made to look acceptable. Just as it does not uplift us to be around negative people who are always complaining and seeing what is wrong, it does not uplift us to read about characters that are that way.

Rollercoaster Books

Rollercoaster books contain little to no objectionable material, but are not on the *Good & Beautiful Book List* because they contain little to no moral, literary, and educational value. These books may be fine to read occasionally, just like riding a rollercoaster occasionally may be fine, but it offers little more than fun and thrill. I believe that children who grow up on a **steady diet** of roller coaster books are affected in negative ways. Constantly reading stories that are all about fun, thrill, adventure, friends, excitement, etc. can result in viewing life as all about those things, a more shallow character, less desire to seek knowledge and learning, more of a desire to seek instantly gratifying entertainment, and more of a desire to seek the easy, fun way. Just like we want our kids to eat fruits and vegetables and nutritious foods for a strong body, we need our kids to read books of value for a strong mind and character.

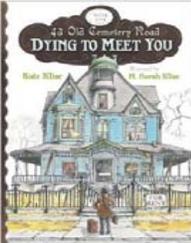
	<p>American Girl MYSTERIES Various Authors</p> <p>Rollercoaster Book: Not a part of the reading program.</p>	<p>I read one entire book in the American Girl Mystery series, skimmed others, and read reviews. There was some slight negativity towards siblings, but not much else objectionable. The books offer a little historical education value and have some good messages. I personally, after reading so many well-written, engaging books, even for this reading level, found these books well below par with little literary value. I also found them dull compared to other books that contain deep, meaningful messages and insights into life. Overall, I feel children will not gain much academically or spiritually from these easy-reading books, but they are not all objectionable. Note that all the different series of American Girl books are reviewed separately. Here is a list of <i>American Girl History Mysteries</i> we have reviewed (purple=recommended, strikethrough=not recommended). <i>The Light in the Cellar</i>, <i>Secrets on 26th Street</i>.</p>
	<p>Ballpark Mysteries (SERIES) David A. Kelly</p> <p>Rollercoaster Book: Not a part of the reading program.</p>	<p>We have reviewed several of the books in this series. The stories are interesting and wholesome, but there is little moral, literary, or educational value. This would be a good series for reluctant readers. There are 13 books in the series. We have reviewed the following (purple=recommended, strikethrough=not recommended): <i>The Fenway Foul-Up</i>, <i>The Pinstripe Ghost</i>, <i>The L.A. Dodger</i>, <i>The Astro Outlaw</i>.</p>
	<p>Dragon Slippers (SERIES) Jessica Day George</p> <p>Rollercoaster Book: Not a part of the reading program.</p>	<p><i>The Dragon Slippers</i> books are really fun. The main characters are generally respectful and make good decisions, but the story is mainly about adventure and entertainment, and there is hardly any educational or moral value. However, the writing and vocabulary is good. Parents should be aware that a word is used in a way that could be considered profanity on page 184 of the first book. I am usually a fan of just avoiding books with any profanity, but because some may not even consider the word used as a swear word, it is questionable. There is no unclean language or inappropriate material that I found in any of the other books in the series.</p>

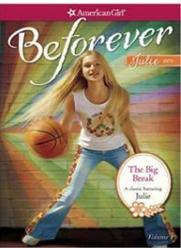
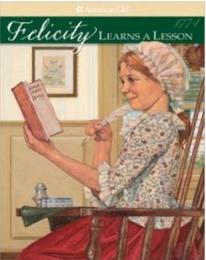
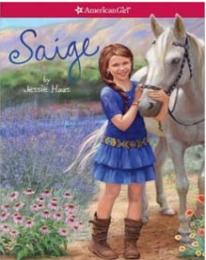
	<p><i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (SERIES)</i> Laura Joffe Numeroff</p> <p>Rollercoaster Book: Not a part of the reading program.</p>	<p>This is a cute and fun series without objectionable material that I have for my own children. I included it on the roller coaster section because, although there is no inappropriate text or pictures, it has low literary value and no moral value. It uses simple sentences, with little to no descriptive language or challenging vocabulary, and the books are fun but predictable.</p>
	<p><i>Max & Maddy and the Bursting Balloons Mystery</i> Alexander McCall Smith</p> <p>Rollercoaster Book: Not a part of the reading program.</p>	<p>While this book contains no objectionable material, it has little moral and educational value. It does have some challenging vocabulary. Though the characters do not portray any negative character traits, they do not portray many good character traits either. The story is mainly about a fun adventure without parents involved. Children should find the book interesting.</p>
	<p><i>Nate the Great (SERIES)</i> Marjorie Weinman Sharmat</p> <p>Rollercoaster Book: Not a part of the reading program.</p>	<p>Kids usually love these books because they are fun, a little funny, and <i>super easy</i> reading. I have read a few of them, and did not see anything objectionable, other than a little bit of a cocky attitude. However, there is little of value in the stories, and there is no parental involvement or family interaction. The writing is almost all composed of simple sentences, contains hardly any varied or elevated vocabulary (even for the reading level), and is almost totally void of descriptive language. Even early reader books can vary sentence structures, include descriptive language, and throw in some varied vocabulary, but these books do not. The books are so easy, I consider them first readers and believe they have little value beyond helping very first readers with basic words. However, they are not morally objectionable as far as I have seen.</p>
	<p><i>Portraits of Little Women (SERIES)</i> Susan Beth Pfeffer</p> <p>Rollercoaster Book: Not a part of the reading program.</p>	<p>I read two books in this series. There is not much objectionable in these books (besides a tiny bit of very subtle manipulation and lying made to appear acceptable). However, the writing in these books has very low literary value. The books are almost completely stripped of any descriptive language or elevated vocabulary. Also, I found the stories, even for the lower reading level, very dull with simple, non-compelling plots. There is a little educational value. Overall, I feel these books are fine, but do not qualify for the <i>Good and Beautiful Book List</i> because they are not quality literature.</p>

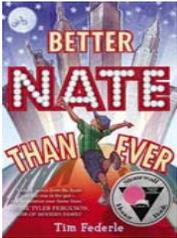
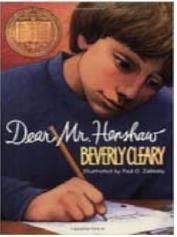
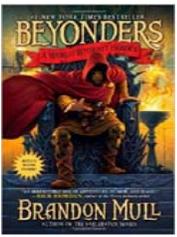
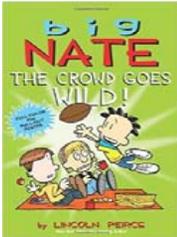
<p>7</p> 	<p>Princess of Glass Jessica Day George</p> <p>Rollercoaster Book: Not a part of the reading program.</p>	<p>In this enchanting retelling of the classic fairytale Cinderella, Princess Poppy is sent to live with relatives in far-off Brenton, and soon she senses that something isn't right. With her cousin Marianne and her new friend Prince Christian, she must solve the mystery and break an enchantment before they lose everything to an evil enchantress. This book does contain some appropriate romance and is geared toward older teenagers and adults. While the book is clean and appropriate, it has lower moral and literary value than most books on this list.</p>
	<p>Rainbow Magic Books (SERIES) Daisy Meadows</p> <p>Rollercoaster: Not a part of the reading program.</p>	<p>I have read a few of these books and skimmed others. I did not find a lot of objectionable behavior. Kids like them, I think, because they are so easy to read and all about fun and magic. However, I feel the books offer little value to the readers. As far as literary merit, the books model poor writing, and they lack varied vocabulary--readers don't benefit much from reading these books academically or morally. The storylines in the book are simple and predictable and repetitive throughout the books. There are some slightly good themes such as friendship and helping others in some of the books. There are no bad themes to be worried about that I have seen. However, I find the books shallow--all about fun, friends (and very little to no family), glitter, magic, fashion, unicorns, etc. There are a ton of these books, and they are popular with kids.</p>
	<p>The Faeries' Promise (SERIES) Kathleen Duey</p> <p>Rollercoaster: Not a part of the reading program.</p>	<p>The educational, moral, and literary values for this book are not high, but the story is creative and does not contain objectionable behavior or language. We have only reviewed the first book in the series. The book tells the story of a fairy who has been imprisoned in a castle for many years. Finally, she has her chance to escape, and an adventure ensues. The series contains four books: <i>Silence and Stone</i>, <i>Following Magic</i>, <i>Wishes and Wings</i>, and <i>The Full Moon</i>.</p>
	<p>The Unicorn's Secret (SERIES) Kathleen Duey</p> <p>Rollercoaster: Not a part of the reading program.</p>	<p>The official description reads: "Heart Trilby has no family. She lives a hard and lonely life in the dusty village of Ash Grove until she finds a scarred, skinny mare in the forest." I found nothing objectionable in the first book of this series, other than magical elements, which are not my favorite. The writing is good for the reading level, but there is little moral or educational merit.</p>

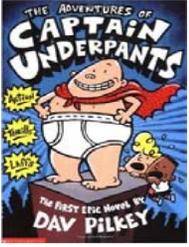
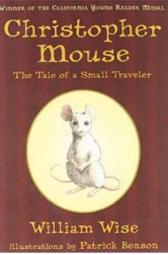
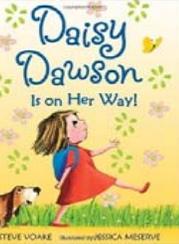
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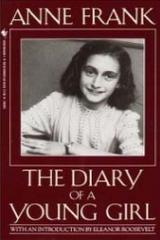
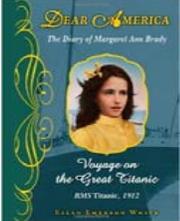
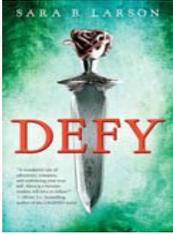
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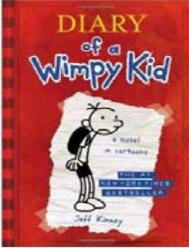
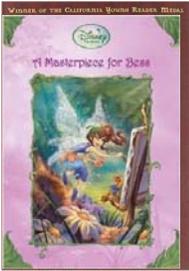
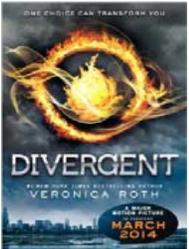
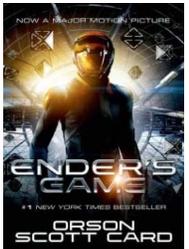
	<p>43 Old Cemetery Road (SERIES) Kate Klise</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I have only read parts of a few of these books and reviews on them, and these are my thoughts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) I did not find any inappropriate language other than the acronym "OMG" (but I have not read the whole series). There are some good messages and some very clever puns, but in general I found the books really strange and too silly. Silly can be great, like in the <i>Mr. McBroom</i> books, which are hilarious but are also centered around a strong, very positive family. The <i>43 Old Cemetery Road</i> series, on the other hand, has silliness combined with strangeness and some hints of cynicism, negativity, and slight dark undertones along with a lot of hints of dysfunctional family relationships. 2) I am not of a fan of stories with ghosts. 3) The writing style is very different--it's called epistolary (mainly a collection of letters and newspaper articles). I didn't care for this style, but many people like it. The books have some elevated vocabulary and variation of sentence structures, but they are very lacking in descriptive, rich writing. Overall, I found these books of little value and with some negative messages (especially about family) but better than many of the current bestsellers out there.
	<p>A Series of Unfortunate Events Lemony Snicket</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Parent should take caution of this series because</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A <i>lot</i> of negativism in this book is put forth as funny and acceptable, and it starts in the very first paragraph: "In this book, not only is there no happy ending, there is no happy beginning and very few happy things in the middle." Our children need stories that are inspiring and positive. 2. The main characters are not terrible but are less than desirable models of behavior: insensitive, sarcastic, etc. 3. The book is devoid of positive adults and good moral messages. <p>With no educational value, no moral value, low literary value, and constant negativism, I believe these books should be avoided. Our children gain nothing from these books and are impacted negatively. There is SO much good and uplifting material out there; our children do not need to be exposed to such horribly negative literature packed with cruelty, violence, evil, murder, deceit, and child neglect.</p> <p>If you are looking for a modern series in a similar style (fun and witty), I recommend the positive, wholesome series <i>Freddy Pig</i>, which is on my <i>The Good & the Beautiful Book List</i>.</p>

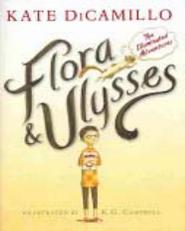
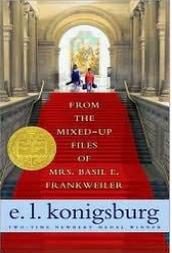
	<p>American Girl Beforever (SERIES) Various Authors</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I did not find this series uplifting or praiseworthy. I am basing my review of the series on one book I read "The Big Break" and skimming through other books in the series. Not only is the literary value extremely low, but there is a good amount of negative behaviors made to look acceptable: pouting, grumbling, groaning, negativity, disobedience, impatience, rudeness, sarcasm, and so on. The book I read also explored themes of feminism and divorce in ways I thought were not uplifting. The main character wants to sue the school because they won't allow her on the boy's basketball team. She petitions and fights until the school allows her on the team in order to avoid legal problems. The main girl often displays anger and angst about her parents' divorce, she argues with her sisters, and she also shows disloyalty towards her sister that is really sneaky and mean. The book focuses on self-centered shallow topics without deep, meaningful messages. The book covers topics such as horoscopes, sleepovers, holding hands with boys, crushes, fights with friends, doing things behind parent's backs, calling boys pigs, and laughing over flushing toilet sounds. Overall, I feel this book has no academic value and encourages negative character.</p>
	<p>American Girl Original Series Samantha Parkington</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>The original <i>American Girl</i> series are much better than the later series. There are some good messages and some good educational value in the original <i>American Girl</i> books. However, the books are hit and miss. I have found some of the main characters to be impatient and self-centered, sighing and complaining often. In some books, siblings are presented as annoying. For example, in <i>Meet Kit</i>, there are good messages and good educational value, but the main character is also ungrateful and impatient, calls people words such as "stupid" and "shrimp," and makes fun of other people, which are all made to look acceptable and not corrected.</p>
	<p>American Girl Today (SERIES) Various Authors</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This series is better than the "Beforever" <i>American Girl</i> series. However, <i>The American Girl Today</i> books still have main characters with less than ideal behaviors made to look acceptable: arrogance, vanity, jealousy, self-centeredness, impatience, and negativity. For a couple of specific examples, in the first chapter of <i>Saige</i>, there is a potty joke, and Saige says, "Sometimes school can make even interesting things seem boring." There is also an emphasis on hair, clothes, accessories, and so on. If you are hoping to inspire your daughters to strive for noble characters and to seek the good and the beautiful in life, I would steer clear of these books. They also have low literary value.</p>
	<p>Austenland Shannon Hale</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity and strong, inappropriate sexual innuendo, unlike many of Shannon Hale's other books.</p>

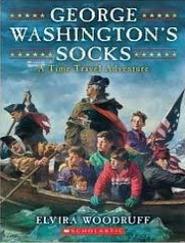
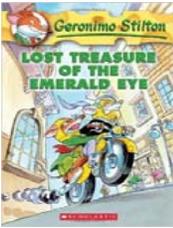
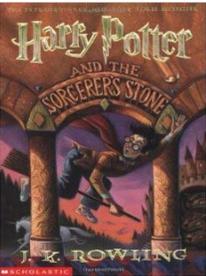
	<p>Better Nate Than Ever Tim Federle</p> <p>Strongly Not Recommended</p>	<p>Adults and families are portrayed negatively and depressingly in this book. Also, there is inappropriate language and scenes that have to do with homosexuality, sexual jokes and actions, underage drinking, and more. The cover looks so cute and innocent, but this book is highly inappropriate.</p>
	<p>Beverly Cleary Books Beverly Cleary</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I do not recommend <i>Dear Mr. Henshaw</i>. I agree with the reviewer Wayne S. Walker: "I just doubt that this is truly good reading for children whom their parents are trying to raise to be godly people . . . All in all, I do not have good feelings about this book." As for the <i>Ramona</i> books, I am not strongly opposed to them, but I feel the main characters are not great role models--whiny, complainy. As for the <i>Ralph</i> books, there is little objectionable--they are fun and funny.</p>
	<p>Beyonders Brandon Mull</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>We started reading this to our kids and found we had to skip over some violent parts that were a little shocking, and we finally decided there was just too much we had to skip and stopped reading. I personally do not feel that violence used for the sake of entertainment value is acceptable. The main character has little depth of character. Also, this series is mainly about fast-paced adventure and thrill with very little moral value and no educational value. Some of the main themes of the books are revenge, murder, and torture. The main characters aren't always high quality role models. However, this book is well-written and is not as worrisome as many others.</p>
	<p>Big Nate (SERIES) Lincoln Peirce</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>While not as blatant as in <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i>, <i>Big Nate</i> still shows disrespect and low moral character as funny and entertaining. The main characters make fun of teachers and are disrespectful to them. The 11-year-old boy asks the principle why there are no "hot young Swedish student teachers." He calls school a "stinkin' dump." The main character gives a boy a wedgie, pulling his underwear out of his pants. They use language such as shut-up and call people dumb, ugly, pathetic, etc. The main character tries to cheat on a test by writing answers on an origami grasshopper, and he is not punished--it appears funny. Adults are portrayed as dysfunctional and embarrassing; in fact, there is not a single adult in the whole book that is portrayed positively. Education and learning is made fun of and portrayed negatively. The young kids have steady boyfriends/girlfriends and talk a lot about crushes and romantic relationships. The 11-year-old main character tries to hit on the "smoking hot" 20-year-old lifeguard. There is very low literary merit and no educational value. This book is put at the age range of 8-12 but is at a second grade reading level. Compare this to the literature with high moral and literary merit that 8-12 year olds were reading 50 years ago, and it is a sad reflection of our society. Parents who want respectful kids that have a love of learning, a desire to succeed in life, and Christ-like character should definitely avoid this series.</p>

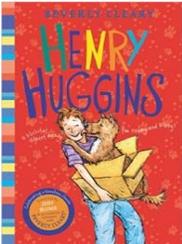
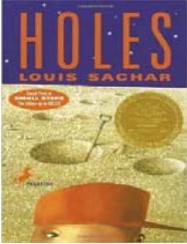
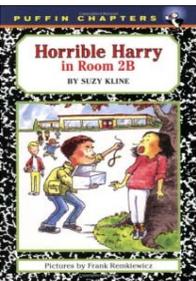
	<p>Captain Underpants (SERIES) Dav Pilkey</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>These books appeal to the low, base instincts in children, promoting disrespect, low character, and potty humor. The children in these books are vengeful and borderline sadistic in their actions and imaginations. The books portray degrading attitudes towards girls. One reviewer wrote: "They are awful books about menacing delinquent kids who disrupt school, destroy school property and disrespect teachers and others. There are no redeeming qualities to these books, and bad behavior has no bad consequence, they are rallied as heroes at the end." Also, the books contain terrible grammar and are filled with intentionally misspelled words. Good parents try to encourage traits of love and respect, and then allow their children to read books like these that totally contradict those principles. And then the parents wonder why their kids are disrespectful and not interested in learning or in reading literature that has high moral or literary merit. Your child becomes more like what they read, so choose carefully!</p>
	<p>Christopher Mouse (SERIES) William Wise</p> <p>Note My Favorite</p>	<p>I read Chapters 1-10 and the last chapter, 15. I found no objectionable language or content but no great messages other than fighting for survival and being grateful your circumstances aren't worse. The story had little educational value and literary value. Compared to books on <i>The Good & Beautiful Book List</i>, I found this book very easy reading, a little dull, and not as worthwhile as other books.</p>
	<p>Daisy Dawson (Some of the books in the series) (SERIES) Steve Voake</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>The only books in this series that I can recommend are <i>Daisy Dawson in the Secret Pond</i> and <i>Daisy Dawson at the Beach</i>. These are not the first books in the series, but they work as stand-alones. In these particular books in the series, I did not find objectionable material, and I love the writing and descriptions of nature and the main character's positive and kind attitude. I cannot recommend the other books in the series, however, although I wish I could because I love the optimism of the main character and the writing. But there is too much objectionable material, some mildly objectionable and some stronger:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The parents are mainly portrayed positively in the books, but other adults, such as her teacher are not. Her teacher speaks "icily," "impatiently," and yells at the main character. 2. Daisy keeps her ability to speak to the animals secret from her parents. The little girl main character sneaks out in the middle of the night, is gone all night, and her parents never know. 3. Daisy and her animal friends, in the middle of the night, sneak to the pound, break into the building, steal the keys, and let a dog loose (rather than taking the right road, which would've been to talk with her parents, and get the dog out of the pound the right way). This breaking in and stealing is portrayed as heroic. 4. In one of the books, <i>Daisy at the Farm</i>, the cows have crushes on each other, and make many flirtatious remarks, which I don't like for young readers. Also, there is a little bit of crude humor.

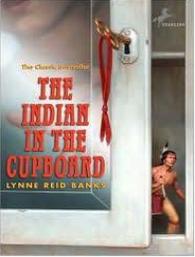
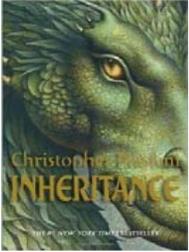
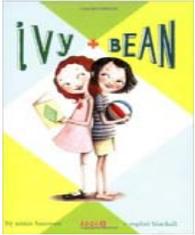
	<p><i>Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl</i> Anne Frank</p> <p>Strongly Not Recommended</p>	<p>Inappropriate material (discussing details about changes in her body as she goes through puberty, explaining details of sexual anatomy in inappropriate ways, the main character being immoral with a boy (in original versions of the book), fighting with siblings, and a self-centered negative attitude are some reasons I do not recommend this book. Anne, especially near the end of the book has a haughty and condescending attitude. I know this is a classic and gives some good historical information, but Anne was immoral and not <i>at all</i> a role model for other girls. In place of this book, I highly recommend <i>Shadow of His Hand</i> by Wendy Lawton, which is so much more inspiring, moral, wholesome, uplifting, educational, and worthwhile.</p>
	<p><i>Dear America (SERIES)</i> Various Authors</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>The <i>Dear America</i> books are all written by different authors from the first-person point of view in journal entry form of fictional characters in American history. I read some of these books and really wanted to like them, but, unfortunately, I cannot recommend them. In all the books I read, the main character had strong unlikeable characteristics such as being judgmental, rude, ungrateful, revengeful, unkind, and sarcastic. They did learn some lessons by the end, but it is painful to go through 4/5 of a book reading through the eyes of young girls who are selfish and sassy. One of the books used the Lord's name in vain repeatedly. Most of the books I felt included too mature of themes and ideas for the intended age group. I did not read all the books, so maybe there are some that are worthy books, but every book I read and researched in this series had some concerns. At a future date, I'd like to go back and review them individually, but I did not keep track of the books individually.</p>
	<p><i>Defy</i> Sara B. Larson</p> <p>Strongly Not Recommended</p>	<p>Reviewers have explained one of the main storylines of the book: "The 'breeding houses' were described in detail at the beginning of the book, and they are a horror. Little girls are imprisoned until they reach physical maturity, and then they are raped repeatedly until they become pregnant." Why would we want, in the name of entertainment and pleasure, to explore the made-up story of little girls getting raped? It is disgusting and offensive to the Spirit of God. Also, the main character is a terrible role model. She is described as, "mostly a mopey woman who can't keep her eyes off men's chests," "an arrogant, spoiled whiner," "simpering, whining, sobbing, boy-crazy, tantrum-throwing mess."</p>

	<p>Diary of a Wimpy Kid (SERIES) Jeff Kinney</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Parents let their children read these books, and then punish their children for copying the behaviors they read about! If you are a parent who wants respectful children who stand up against Satan's attack on families and Christlike behavior, avoid these books like the plague. They ARE an attack on family. They ARE an attack on Christ-like character. We need to recognize them as such. They are chock-full of potty-humor, name-calling, bad-mouth attitudes, bullying presented as funny, poor choices, whining, laziness as funny and desirable, cynicism, and terrible disrespect to family, parents, and teachers.</p> <p>Some parents have the philosophy that it is better that children read books like these than no books at all. That is incorrect thinking. As a reviewer wisely wrote: "This is the junk food of books for children: immediately satisfying, yet in the end, a pollutant, causing distaste for that which helps them in the end. This is shallow, simple writing that actually <u>discourages intellectual curiosity, and makes other books seem 'boring.'</u>" I wholeheartedly disagree with the statement that it turns "reluctant readers" into readers; the only thing it has done to my reluctant readers (I am a fifth grade teacher) is <u>make them whine about reading anything else.</u> We need to be wise about our choices with what we 'feed' our children's mind just as much as their bellies; both can either be fruitful and life-giving, or actually lower their quality of life."</p>
	<p>Disney Fairies (SERIES) Various</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>I do not recommend most books in this series because of behaviors, comments, and attitudes that I would not want my children to model, such as meanness and vanity, but if you don't mind your children reading books about fairies, <i>A Masterpiece for Bess</i> and <i>The Trouble with Tink</i> did not contain any objectionable material.</p>
	<p>Divergent (SERIES) Veronica Roth</p> <p>Strongly Not Recommended</p>	<p>I do not recommend this book series due to graphic violence, sexual conversation, immoral behavior, sexual innuendo, repeated profanity and taking the Lord's name in vain, and disturbing content. Also, parents should be aware that lying and getting tattoos are portrayed as acceptable. These books are full of violence and trash and do not lift the mind.</p>
	<p>Ender's Game (SERIES) Orson Scott Card</p> <p>Strongly Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains at least 121 uses of profanity in addition to a lot of incredibly crude language and taking God's name in vain. Violence is frequent, vicious, detailed, graphic, and disturbing, including mutilation and torture. There is crude talk about the sacred anatomy of the body including a character making an animation of male anatomy and holding it on his lap. Some reviewers wrote: "If any parent ever wonders where young people get their ideas of violent, rude, inconsiderate behaviors, this would be a perfect example." Also, "This book is full of swearing by children as young as 6. It is also very violent."</p>

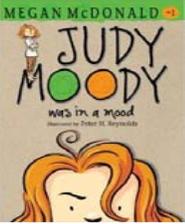
	<p><i>Fablehaven (SERIES)</i> Brandon Mull</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>The story is very creative and captivating and features good writing, but I believe the series lacks high moral value. The characters do show determination and bravery, but they also show less desirable behaviors at times--not the best role-models who are often unkindly sarcastic, repeatedly disobedient, dishonest, whiney and complainy, and sometimes mean to siblings. 14-year-olds are kissing and cuddling (not something I permit for my own children). However, there is no objectionable language. Some reviewers felt there was inappropriate violence in the books or that they were a little dark at times (witches, vampire-like creatures that can suck out your youth, demons, zombies). I personally felt some of the description was overly graphic and not uplifting, praiseworthy, or of good report. All in all, it's a fun read that offers very little moral or educational value to the readers and contains role models and behaviors that are less than ideal.</p>
	<p><i>Five Kingdoms (SERIES)</i> Brandon Mull</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is written very well and uses a large vocabulary, and it is definitely engaging, however, I definitely do not consider it a good and beautiful book because of violence and exploring dark/evil subjects in order to offer entertainment. The characters aren't fantastic role models. This review is based off reading the whole first book and the first two chapters of the second book only.</p>
	<p><i>Flora and Ulysses</i> Kate DiCamillo</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The first sentence of this books starts out with a disrespectful attitude towards parents when the main characters says she is trying to ignore her mom. I did not read the rest of it, but many reviewers said the main character has no respect for her parents, and families are portrayed as negative and dysfunctional.</p>
	<p><i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i> e. l. konigsburg</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Although this modern classic book is not recommended, the objectionable content is mild. The main character is a less than desirable role model who calls his little brother names, cheats (made to look acceptable), and gambles. In the museum, there is talk of naked statues, and the book contains a picture of a naked boy. The main characters do steal things in the museum that they need, and that behavior is not corrected.</p>

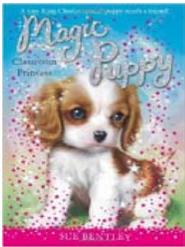
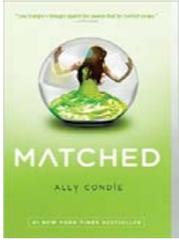
	<p>George Washington's Socks Elvira Woodruff</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>While this book does have some great historical information, I do not recommend this book because of the following: repeated negativity toward siblings, lying to parents as funny/cool, arrogance as funny/acceptable, repeated negativity about parents, insulting others as funny, gossiping as acceptable, unkindness to others as cool/funny, disobedience to parents as acceptable, a lot of sarcastic/shallow comments, showing how to rationalize bad behavior. This was all only in the first 13 pages.</p>
	<p>Geronimo Stilton (SERIES) Geronimo Stilton & Thea Stilton</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>While not as objectionable as some series, I do not consider these books wholesome reading. The stories are silly, shallow, and super easy reading, but my main concerns are some negativity, arrogance, squabbling, name-calling, and some occasional crudeness and inappropriate behavior made to look funny. One Amazon.com reviewer wrote: "My sons enjoy these books, but the more of them you read the more you realize that Geronimo Stilton is not a good influence . . . Geronimo Stilton is constantly complaining and whining . . . I have never read any children's book before with the phrase "I hate" in it so many times. If you want a positive role influence on your child through reading, this isn't it." Some reviewers said they liked these books because they help reluctant readers enjoy reading. In the 1800s, the Bible was used to help even slow readers increase their reading skills. Giving kids unpraiseworthy, super-easy books will only feed an appetite for these types of books (which offer them no benefits academically or morally) and tend to create an aversion to gentle, wholesome, challenging books. If you want to create a love for the good and the beautiful through reading, I suggest putting some really worthy, well-written books into their hands at a young age and read with them.</p>
	<p>Harry Potter (SERIES) J.K. Rowling</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Whether magic is OK in books is a decision individuals should make through personal prayer. For me, I do not mind some magical elements sprinkled in fairytales, etc. But, in <i>Harry Potter</i> I am not personally comfortable with how the book is focused around instruction in charms, divination, etc.—the very things God says are an abomination in the Bible. I feel Also, Harry is not a high-character hero. Although Harry has good qualities and is kind to his friends, he is rude, unkind, and spitefully revengeful to his enemies. He, unapologetically, lies, disobeys authority figures, breaks rules, and ends up saving the day through doing so. The first book has one swear word and one taking of God's name in vain. The other books contain profanity, too. We get the message that Ron, a "good" guy, swears quite a bit. There are some references to making out and some crude jokes in later books. If you have decided to avoid books with vulgarity or profanity in any way, this series is eliminated for that reason alone.</p>

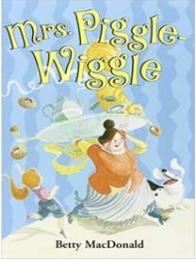
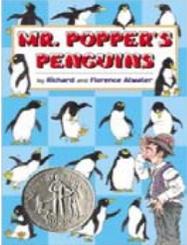
	<p>Hashbrown Winters (SERIES) Frank L. Cole</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Parents who are concerned about literature with potty language, disrespectful behavior, and attacks on strong family relationships will want to avoid this book. I read the first chapter and skimmed the book for 5 minutes and found the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Potty language/humor: jokes about boogers, toilets, slushies that taste like pee, big kids wetting their pants, armpit noises. -Negativity: As is common in literature today, the main character is negative about himself, constantly thinking what an idiot he is. -Negative portrayal of parents and teachers. The only role the mother played in the first five chapters was to embarrass her son. The main character makes his parents and teachers seem annoying, stupid, and no fun.
	<p>Henry Huggins Beverly Cleary</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>I recommend caution with Henry Huggins and almost all Beverly Cleary books for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Low literary and educational value (easy reading--lots of simple sentences without challenging vocabulary). This book is recommended for ages up to 12, but the reading level is third grade. -Bathroom humor -Low character made to look normal/acceptable (saying "shut up," whining, complaining, etc.)
	<p>Holes Louis Sachar</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This is a New York Times Best Seller and Newbery Medal winner that I have seen many youth read as part of many public school reading programs. However, I highly oppose this book because it contains cursing and profanity, crudeness, quite a bit of violence, and, unfortunately, as one reviewer put it: "abusive, traumatic dynamics between the adults in the book and the teens and between the teens and each other and the message that adults are ignorant & unproductive, or overtly abusive, or, if you dare trust them, they will just turn around and betray you." Wayne S. Walker wrote: "Sachar seems to be one of those authors who feel that for children to be prepared for the "real world" they need to read literature that will immerse them into all the dirty, sordid problems they will have to face. I disagree . . . my personal belief is that children whose parents are trying to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord deserve better literature than <i>Holes</i>."</p>
	<p>Horrible Harry (SERIES) Suzy Kline</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I definitely do not recommend this series as it makes fun of adults and promotes rude behaviors, dishonesty, revenge, and negativity as funny and acceptable.</p>

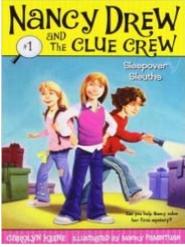
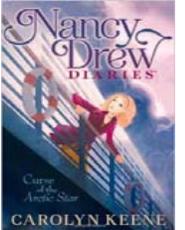
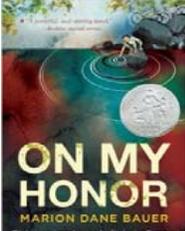
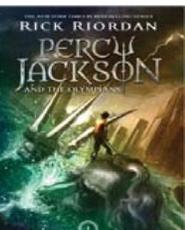
	<p>Indian in the Cupboard (SERIES) Lynne Reid Banks Caution</p>	<p>This series includes profanity and taking the Lord's name in vain. Wayne S. Walker also pointed out this in his review: "One of my biggest objections was the amount of arguing, bad temper, hitting, and other meanness in Omri's family, probably to portray what the author thought "normal" families were like, although it is never really justified but merely presented as fact. Also, there are some instances where Omri tells a "little" lie, so there is some room for discussion.</p>
	<p>Inheritance (SERIES) Christopher Paolini Not Recommended</p>	<p>Common Sense Media: "Lots and lots of fighting and bloodshed. Characters are killed in gruesome ways. Mutilations and painful injuries are described." I read one excerpt from the book and had to stop when it got to the part about a baby being impaled on the top of a pile of dead bodies! Also, parents should be aware that many reviewers felt the author was trying to make a children's book too mature, including many heavy themes and romance. The series is also described as dismal and depressing.</p>
	<p>Ivy and Bean (SERIES) Annie Barrows Not Recommended</p>	<p>I saw this cute cover and thought this might be a great series. I was wrong! These books, through help of the main character, will help train your sweet little girls to be mean, bad-mouthed, dishonest, selfish, complainers. The books are also full of potty language and name-calling. Children learn by example, so I feel books like these are extremely dangerous and impactful. Also, several books into the series, witchcraft is introduced. I agree with Amazon.com reviewers who wrote the following: --The name-calling between the sisters is relentless. --Bean refers to nearly everything and everyone as "boring." The author chose to represent the lead characters as trite, mean-girl complainers. --I can't imagine the absolute hate-filled interactions between Bean and her older sister Nancy would be a good idea for any kid to "enjoy." -Kids are getting meaner and meaner. This book does a good job of showing that. Sign of the times. The reviewers who rate this high I believe may be more interested in what is "popular" than what is right.</p>

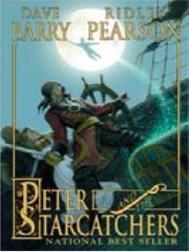
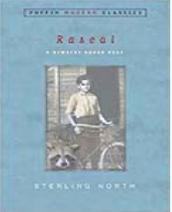
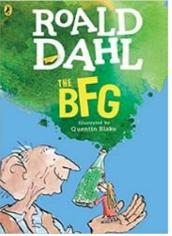
	<p>Jacob's Journal of Doom Kenneth Pike and Isaac Stewart</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>To me this kind of book is scary because it tries to combine religion and good principles with a book that is mainly centered on inappropriate behavior made to look funny, low character made to look cool, attacks on strong family relationships, etc. What a way to confuse children!</p> <p>-Parents and siblings are portrayed as annoying and stupid in a humorous way made to look funny. <u>Negativity towards family is a main theme of the book.</u> The main character keeps making fun of his parents, making them look stupid, old-fashioned, annoying, and dysfunctional.</p> <p>-Some potty language is used. For example, in the beginning of the book a girls says, "Boys smell like toots." It is mild, but still there.</p> <p>-The main character is video-game crazy. It's all he talks about, and it's all he aspires to in life. He makes fun of his family, is mean to kids at school and gets detention, he misbehaves at home and gets grounded. He is just not a very good role-model to hold up to kids.</p> <p>Some may argue that at the END of the book, the main character does invite someone to church and says sorry for a comment he said, and it ends all happily. However, you still have 90% of the book creating entertainment value by disrespect towards family, potty language, etc. I also think it is dangerous and confusing to children to show such horrible behavior for 90% of the book as funny and entertaining, and then try to combine it with a good message. Kids get the message that, "Yeah! I can think my family is stupid, potty language is funny, and center my life's aspiration's around video games, and still be a great kid if I invite someone to church." I also find that kids who have a diet of these kinds of books, aren't interested at all in the "good and beautiful" in literature. All the benefits of reading are lost in this book as it is composed almost solely of simple, easy sentence structures and contains no challenging vocabulary, no literary devices, and no descriptive language.</p>
	<p>Janitor's (SERIES) Tyler Whitesides</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to name calling made to seem acceptable, immodest dress made to seem acceptable, bullying made to seem funny, disrespect to teachers, main character choosing not to stand up for others, disrespectful language, inappropriate behavior such as calling a teacher "a hottie," negativity about siblings, crude behavior such as belching made to seem acceptable and funny, negativity about school, negativity about teachers, playing pranks made to seem acceptable, and rude behavior such as smirking and eye rolling made to seem acceptable. There is also some magic that some people consider a little bit too dark.</p>

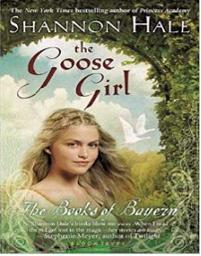
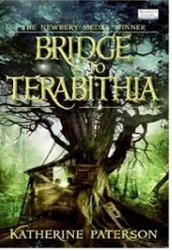
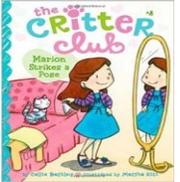
	<p>Judy Moody Megan McDonald</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Judy Moody is not a good role model for children. She displays the following negative character traits that are represented as funny, entertaining, or acceptable: selfishness, negativity towards siblings, mood swings, rudeness, disrespect, jealousy, and unkindness. The book also has extremely low literary value. It's sad to me that this book was included in a Battle of the Books program in my area.</p>
	<p>Junie B. Jones (SERIES) Barbara Park</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>These wildly popular books are, unfortunately, very widely read as teacher-read-alouds in lower elementary classrooms or are given to younger children to encourage reading because many kids find them hilarious and interesting. However, they are totally void of literary or moral value. The writing is not only poor, but the books are intentionally filled with grammatical mistakes, such as "I runned, I sended, etc." But of much more concern is the attitudes and behaviors that are put forth as funny. Reviewer Wayne S. Walker explains, "Junie B. Jones is basically a little brat who talks way too much, stamps her foot when angry, and openly disobeys her parents. Her mother constantly scolds her but never actually punishes her bad behavior . . . Basically, everything that many of us have come to think of as wrong with permissive parenting and public school peer socialization is exemplified in Junie B. Jones." Parents should be aware that these books are filled with snotty attitudes, bullying, disobedience, poor choices, defiance, and disrespect. Because these books are so widely read in classrooms, I suggest asking the teacher if she plans on reading them. My first-grader, when we were still in public school, told her teacher that the books made her uncomfortable, but the teacher kept reading them the entire school year, and made my daughter sit in the corner, where she could still hear the books, but was singled out and made fun of for speaking up. I did not know this took place until the school year was over. It is very hard to keep your children away from books like these in public school. There is <i>such</i> good literature to expose our children to, it is a shame that this is what many teachers choose to read to our precious children. Parents may think these books are OK if they help their children love reading. However, these books only help your children love reading THESE kinds of books and actually create greater resistance in children to reading books of higher literary and moral value.</p>

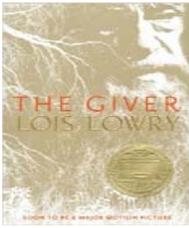
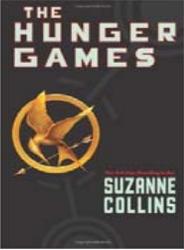
	<p><i>Magic is in the Mix</i> Annie Barrows</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended because of the following (this is just from the first two pages):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name calling and making fun of others as funny and acceptable - Siblings portrayed as annoying and negative - Parents portrayed negatively - Lying portrayed as clever and acceptable
	<p><i>Magic Puppies (SERIES)</i> Sue Bentley</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The adorable puppy on the cover and the glittery title are misleading--the stories are not so innocent. Although not as blatant as in some other books, this series still portrays undesirable behavior as funny and cool--pessimism, name-calling, disrespect, eye rolling, etc. Also, strong families are not supported. Dysfunctional families seem the norm: main characters parents work full time and are always gone, parents are divorced, and children think their parents are a drag and keep them from things they want, and parents don't understand the children. Parents should know there are parts of the books that include evil wolves that may be scary for young children.</p>
	<p><i>Matched (SERIES)</i> Ally Condie</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>While <i>Matched</i> does not contain content near as worrisome as books such as <i>The Hunger Games</i>, parents should be aware that <i>Matched</i> does contain a lot of passionate tension that makes relationships comes across as more about passion than other things. Also, at times the lines between right and wrong were blurred. However, the book does not contain profanity or inappropriate sexual content. Although the book is very engaging and hard to put down, I didn't feel any the better for having read it. It is an interesting look into what society would look like under different conditions, but it didn't leave me feeling good. It felt more geared towards being a nail biting thriller. This was not my favorite book, and I felt there are much better books to spend your precious time with. I couldn't make it a "good and beautiful" book. It is interesting to note that the Lexile measure for this book puts it at a 4th-5th grade reading level.</p>

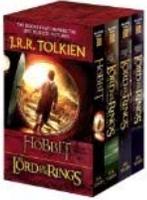
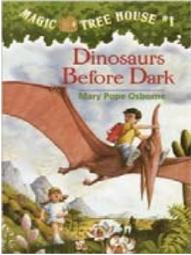
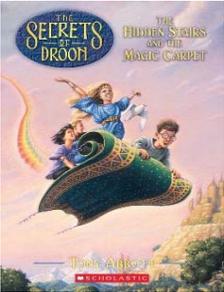
	<p>Michael Vey (SERIES) Richard Paul Evans</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I read some of the first book before I felt uncomfortable because of graphic violence and stopped reading. Also, at least one swear word is used. An amazon.com reviewer wrote: "This book is very dark and inappropriate for kids. It has kidnapping, brainwashing, bullying, and torture as prominent parts of the plot. I don't see how this book promotes values-- it spends more time showing evil than anything else. There is a moment in the book where the protagonist is given a choice by the antagonist to either murder another boy or watch his own mother be electrocuted and most likely killed. True, the protagonist does not give into an evil, impossible choice-- but how far down into darkness must a story go before one fragment of a decent principle is shown?" Other reviewers say the following is included: "We learn that they once pants-ed Ostin, removing both his pants and underwear; a character is almost fed alive to rats; characters kiss and cuddle on occasion; child abuse, torture, and death are some of the mature topics covered." There are definitely worse books, but I personally feel these books pollute and desensitize our children's minds with needless violence for the sake of entertainment. I do not believe this book is virtuous, lovely, of good report, or praiseworthy. I believe it uses violence and shock value to entertain. Reviewers say the books get more violent and dark as the series progresses.</p>
	<p>Miss Piggle Wiggle (SERIES) Betty MacDonald</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>Unfortunately, just because a book is a classic does not mean it is the best choice. I recommend caution with the <i>Mrs. Piggle Wiggle</i> series because it portrays parents as incompetent and unkind by using a good amount of name calling (jerk, dumb, etc.). The fathers and mothers also consistently yell, and they are weak, impatient, and sarcastic.. Also, there is some shocking violence. For example, a little sister says to her mom about her brother let's "cut him up with the butcher knife." In addition, I don't love the way some of the stories are resolved. Yes, the characters change to better behavior, but often it is for selfish reasons or the wrong reasons. I just found very little to no moral value in the book and some wrong messages and attacks on strong families.</p>
	<p>Mr. Popper's Penguins Richard Atwater</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>This classic book written in 1938 was not my favorite, mainly because the father was so obsessed with the penguins that his family always came second, and it ends with Mr. Popper leaving his family for two years to go to the Arctic to be with penguins, with hardly a goodbye to his family. In this and other ways, I did not feel Mr. Popper was a good role model or that the story was uplifting. In the words of some other reviewers: "I didn't like the dad leaving at the end with everyone happy or fine to see him go. The mom was just glad she didn't have to clean up after him. Heartless." "Poor example of money management and debt acceptance. Absolutely not principles I am teaching my children." "Not a lot to like in Mr. Popper. He was untidy. Lounged around all day in the winter. Wasn't worried about providing and deemed it his wife's problem to handle the money to feed the family. "</p>

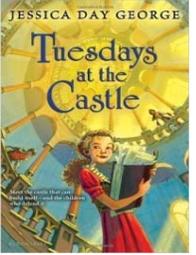
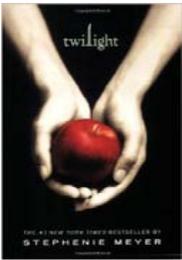
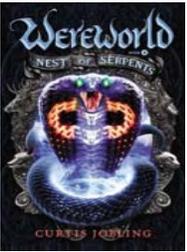
	<p><i>Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew</i> Carolyn Keene</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Carolyn Keene is the pseudonym of many different authors of the Nancy Drew mystery stories. The authors of the original <i>Nancy Drew</i> books published in the 1930s and 1940s wrote in a wholesome fashion. The CREW series was introduced in 2006 and was written by totally different authors who do not write in such a wholesome fashion. The characters are not sweet and respectful like the original Nancy Drew. Instead, I found the characters in this new series to be a little sassy and vain. Although it is mild compared to other books, bad attitudes and negative behaviors are portrayed as acceptable. Also, it is very easy reading, and the literary value is very poor.</p>
	<p><i>Nancy Drew Diaries</i> Carolyn Keene</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I only read a little of the book before I realized that this was not a good book for children. For one thing, the main characters are in college and having serious relationships, yet this book is often read by 8-12 year-old girls. Also, the attitudes in the book are negative and there are some crude comments. The Nancy Drew in this new modern series is not the polite, sweet, and kind Nancy from the original series. This Nancy is rude, sassy, and easily annoyed. I found the book offensive, unpraiseworthy, and with very little literary or educational value.</p>
	<p><i>On My Honor</i> Marion Dane Bauer</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I did not read this book, but parent reviewers have posted things such as: "Quite frankly, I think the author must be a very disturbed person." "It is very dark, and I don't recommend it," "There is a lot of lying in this book." "Most disturbing book I've ever read." "They force kids to read it in school. Just...why?" "<i>On My Honor</i> is one of those books that is truly, truly depressing." "I am appalled that this book has won awards and is being used in elementary classrooms." "It also contains foul language."</p>
	<p><i>Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief</i> <i>(SERIES)</i> Rick Riordan</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>These books may be fun and entertaining, but they are packed full of objectionable materials made to look exciting and funny. A study of the first chapter of the first book alone, points out these problems: -Pessimism, ingratitude, impoliteness, negative portrayal of adults, lack of sympathy, unkind actions portrayed as funny, rude remarks portrayed as funny/cool, arrogance/boastfulness, negative attitude toward learning/education, unkindness to animals, self-put downs, crude language (shut up (repeated), barf, "looser freaks," butt (repeated)). -Poor writing (simple sentences, very little descriptive language or literary devices, little to no elevated vocabulary)</p>

	<p><i>Peter and the Starcatchers (SERIES)</i> Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Parents should be aware that this series contains swear words. Also, a reviewer wrote: "The book is unnecessarily graphic in its description of gross subjects. In their descriptions of the habits of the sailors the authors seem to revel in detailing belches and smells and other raunchiness. In the fight scenes blood and gore seems to be the aim of the authors." Another reviewer wrote: "I was stunned when I read a short scene on page 54. Peter overhears a sexual encounter between the governess and first mate on the ship—and reports vividly what he hears. In addition, on page 210, Stache, the pirate, keeps the governess as a prisoner even though she's large, because a "woman was a woman, the way Stache looked at it." These sexual references were totally unnecessary to the story."</p>
	<p><i>Peter Pan</i> J.M. Barrie</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Peter Pan is a classic that I do not recommend because the "A" word is used repeatedly, Peter Pan is overly arrogant and self-centered (not a good role model), and there is a lot of violence that is a little too graphic. I recommend skipping this one, especially because there is such a huge amount of better literature with which to spend your time.</p>
	<p><i>Princess of the Silver Woods</i> Jessica Day George</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity. It is Jessica Day George's first book that contains profanity. If you have decided to avoid entertainment that includes vulgarity, you will want to skip this one. When I emailed the author to ask why she included profanity, she said her readers needed to feel how serious the situation is, so the swear words were needed. But that is not the message I want to send to the youth. I want to teach them that when a situation is really serious, you still control your language. I enjoy many of Jessica Day George's other books with clean language; she is an incredibly gifted writer.</p>
	<p><i>Rascal</i> Sterling North</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is well written and the story is interesting, but unfortunately it uses profanity. I also didn't like how dysfunctional and abusive families were portrayed as normal and acceptable, and the main character's family had "no rules." The 11-year-old boy was left alone for days at a time, and was allowed to do whatever he wanted.</p>
	<p><i>The BFG</i> Roald Dahl</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) An entire long, inappropriate section about farting 2) Negative portrayal of adults 3) vengeance and spiteful retaliation as acceptable and entertaining 4) Kids playing nasty pranks on parents and teachers as acceptable and funny 4) Lots of talk about eating humans, crunching their bones, kids being kidnapped, boiled, fried, and murdered, etc.--it's violent and disturbing! The book is full of sick and gruesome humor. 5) Mental and physical abuse of children

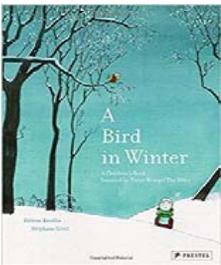
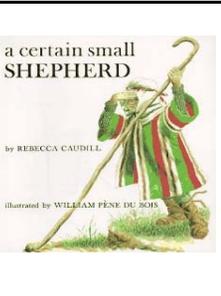
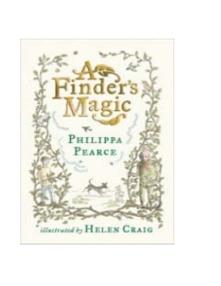
	<p>The Books of Bayern (SERIES) Shannon Hale</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>While <i>The Goose Girl</i> is written well, is captivating, and contains some good messages, it also contains a disturbing, inappropriate, and shocking scene that I do not want to describe so that the scene is not in your mind, but it includes women stripping. Also, be aware that some feel that <i>Enna Burning</i> is a bit dark. One reviewer wrote: "The idea of so much fire and burning people alive was disturbing. The main character is often impulsive and makes bad choices." I do agree with this. It isn't uplifting to explore the theme of burning people alive (especially when it's the main character), and the main characters are not always great role models. Another reviewer wrote: "This book is decidedly darker, as there is an attempted rape scene, mass-murder, and Enna deals with emotions that echo strongly of lust."</p>
	<p>The Bridge to Terabithia Katherine Paterson</p> <p>Strongly Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book includes a lot of profanity, especially for a children's book: 7 "D" words, 7 "H" words, and 43 taking of the Lord's name in vain, and 6 taking of God's name in vain. The book also is shockingly depressing, contains negative messages about believing in God, warped theology, a little witchcraft, illusions to a child/teacher's inappropriate relationship, inappropriate material, such as a girl buying a see-through blouse and people staring through her shirt, a sexual comment between a brother and sister, lying that is not corrected or made to look unacceptable, mean remarks not corrected or made to look unacceptable, and family that is portrayed as negative—with cold parents, arguing siblings, and a truly depressing home life.</p>
	<p>The Candy Shop Wars Brandon Mull</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to name calling made to seem funny and acceptable, negativity toward siblings, unkind behavior made to seem funny and acceptable, unkind sarcasm, disrespect toward parents, purposely breaking the law made to seem funny and acceptable, and negativity toward school.</p>
	<p>The Critter Club (SERIES) Callie Barkley</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This series has cute covers and some good messages, but it is mingled with things that make me uncomfortable, especially for books geared toward young girls: crushes, boy-talk, divorced families seeming the norm, dealing with "dad's girlfriend. Also, the stories are highly focused around weekly sleepovers with friends, which parents who do not allow sleepovers may not like. The writing is definitely sub-par and of very little literary merit.</p>

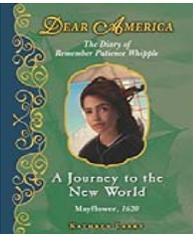
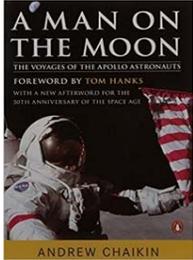
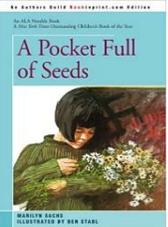
	<p><i>The Giver</i> Lois Lowry</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p><i>The Giver</i> is a well-written, award-winning book that is a part of many public school's English curriculum for as young as 5th grade. It is an interesting look at the consequences of a controlled society, but from reading parts of the book and reviews of the book, it is not one I can recommend. I feel the book is too mature at least for children and teenagers, with topics such as euthanasia, infanticide, and some indirect and inappropriate sexual references. However, there is no profanity. This book is not necessarily unrecommended. Parents should use caution and decide about this book for themselves.</p>
	<p>The Hunger Games (SERIES) Suzanne Collins</p> <p>Strongly Not Recommended</p>	<p>I strongly discourage adults and children from reading this book. I read part of it, and then skimmed the rest, and the book left me feeling dark and disgusted for days. It is a story that is deeply violent and totally inconsistent with our divine natures as children of God, even though the premise of this book is irresistibly exciting, and it is full of shock value. As focusonthefamily.com explains: "In this tale of 24 teenagers forced to kill each other, readers follow a number of gruesome, bloody and otherwise disturbing scenes. One tribute murders another by snapping his neck. Other tributes are killed by spears, arrows, blows to the head with rock. One of the final tributes is mauled by a pack of rabid dog-like creatures for hours before he dies. One previous contestant tried to eat the tributes he'd killed."</p> <p>The first book contains one swear word. Also, I completely agree with this amazon.com reviewer: "The series is about the extremely sadistic torture of young teenagers. The further along in the series...the more twisted and perverse the story line becomes . . . Besides the almost continuous and multiple ways the author finds to torture and kill off her characters, the under-age main character must stand naked while a man examines every inch of her in deciding how she is to be dressed, is handed suicide pills, watches a close friend beheaded, sees her sister go up in flames and learns that the former victors were sold as prostitutes. Children are forced to kill each other . . . By the end of the series the main characters are left so completely broken in body, mind and spirit that there is no victorious rejoicing. In a way, similar to movies and television, the story is such that it almost desensitizes a person to the subject of the torture of children."</p> <p>I believe children and teenagers should be reading gentle, wholesome books that fill the mind with goodness. However, kids that are used to books like <i>The Hunger Games</i> find books of high literary and moral value incredibly boring because they are used to books with shock value, fast-paced easy reading, violence, and constant titillating thrill. So not only do books like <i>The Hunger Games</i> desensitize children to violence, but they also desensitizes them to the beauties and values of wholesome, gentle literature.</p>

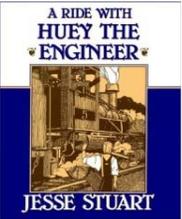
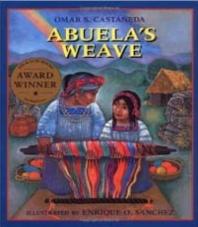
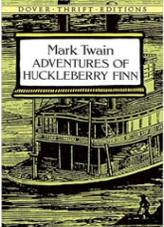
	<p>The Lord of the Rings (SERIES) Tony Abbott</p> <p>Parents Decide</p>	<p>These classic books feature clean language, beautiful, skilled, complex, delightful writing, a rich, varied vocabulary, and powerful messages such as valor, self-sacrifice, the power of goodness, duty, and loyalty. I love how these books explore how power can control and destroy a person. The books go in this order: <i>The Fellowship of the Rings</i>, <i>The Two Towers</i>, and <i>The Return of the King</i>. I do not feel that the books contain violence that is graphic or overly dark. However, I feel the movies do. Kidsinmind.com rates the violence of these movies as 7 out of 10. There is definitely arguments for whether or not magic is acceptable in this book. For example, there is a "good wizard" in the book, but all wizardry is strongly condemned in the Bible. At the same time, although magic is used in this series, it is ultimately the main character's resistance to using magic and the mastery and use of his own natural abilities that causes him to triumph. If you want to avoid all books with magical elements or elements that are not true-to-life, you will definitely want to avoid this series. Since many have strong feelings against good wizards or witches that use powerful magic, I took this book off of the recommended book list and suggest parents make their own decision about this series.</p>
	<p>The Magic Tree House (SERIES) Callie Barkley</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I know many children love these books (I think because they are easy and excite kids), but I do not recommend them or let my children read them. However, they are definitely not as worrisome as many other books. I do not recommend them for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children have secret activities which they keep from their parents. 2. In some of the books, the children are having "romantic" relationships. 3. These books are all about fun, adventure, self-interest, and the fast-paced thrill of young children not involved with their parents. They do not have depth or substance to them that help build character. 5. Family is not supported. The first page that I reviewed had this: "Oh brother. This is what he got for spending time with his seven-year-old-sister." 6. I feel the writing is very poor, and incorrect grammar is used throughout. 7. Some of the history is not correct, includes references to evolution, and is often from a revisionist point-of-view. 8. Some parts are a little too graphic for young kids: rotting mummies, empty eye-sockets, etc. <p>I suggest <i>The Imagination Station</i> series in place of this series if you need a fun, worthwhile, wholesome series for early or reluctant readers that promotes high character.</p>
	<p>The Secrets of Dron (SERIES) Tony Abbott</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>I can see why <i>The Secrets of Dron</i> would appeal to children: it's packed with constant action and an all-around exciting and thrilling fun. Books like these, that are super easy reading and just about self-centered, constant thrills, can make truly "good and beautiful" books seem boring and hard. This book has extremely low literary value. It is almost completely stripped of sensory description and literary devices, it has no challenging vocabulary, and it is composed mainly of simple sentences. But more worrisome is the way parents are portrayed, as glaring and angry parents who just get in the way of fun. Also, the whole magical adventure that the children go on is kept a total secret from the parents. With that being said, the book does not contain any name-calling or potty words, which a lot of modern books do. This book has no literary, educational, or moral value and does not support strong child-parent relationships or honesty. My advice is to skip this one, but it is not nearly as worrisome as many other books out there.</p>

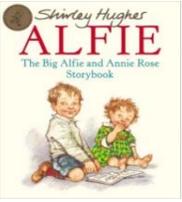
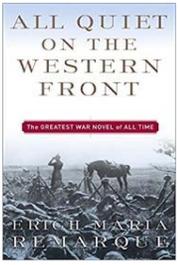
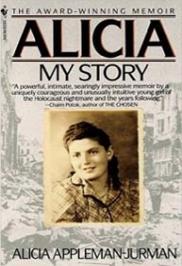
	<p><i>Tuesdays at the Castle</i> Jessica Day George</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>Although very mild compared to other books, this book is not recommended due to some crude language and unkind behaviors made to look acceptable and funny.</p>
	<p><i>Twilight (SERIES)</i> Stephanie Meyer</p> <p>Strongly Not Recommended</p>	<p>I strongly oppose this book for youth and adults. The main character Bella is depressing, negative, lustful, and has very low moral character. The books are all about lust and physical desire with characters having serious make out sessions, often alone in the girl's bed. At one point, Bella tries to take her shirt off when they are kissing. Bella and Edward discuss having sex often, and Bella pressures Edward several times to sleep with her. I believe these books promote passion and unhealthy obsession. I once heard an interview with the author who said something like she was glad to write a passionate book that didn't cross the line. That depends on where your line is. A teenage girl trying to take her shirt off during a make-out session on a bed and urging her boyfriend to have sex is crossing the line for me. No doubt these books are fascinating, but I personally don't feel like they are worthy of the Spirit of God.</p>
	<p><i>Wereworld (SERIES)</i> Curtis Jobling</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The series includes profanity. Also, if you believe in avoiding violent entertainment, you should skip this series which is touted to have "plenty of gory, brutal fights for action lovers" and "plenty of horror."</p>
	<p><i>Wonder</i> R. J. Palacio</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Even though this book has some good messages, it doesn't make the inappropriate content acceptable. Some say this is "real life." But I believe we don't teach children by giving them a book that immerses them in depressing content. This book is highly not recommended due to repeated taking of God's name in vain, extreme negativity, rudeness, shallowness, name-calling, lots of screaming, yelling, fighting, and arguing, detailed and constant disrespect toward parents and other adults, young teenagers kissing, and very heavy, negative topics such as divorce, mental illness, a father suspected of adultery, neglectful parents, and more. I don't feel this book could be considered "virtuous and lovely."</p>

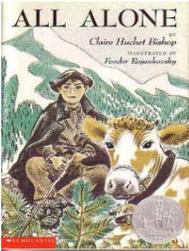
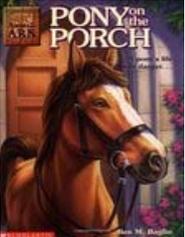
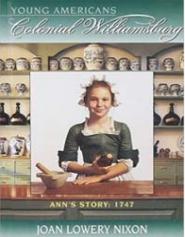
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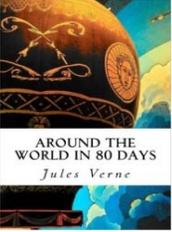
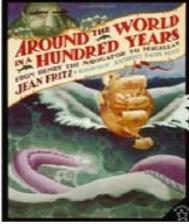
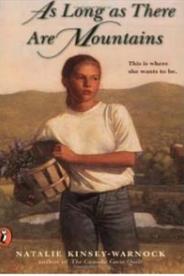
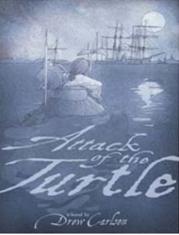
	<p><i>A Bird in Winter</i> Helene Kerillis</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to a negative portrayal of parents.</p>
	<p><i>A Certain Small Shepherd</i> Rebecca Caudill</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>This is a sweet story and by no means unrecommended, but the topic feels too heavy for the reading level and interest level. It is just "not my favorite."</p>
	<p><i>A Country Christmas</i> Bonnie Lou Risby</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>This book is not my favorite due to unkind behavior made to seem funny and acceptable.</p>
	<p><i>A Finder's Magic</i> Philippa Pearce</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>While I enjoyed and recommend Pearce's book <i>Tom's Midnight Garden</i> and <i>Minnow on the Say</i>, <i>A Finder's Magic</i> was so bizarre, I could not get into it.</p>

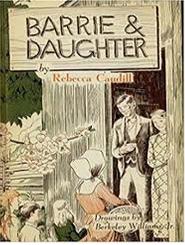
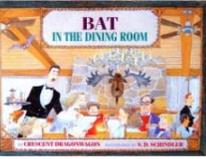
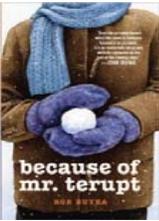
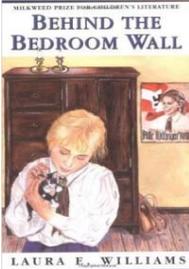
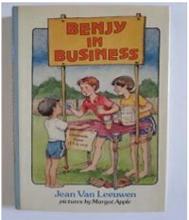
	<p><i>A Harappan Adventure</i> Sunila Gupte</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>My friend reviewed this book for me and said, "I wouldn't suggest <i>The Harappan Adventure</i>. It has disrespect toward parents, and even though it is set in ancient India, I don't feel I learned much about the culture, time, and geography."</p>
	<p><i>A Journey to the New World: The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple</i> Kathryn Lasky</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to continual slight sarcasm and negativity. I did not find this book to be engaging or inspiring.</p>
	<p><i>A Man on the Moon: The Voyages of the Apollo Astronauts</i> Andrew Chaikin</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>A Pocket Full of Seeds</i> Marilyn Sachs</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I only read the first chapter. There were some weird discussions, such as eating people if you get really hungry. And there was some mild language, such as "shut up." I decided not to read any more of the book since I felt the first chapter was questionable.</p>

	<p><i>A Ride With Huey the Engineer</i> Jesse Stuart</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>Although <i>A Penny's Worth of Character</i> and the <i>Beatinest Boy</i> by Jesse Stuart are on <i>The Good & Beautiful Book List</i>, this book is not my favorite. The main plot and ending are depressing, including a funeral of their beloved friend, viewing his corpse, etc.</p>
	<p><i>Abuela's Weave</i> Omar S. Castaneda</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The grandmother is ashamed of her birthmark on her face, and makes her granddaughter act as if she does not know her. It's not corrected. Not a good message.</p>
	<p><i>Acro Bat</i> Adrian M. Hurtado</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended because it portrays keeping secrets from parents and sneaking out as acceptable.</p>
	<p><i>Addie McCormick (SERIES)</i> Augusta Stevenson</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>This series does have some good messages and references to faith and God, but it also has incorrect messages. I especially did not like the rude, impatient, self-centered, attitude of the main character, which was made to look normal in the one book I started reading: <i>Addie McCormik and the Secret of the Scarlet Box</i>.</p>
	<p><i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> Mark Twain</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommend due to the Lord's name being taken in vain several times. But even without the profanity, it has not been one that I personally love. There are some messages that are questionable. The book is very well written and has a lot of educational value.</p>

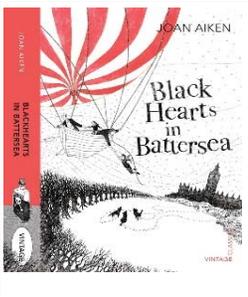
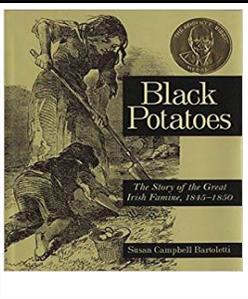
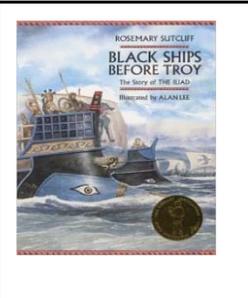
	<p><i>After the War</i> Carol Matas</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to profanity, depressing attitude, and graphic descriptions.</p>
	<p><i>Alfie and Annie Rose</i> Shirley Hughes</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>My children did not enjoy this book. It is a compilation of random stories, that are pretty boring and lack high educational, moral, and literary value. Most of the book is appropriate. However, there were some small things that rubbed me the wrong way, such as a father who acted as if his children were annoying.</p>
	<p><i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i> Erich Maria Remarque</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>We did not read the book. A search in the Kindle version shows three uses of the S word, 13 uses of the H word, and many taking of God's and the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Alicia My Story</i> Alicia Appleman-Jurman</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>

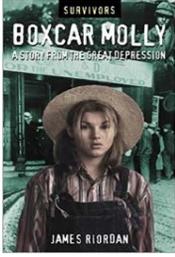
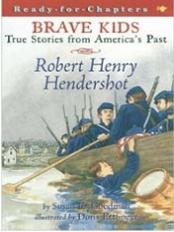
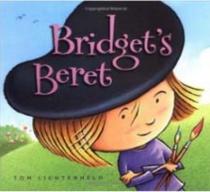
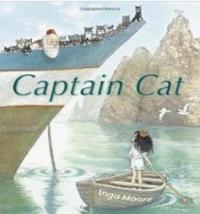
	<p>All Alone Claire Huchet Bishop</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p>Angelina's Diary (SERIES) Katharine Holabird</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The only book we have reviewed in this series is <i>The Bridesmaid Ballet</i>. This book is not recommended because it makes it seem acceptable to complain about family members being annoying. The main character is also self-centered and impatient.</p>
	<p>Animal Ark Series Ben M. Baglio</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>Not recommended due to disrespect to parents, doing things behind the parents' backs, negativity, and negative portrayal of adults.</p>
	<p>Ann's Story: 1747 Joan Lowery Nixon</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>Some of Joan Lowery Nixon's books are fantastic and a part of the <i>Good & Beautiful Book List</i>, so my daughter and I were excited to start this book. However, we did not get very far. In just the first chapter and a half there was name-calling between siblings made to look funny and acceptable and impatience and sarcasm made to look acceptable. Also, the main character shows low character as she sneaks out of the house, knowing she is doing what is wrong, in order to get out of work and to see something she knows her mom would not let her see. The actions are not corrected.</p>

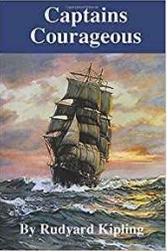
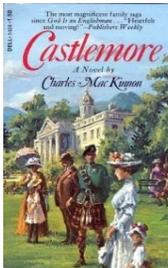
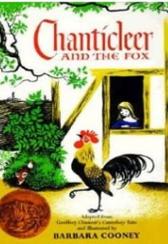
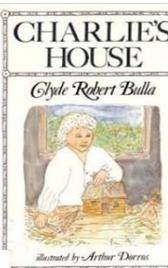
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	<p><i>Around the World in a Hundred Years</i> Jean Fritz</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended because of anti-Christian bias and inaccuracies that are common to revisionist history.</p>
	<p><i>As Long as There are Mountains</i> Natalie Kinsey-Warnock</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>Attack of the Turtle</i> Drew Carlson</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>Backcountry Fury</i> Jony Zeiss</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>

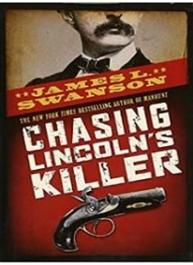
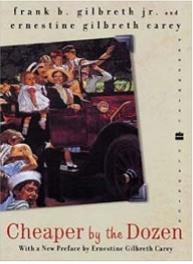
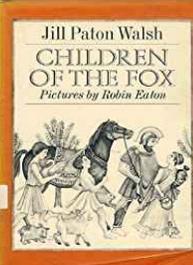
	<p><i>Barrie & Daughter</i> Rebecca Caudill</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>Not recommended due to a negative view of motherhood.</p>
	<p><i>Bat in the Dining Room</i> Crescent Dragonwagon</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to negative illustrations of adults.</p>
	<p><i>Because of Mr. Terupt</i> Rob Buyea</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommend because of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A large amount of crude potty language - Inappropriate behaviors made to seem acceptable and funny - A large amount of negativty and making fun of others - Taking the Lord's name in vain
	<p><i>Behind the Bedroom Wall</i> Laura E. Williams</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to profanity (one use of the D word) and taking God's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Benjy in Business</i> Jean Van Leeuwen</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended because of undesirable character traits made to look acceptable and funny in the main character: whining, disrespect, negativity.</p>

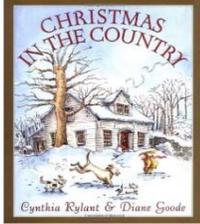
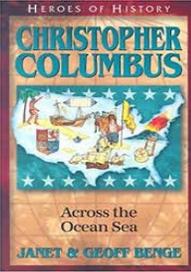
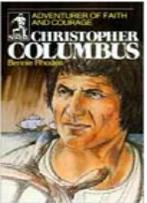
	<p>Betsy Ross Vicki Cox</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I really enjoyed the book, and I felt it gave an accurate portrayal of Betsy Ross, showing her great character with what we do know about her for sure. However, the book took the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p>Between the Forest and the Hills Ann Lawrence</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I found the book uninteresting and strange and some of the attitudes of the characters annoying. However, I only read the first three chapters.</p>
	<p>Big Bad Bruce Bill Peet</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This was a confusing and weird story. It gives negative messages and is not recommended. One reviewer on Amazon said, "I'm quite sure I've never disliked a children's book more."</p>
	<p>Big Red Jim Kjelgaard</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p>Black Gold Marguerite Henry</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended only because it takes God's name in vain.</p>

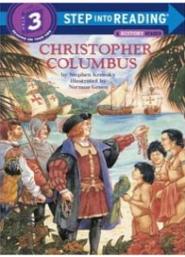
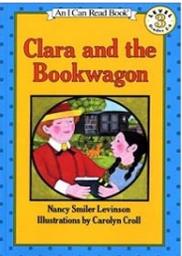
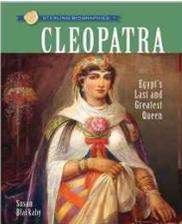
	<p><i>Black Hearts in Battersea</i> Joan Aiken</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>Black Potatoes</i> Susan Campbell Bartoletti</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>Black Ships Before Troy</i> Rosemary Sutcliff</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is well-written, but it is heavy material for youth—a woman who falls in love with a younger man and has an affair with him, which causes a war. There are some descriptions of violence that are a little too graphic. I know all this is the actual legend, but I didn't find any uplifting or positive messages--little to no moral value.</p>
	<p><i>Books by Joan Hiatt Harlow</i></p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Unfortunately, all of Joan Hiatt Harlow's novels that we have reviewed (which is all of them up to 2015-- <i>Star in the Storm</i>, <i>Midnight Rider</i>, <i>Firesstorm</i>, <i>Shadows on the Sea</i>, <i>Thunder from the Sea</i>, <i>The Watcher</i>, <i>Blown Away</i>, <i>Joshua's Song</i>), contains taking of the Lord's name in vain and/or profanity. For example, <i>Star in the Storm</i> contains one instance of taking the Lord's name in vain, and <i>Blown Away</i> has seven instances. Usually, the taking of the Lord's name is the only unclean language in this author's books. Otherwise, the books (at least to the point of the first profanity where we stopped) are really great with respectful attitudes, faith in God, and good messages. The writing is very good. Besides for the few instances of unclean language, I found nothing else objectionable. But for my family, taking God's name in vain is a deal breaker.</p>

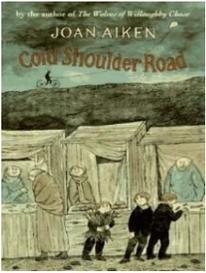
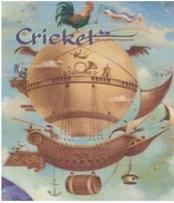
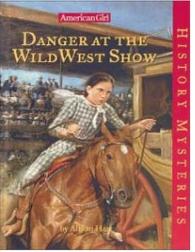
	<p><i>Boxcar Molly: A Story from the Great Depression</i> James Riordan</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>Brave Kids: Robert Henry Hendershot</i> Susan E. Goodman</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I did not like the message of this book, and I thought it was much too heavy for the age range.</p>
	<p><i>Bridget's Beret</i> Tom Lichtenheld</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to inappropriate potty humor.</p>
	<p><i>Bunnica</i> Deborah and James Howe</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>I reviewed this book because it was recommended by my public school district as a good book for 3rd-4th graders (Battle of the Books). There was no profanity or potty language that I found. However, I found absolutely nothing of worth or meaning in the book, and the main character (a dog) constantly speaks with arrogance and rude sarcasm. Also, the dog and cat constantly bicker and are unkind to each other. The literary value was poor, and the story is about a bunny who sucks the juice out of vegetables. There is such fantastic literature for youth out there that it is sad to waste time on a book of little to no moral, literary, or educational value that also promotes arrogance and sarcasm.</p>
	<p><i>Captain Cat</i> Inga Moore</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommend due to violence. Cats kill rats and line them up in "neat rows of corpses".</p>

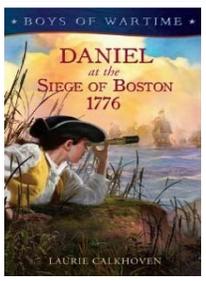
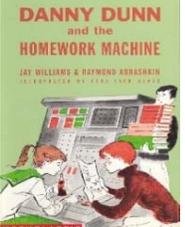
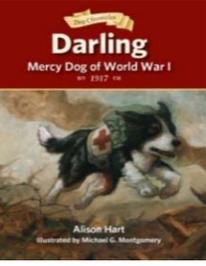
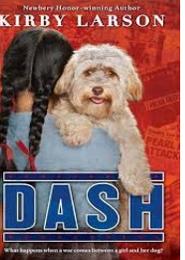
	<p><i>Captains Courageous</i> Rudyard Kipling</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>This book contains clean language and content and is a worthy, classic story. Personally, I felt the book was difficult to get through because of all the nautical/fishing jargon and the heavy dialect. Serious readers who are interested in learning about sailing will likely enjoy the book.</p>
	<p><i>Castlemore</i> Charles Mackinnon</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>Chanticleer and the Fox</i> Barbara Cooney</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Charlie's House</i> Clyde Robert Bulla</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>While I love most of Clyde Robert Bulla's books, I felt that this book was too heavy and mature for the age group, and I did not find it that uplifting.</p>

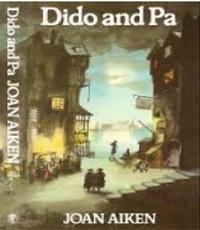
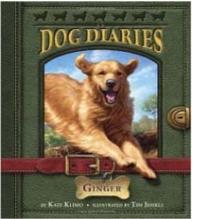
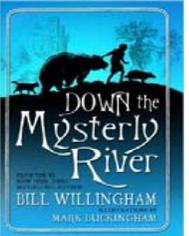
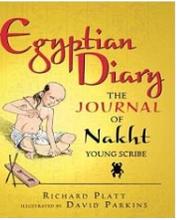
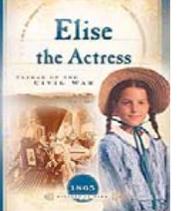
	<p><i>Charlotte Sometimes</i> Penelope Farmer</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I read parts of this book and skimmed others. There seemed to be some topics that were questionable and blurred the lines of right and wrong.</p>
	<p><i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i> James L. Swanson</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended because of profanity. I don't know how much profanity is included because I stopped with the first instance of profanity (very early in the book), and the Kindle version was not yet searchable.</p>
	<p><i>Cheaper by the Dozen</i> Frank B. Gilbreth Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Children of the Fox</i> Jill Paton</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>Lots of little things make this book not my favorite: swearing by the Gods, rudeness toward enemies, and general attitudes. I only read the beginning of the book, however.</p>

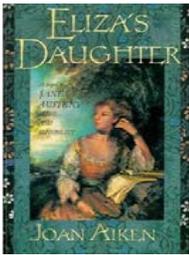
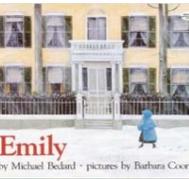
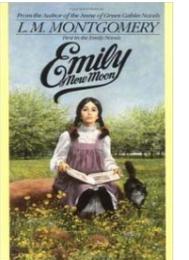
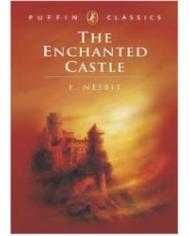
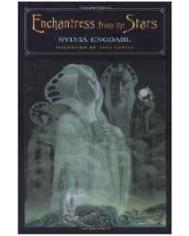
	<p><i>Christmas After All: The Great Depression</i> Kathryn Lasky</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I only read the first four pages, and stopped after it took the Lord's name in vain. There was also some name calling.</p>
	<p><i>Christmas in the Country</i> Cynthia Rylant</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>Very nice, but no mention of Christ. The only religious reference is going to church and the preacher making it very short because they know the kids want to go play with their new toys.</p>
	<p><i>Christopher Columbus</i> Janet and Geoff Benge</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>After my deep study of original documents by and about Christopher Columbus, I did not feel that everything in this book was truthful. Also, I did not feel that it leaves the reader inspired like many books on Christopher Columbus do. This is one of the only books by Janet and Geoffe Benge that I do not recommend.</p>
	<p><i>Christopher Columbus</i> Bennier Rhodes</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I've studied in depth original documents by and about Christopher Columbus, and I did not feel he was correctly or fairly portrayed in parts of the book.</p>

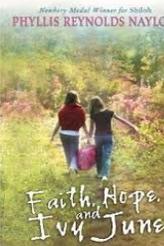
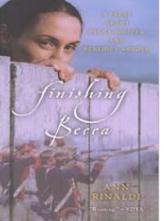
	<p><i>Christopher Columbus (Step into Reading)</i> Stephen Krensky</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book has a Godless, greedy view of Christopher Columbus and is not recommended.</p>
	<p><i>Cimarron Girl</i> Mike Blanc</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Clara and the Bookwagon</i> Nancy Smiler Levinson</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to a negative portrayal of parents.</p>
	<p><i>Cleopatra (Sterling Biographies)</i> Susan Blackaby</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>Caution is recommended due to slightly suggestive/sensual illustrations.</p>

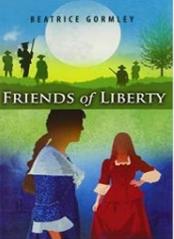
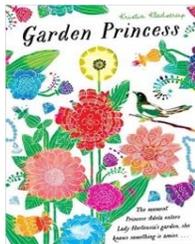
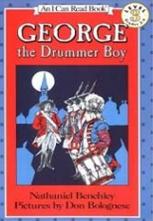
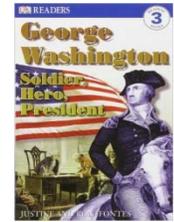
	<p><i>Cold Shoulder Road</i> Joan Aiken Caution</p>	<p>We only read a little of the book. We realized that it does not work as a stand alone, and the books that go with it contain profanity.</p>
	<p>Cricket MAGAZINE Not Recommended</p>	<p>Unfortunately, this is no longer the magazine you grew up with. In the first few stories I read, I found instances of kids being negative and impatient and of adults or parents being subtly portrayed negatively, such as, The cat meowed: "<i>What's taking you so long.</i>" "You sound like my mother," she whispered back. Then, there was a little comment where an animal gives a huge BURP. And then it says, "Take that, Stinkey." I did not have time to read more, but other parent reviewers gave these warnings: " Then one day, he came to me, holding his latest Cricket and said, "mom what's a lesbian?" Well - it was quite a shock. There was a short story all about a girl in high school, struggling with her feelings and attractions to other girls. Her desire to dress like a boy, etc." "I urge parents to read through this magazine before letting your young readers read it. I bought this for my 10 year old daughter. Our first issue was Feb. I was not happy to read a story that mentioned girls teasing about a girl being "a wanna be boy" & having a sex change."</p>
	<p><i>Daisy</i> Elizabeth Coatsworth Not My Favorite</p>	<p>While I love a lot of books by this author, this book was a little strange and also had some questionable messages about honesty and obedience.</p>
	<p><i>Danger at the Wild West Show</i> Alison Hart Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I did not find any objectionable material in this book, and it does have a little bit of educational value about the time period; however, the book had low literary value, very little moral value, and was not that engaging.</p>

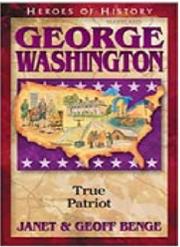
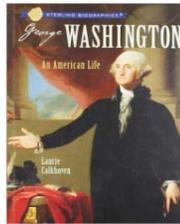
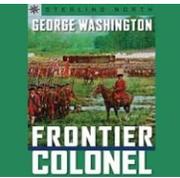
 <p>BOYS OF WARTIME DANIEL at the SIEGE OF BOSTON 1776 LAURIE CALKHOVEN</p>	<p><i>Daniel and the Siege of Boston</i> Laurie Calkhoven</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The character's attitude tends to be negative, angry, self-criticizing, and focused on revenge. Overall, the book does not have good literary value and is not uplifting.</p>
 <p>DANNY DUNN and the HOMEWORK MACHINE JAY WILLIAMS & RAYMOND ABRASHKIN ILLUSTRATED BY ERIC LIND SCHOLASTIC</p>	<p><i>Danny Dunn and the Homework Machine</i> Jay Williams and Raymond Abrashkin</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Dishonesty is a main plot theme and is portrayed as acceptable.</p>
 <p>Darling Mercy Dog of World War I 1917 Alison Hart Illustrated by Michael C. Montgomery</p>	<p><i>Darling: Mercy Dog of World War I</i> Alison Hart</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>While reading this book, I was always on the verge of feeling it may not be appropriate, but most people will probably feel it does not cross any lines. I did not feel it was uplifting.</p>
 <p>Nebery Award-winning Author KIRBY LARSON DASH What happens when a man saves a girl and her dog?</p>	<p><i>Dash</i> Kirby Larson</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I stopped reading shortly in to the book after the children in the book recite a crude poem, and it is portrayed as funny and acceptable.</p>
 <p><i>Dealing with Dragons</i> PATRICIA C. WREDE</p>	<p><i>Dealing With Dragons</i> Patricia C. Wrede</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Skimming through the book, I was not impressed with the heroine's character who seems to come across as snotty and vain.</p>

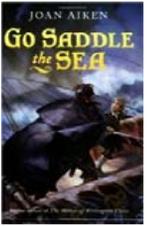
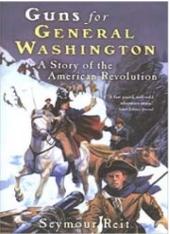
	<p><i>Dido and Pa</i> Joan Aiken</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to taking the Lord's name in vain several times.</p>
	<p><i>Dog Diaries (SERIES)</i> Kate Klimo</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I was excited to review this book because I was able to recommend most of the <i>Horse Diaries</i> series. However, I did not care for <i>Dog Diaries</i>. Not only was the writing not great, but there was a good amount of talk of pee and piddle and poo in the book--it just seemed to be addressing a lower level of character, and I found it uninspiring and not praiseworthy.</p>
	<p><i>Down the Mysterly River</i> Bill Willingham</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>I did not read the whole book, but at least 1 swear word is used. There is a good deal of atheistic philosophy. Also, I found the book to be weird and not uplifting.</p>
	<p><i>Egyptian Diary: The Journal of Nackht</i> Richard Platt</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to low literary value, a good deal of negativity, and poor moral messages such as school is dull and parents are irritable. Parents should also be aware that the main character (a young teenager) gets drunk in the story, the end of the book contains a picture with partial female nudity and also a pretty gross picture of a corpse being cut open.</p>
	<p><i>Elise the Actress</i> Norma Jean Lutz</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>While I recommend other books in this series, <i>Sisters in Time</i>, this book is not my favorite. The writing is dry, there are lots of quotes and poems that are long and way above the reading level, and the main character is bossy.</p>

	<p><i>Eliza's Daughter</i> Joan Aiken</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>Emily</i> Michael Bedard</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to the strange and depressing nature of this book.</p>
	<p><i>Emily of New Moon</i> L.M. Montgomery</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to language and negative attitude portrayal.</p>
	<p><i>The Enchanted Castle</i> E. Nesbit</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>Enchantress from the Stars</i> Sylvia Engdahl</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The book was actually a fantastic book, but I can't recommend it because it took the Lord's name in vain near the end.</p>

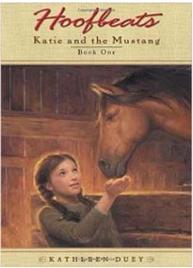
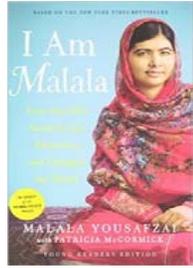
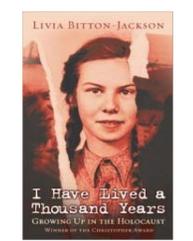
	<p>Ever Gail Carson Levine</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>While this book is much more appropriate than most modernly-written books for teenagers, it was not my favorite. There are a couple of crude jokes, some displays of less than desirable character traits made to look acceptable, and a lot of kissing that is shown in a way that is not really the model of romance I want for my children.</p>
	<p>Faith, Hope, and Ivy June Phyllis Reynolds Naylor</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains some less than desirable talk on topics such as snoot, illegitimacy, and kissing boys (in fifth grade). Also, the main character's family is dysfunctional, and the story is a little negative.</p>
	<p>Fields of the Fatherless Elaine Marie Cooper</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The book does not contain profanity, but I felt some material was inappropriate, especially for children. For example, it talks about temptation to be immoral, and there is quite a bit of graphic description of bloody scenes. A birth of a child is described in a way that is a bit graphic, and shows only the kind of "gross" side of it, with the result that the main character decides to never have children. I just found a lot of the book (which I only skimmed through) not uplifting.</p>
	<p>Finishing Becca Ann Rinaldi</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p>Five Children and It E. Nesbit</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I love and recommend some of E. Nesbit's books, but this one is not my favorite. We started reading it as a family, and we stopped because we didn't like the fact that there was some mild but repeated name-calling, meanness, and snippiness between siblings.</p>

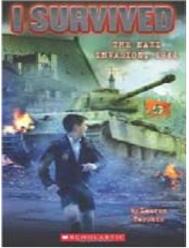
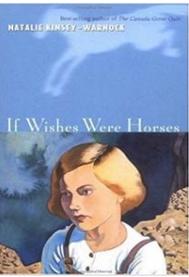
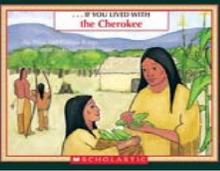
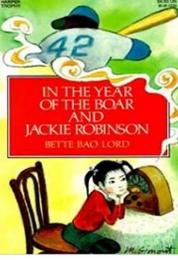
	<p><i>Frank Einstein (SERIES)</i> Jon Scieszka</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I based my review on the second book in the series. The book uses a small amount of crude/rude language (poopy pants, moron, jerk, idiot, stupid, etc.). Also, the book gives a couple of very subtle, negative messages about family relationships, and like so many books today, the parents are absent and disconnected from the child. The literary value is also extremely low. Very little to no literary devices are used, and out of the first 50 sentences, 49 are simple sentences or grammatically incorrect fragments--the poorest example of low literary value I have seen in awhile. It's not a terrible book, but definitely not one I can recommend as being completely wholesome and of high value.</p>
	<p><i>Friends of Liberty</i> Beatrice Gormley</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I read the first few chapters and then stopped because the main character's character was so poor, it was driving me crazy. I did not find it enjoyable or inspiring. Perhaps the main character changes by the end, but it was too much negativity to wade through for me.</p>
	<p><i>Garden Princess</i> Kristin Kladstrup</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>George the Drummer Boy</i> Nathaniel Benchley</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>This book was not my favorite due to weak character development, no lessons taught, and poor writing.</p>
	<p><i>George Washington</i> Justine and Ron Fontes</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is Godless, making early Americans look like all they wanted was gold and power.</p>

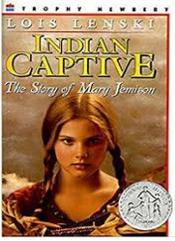
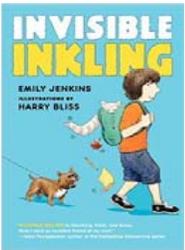
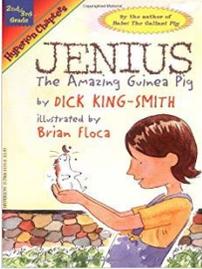
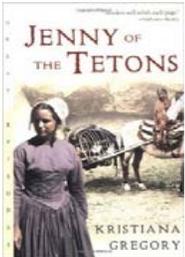
	<p><i>George Washington</i> Janet and Geoff Benge</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>After my deep study of original documents by and about George Washington, I did not feel that everything in this book was truthful. Also, I did not feel that it leaves the reader inspired like many books on George Washington do.</p>
	<p><i>George Washington</i> Laurie Calkhoven</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>After my deep study of original documents by and about George Washington, I did not feel that everything in this book was truthful. Also, I did not feel that it leaves the reader inspired like many books on George Washington do.</p>
	<p><i>George Washington: Frontier Colonel</i> Sterling North</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>While this book is generally good, there were some parts that I did not agree with. Other books, I feel, give a more truthful portrayal of George Washington.</p>
	<p><i>Gingersnaps</i> Patricia Reilly Giff</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I really enjoyed and highly recommend several of Reilly's books. I do not recommend this one due to bratty/disrespectful attitudes by the main characters that are not corrected and made to seem acceptable, and which are just not uplifting.</p>
	<p><i>Girl in Hyacinth Blue</i> Susan Vreeland</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to profanity and disturbing content.</p>

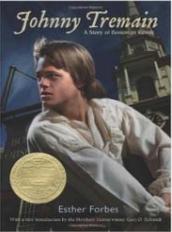
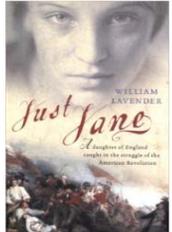
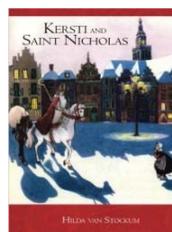
	<p><i>Go Saddle the Sea</i> Joan Aiken</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to profanity and taking God's name in vain more than once.</p>
	<p><i>Guns for General Washington</i> Seymour Reit</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The book takes the Lord's name in vain twice. There is no other profanity. I read a few chapters, and it was not a particularly engaging book for me, but some reviewers say there are some great messages in the book.</p>
	<p><i>Harriet's Hare</i> Dick King-Smith</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The story centers around an alien hare, and was just very weird. There is also casual talk about serious issues such as physical abuse and divorce, and I didn't feel like they were handled correctly for the level. Overall, this just was not a feel-good book to me.</p>
	<p><i>Hatchet</i> Gary Paulsen</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity. The Lord's name is taken in vain three times. It also contains a graphic description of a dead body and deals with the subject of divorce and infidelity.</p>
	<p><i>Hazelle Boxberg</i> Susan E. Goodman</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>Caution is suggested due to consistent negativity and whiny attitudes from the main character that are not corrected.</p>

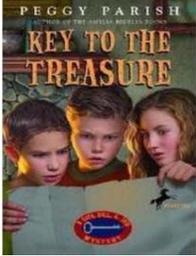
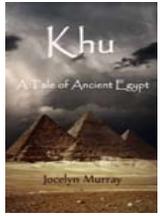
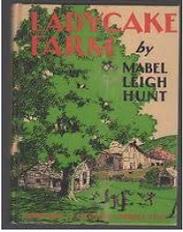
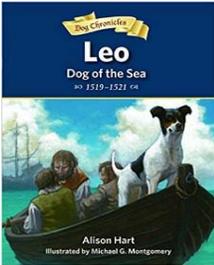
	<p>Hero Over Here Kathleen V. Kudlinski</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>The content of the book is very depressing, and the main character's attitude is less than desirable.</p>
	<p>Hickory Palmer Brown</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>We found the ending to be too depressing for young children, and the story was overall dry and uninteresting.</p>
	<p>Hitty: Her First Hundred Years Rachel Field</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>Even though this is a classic, and I love the book <i>Calico Bush</i> by this author, I personally did not care for this book. I could not find interest in the subject. It is not unrecommended, it is personally just not my favorite.</p>
	<p>Honus and Me Dan Gutman</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>This book contains one instance of profanity. The book has a main theme of not lying (in a big way) while at the same time making lying in little ways seem acceptable. There are some mild instances of low character being made to look acceptable, such as the main character calling his mom a "goody two shoes" and a father trying to convince his wife of good rationalizations for lying. Overall, the book is not hugely objectionable, but it has fair to low literary value, and some confusing morals.</p>
	<p>Hood River Girl Paula Montgomery</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>There were a lot of things I really liked about this book, but parents should exercise caution because the main character makes repeated negative comments about going to church, and the book shows negative church experiences when she does go.</p>

	<p><i>Hoofbeats: Katie and the Mustang</i> (SERIES) Kathleen Duey</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>My children thought this book was uninteresting, and since it also has low moral and literary value, I am marking it as "Not My Favorite." We found no inappropriate language or material in the book. However, there are loads of books I would recommend that are more interesting and of much more value.</p>
	<p><i>I am Malala</i> Malala Yousafzai</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>This book had no unclean language or graphic descriptions. The book has good educational value and some great messages. Malala is a courageous girl with an interesting story that shows forgiveness and a kind heart. I love that people are standing up for the education of girls! Malala's story should be heard! However, this book is not my favorite.</p> <p>My main concern was that Malala quite often in the book wrote about the following things: fighting and bickering with her brothers and thinking they are so annoying, getting in tiffs with her friends, and always wanting to beat all the other girls in tests and competitions. Rather than trying improve herself, she focuses on wanting to be better than everyone else, and is upset/jealous when she is not. Also, she talks about sleeping in through prayers (as if it is funny) and only saying prayers 5 times a day like she should when she wanted to do good on a test (as if that is funny and acceptable). I do not believe people in books need to be perfect, but these negative character traits <i>were made to look acceptable and not undesirable</i> . I felt Malala showed courage and perseverance for girl's rights, but I feel she made it seem that some inappropriate behaviors were normal and acceptable and not undesirable. Readers are sure to gain some good from this book, but there are also some mildly questionable messages. I only put books on my list that clearly have <u>100%</u> appropriate messages, and this book is not quite there.</p>
	<p><i>I Have Lived a Thousand Years</i> Livia Bitton-Jackson</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book includes repeated taking of the Lord's name in vain and inappropriate graphic descriptions. I did not feel the subject matter was treated appropriately. It leaves you feeling gross, rather than inspired as some other books on this subject do, such as <i>The Hiding Place</i> .</p>

	<p><i>I Survived (SERIES)</i> Lauren Tarshis Caution</p>	<p>I personally chose not to give these books to my children because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These are written on a 2nd-3rd grade reading level, but some of the content is a little too graphic and mature for second to third graders. 2. Some subtle messages exist, such as in one book a message about it being heroic sometimes for women to choose other things than marriage and having children. 3. There is some inappropriate humor, such as a joke about being shot in the butt. 4. The literary merit is weak. <p>Overall, this series is not hugely objectionable, but I do feel that some children may have nightmares after reading these books. I don't feel these books fall under the category of the "Good and the Beautiful."</p>
	<p><i>If Wishes Were Horses</i> Natalie Kinsey-Warnock Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to inappropriate behavior made to seem acceptable.</p>
	<p><i>If you Lived with the Cherokee</i> Peter Roop Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book focuses on cruelty, greed, and negative aspects of white people. It is not recommended.</p>
	<p><i>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i> Bette Bao Lord Not My Favorite</p>	<p>This book was not my favorite due to a lot of negativity by the main character. I felt it was not an uplifting book.</p>

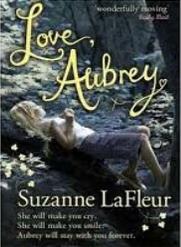
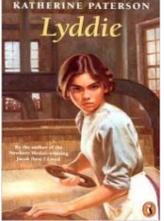
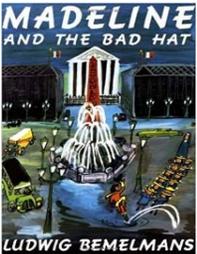
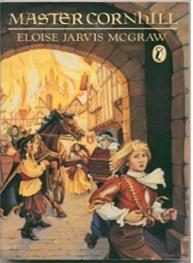
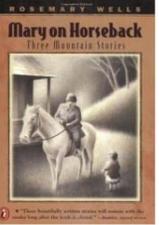
	<p>Indian Captive Louis Lenski</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I read the first two chapters but stopped. I just really did not like the writing style or the feel of the book.</p>
	<p>Invisible Inkling Emily Jenkins</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>This book contains no profanity. It has extremely low literary value. I did not find anything uplifting in the book. Low character (mild) is made to look normal/acceptable. The main character is usually rude and unchristlike back to the bully, talking about his feelings of hatred towards him. I just finished reading the classic, <i>The Little Duke</i>, and it is shocking to compare the incredible differences between the main characters. The little duke shows such an amazing, beautiful, profound example of loving your enemies and showing kindness to those that are unkind to you.</p>
	<p>Jenius The Amazing Guinea Pig Dick King-Smith</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to potty language and unkindness made to seem acceptable and funny</p>
	<p>Jenny of the Tetons Kristiana Gregory</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to inappropriate sexual remarks, profanity, depressing feelings, and graphic descriptions of rape and violence.</p>

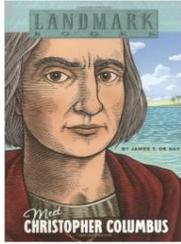
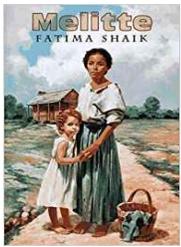
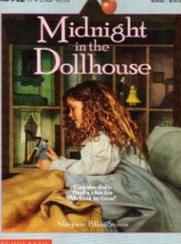
	<p><i>Johnny Tremain</i> Esther Forbes</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I was so disappointed when about halfway through I encountered profanity because I really loved the book! I then searched the Kindle version of the book and found 7 instances of the D word. Besides the profanity, the book is fantastic. Profanity is always and unquestionably a deal breaker for me personally. I'm glad there are other books on this topic out there that are just as amazing but also use completely clean language.</p>
	<p><i>The Josefina Story Quilt</i> Eleanor Coerr</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The subject matter is too mature for the age. This book is not recommended.</p>
	<p><i>Just Jane</i> William Lavender</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>A search in the Kindle version showed that this book contains quite a bit of profanity and taking God's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Just So Stories</i> Rudyard Kipling</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>This set of classic stories has some good messages, such as the pitfalls of pride and the importance of inventiveness. However, many of the stories support evolutionary and Pagan ideas. Christian parents will want to be selective in which stories they read to their children.</p>
	<p><i>Kersti and Saint Nicholas</i> Hilda Van Stockum</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Oh, I loved this book until the end. The writing was beautiful, it was so fun and funny, and it was packed with educational value. However, I cannot recommend the book because it just has a backward moral. I kept waiting for Kersti's behavior to be corrected or for a lesson to be learned, but no lesson was ever learned.</p>

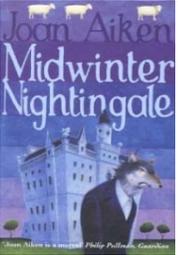
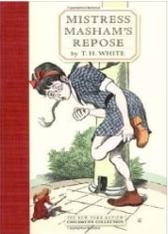
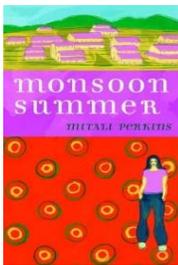
	<p><i>Key to the Treasure</i> Peggy Parish</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Mild dishonesty, name-calling, and fighting between siblings is a prominent part of the book.</p>
	<p><i>Khu</i> Jocelyn Murray</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to violence that was a little too graphic and content that was strange and not uplifting.</p>
	<p><i>Ladycake Farm</i> Mabel Leigh Hunt</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>My daughter and I had trouble getting into this book because there is so much heavy slang, it is hard to read.</p>
	<p><i>Leo Dog of the Sea</i> Alison Hart</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>I did not get through the whole book; however, what I read had some things that seemed right on the edge of appropriate, but nothing that was outright horrible. I just overall did not care for the writing style or content, and I would definitely recommend spending your time with other books.</p>

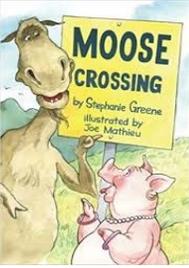
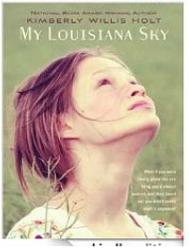
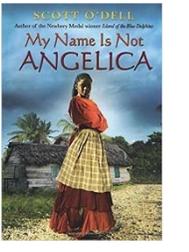
	<p><i>Liberty Letters: Secrets of Civil War Spies</i> Nancy LeSourd</p>	<p>There is some content that parents may not feel is appropriate. The main character disguises herself as a boy, and it brings up some situations that may make readers uncomfortable.</p>
	<p><i>Limbo Lodge</i> Joan Aiken</p>	<p>We only read a little of the book. We realized that it does not work as a stand-alone, and the books that go with it contain profanity.</p>
	<p><i>Listening for Lions</i> Gloria Whelan</p>	<p>I really liked most of the book, but I found the ending to be anti-marriage with the message that seeking a career is just as noble as seeking a family.</p>
	<p><i>Little Britches (SERIES)</i> Ralph Moody</p>	<p>I have heard wonderful things about this book, and I know that it contains some great moral and educational value. However, I cannot recommend the book because of profanity and taking the Lord's name in vain. The first book uses the D word 14 times, the H word 14 times, and takes God's name in vain 14 times. There are other fantastic books that cover this same era that contain completely clean language. Reviewer Wayne S. Walker also pointed out the following: "Also, several who have read the entire series have noted that the later books, especially after Ralph goes to live with his grandfather in <i>The Fields of Home</i>, are not as good as the earlier ones which detail his childhood, because they are more "dark" with lots of bad attitudes which are displayed over and over."</p>

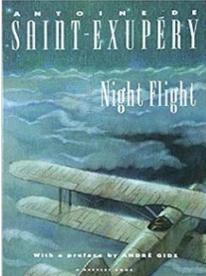
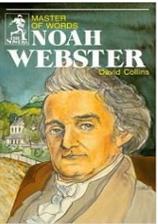
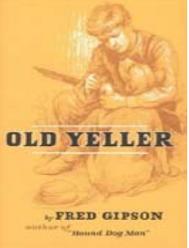
	<p><i>Little Clearing in the Woods</i> Maria D. Wilkes</p>	<p>This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Little House by Boston Bay</i> Melissa Wiley</p>	<p>Unfortunately, this book is not as good as <i>Little House on the Prairie</i>. It is also not recommended due to some attitude, and some weird fairy worship.</p>
	<p><i>Lizzie and the Redcoat</i> Susan Martins Miller</p>	<p>Unfortunately, the two books I started to read in this series were disappointing because the main characters displayed negative character traits, such as making fun of others, lying, and being disrespectful towards adults, that were portrayed as funny and acceptable.</p>
	<p><i>Looking for Marco Polo</i> Alan Armstrong</p>	<p>There were subtle negative messages about religion.</p>

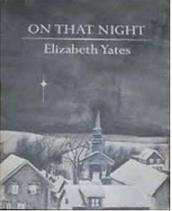
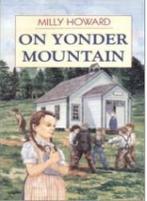
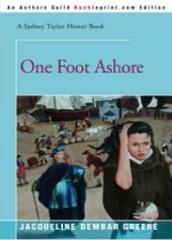
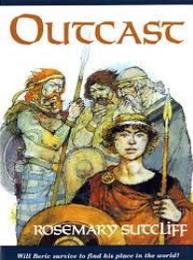
	<p>Love, Aubrie Suzanne LaFleur</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>There is a LOT of negativity in the book.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The book has extremely low literary merit, being composed almost entirely of simple sentences with no challenging vocabulary and almost completely stripped of literary devices and descriptive language. -Parts of the book make lying and ingratitude seem normal and acceptable. -I felt the content in the book was much too mature for children. -Although there are good messages in the book, I felt that much of the book was heavy and depressing.
	<p>Lyddie Katherine Patterson</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Great writer, but I don't recommend this book because of profanity and some inappropriate material about puberty, etc.</p>
	<p>Madeline Books (SOME of them) Ludwig Bemelmans</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>Some Madeline books are recommended, and some are not. We are making a list here of the ones not recommended: <i>Madeline and the Bad Hat</i> (A boy is sad and builds himself a guillotine for chopping off heads), <i>Madeline in London</i> (strange and disjointed). The book also contains the word "brat" and has a bunch of wild misbehavior by a boy.)</p>
	<p>Master Cornhill Eloise Jarvis McGraw</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p>Mary on Horseback Rosemary Wells</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to profanity, taking the Lord's name in vain. I didn't love the stories either. The writing was good, and the stories wholesome, but I felt like they were incomplete and confusing for kids.</p>

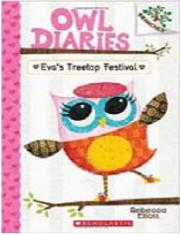
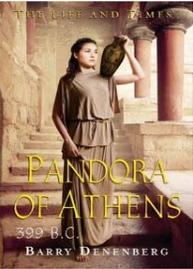
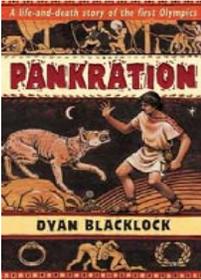
	<p><i>Meet Christopher Columbus</i> (Landmark Books) James T. de Kay</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book has an incorrect portrayal of Christopher Columbus and is not recommended.</p>
	<p><i>Melitte</i> Fatima Shaik</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is well written and interesting, but it has subject matter that is not appropriate for children. For example, there are insinuations of how slave owners got slaves pregnant.</p>
	<p><i>Midnight in the Dollhouse</i> Marjorie Filley Stover</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>A main part of this book is about a creepy voodoo doll.</p>
	<p><i>Midnight Is a Place</i> Joan Aiken</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>

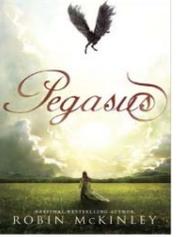
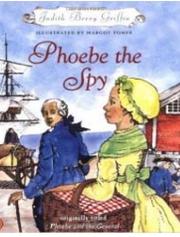
	<p>Midwinter Nightingale Joan Aiken</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p>Mistress Masham's Repose T.H. White</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to profanity and negative character traits portrayed.</p>
	<p>Misty Inn Kristin Earhart</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The cute, sweet cover on this book is misleading. The book contains quite a bit of negativity, bratty attitude, and impatience portrayed as funny and acceptable.</p>
	<p>Monsoon Summer Mitali Perkins</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>There were a lot of things I didn't like about this book, especially the heavy negativity and descriptions of immodesty. I only read part of the book, and there were some good messages, but this is a book I would never let my children read.</p>

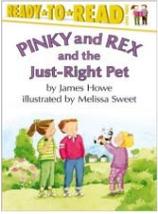
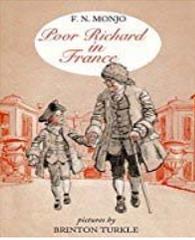
	<p><i>Moose Crossing</i> Stephanie Greene</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>This is a cute book with some good messages, but it wasn't my favorite because the whole solution to the main problem of the book is lying. It makes it look like dishonesty is clever and funny. There are also a couple little things in the book that I didn't love.</p>
	<p><i>Most Wanted</i> Kate Thompson</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This was an interesting story for lower level readers, but I stopped after coming across some descriptions of shocking violence that I didn't feel was appropriate for children.</p>
	<p><i>My Louisiana Sky</i> Kimberly Willis Holt</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>Parents should be aware that this book contains mature content: death, discussion about menstruation, guilt and anger that surround caring for those with mental illness, a first kiss (6th grade). The book does not contain profanity. I read parts and skimmed other parts and did not really find it uplifting. I don't mind books dealing with mature topics such as death, but I really did not care for this book.</p>
	<p><i>My Name is Not Angelica</i> Scott O'Dell</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended because of one taking of God's name in vain. Because I did not come across this until near the end of the book, I read most of the book. I would have recommended the book if it did not take God's name in vain as there was no other worrisome content.</p>

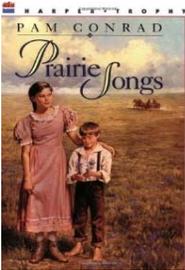
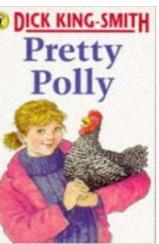
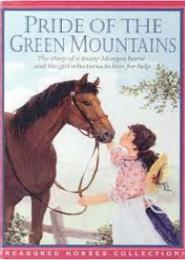
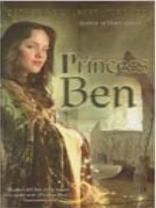
	<p>Night Flight Antoine De Saint-Exupery</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p>Noah Webster: Master of Words David R. Collins</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>There is some great information in this book, and I don't unrecommended it. I didn't love the way <i>so much</i> emphasis was put on Noah Webster's being arrogant and cocky. I also felt that much of the good sides of his character were not brought to full light.</p>
	<p>North By Night Katherine Ayres</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I only read a few chapters of this book and stopped because the main character is so impatient and selfish and shows a disrespectful attitude. She loves to "steal kisses" and play pranks. All of this is put forth as funny and acceptable. Perhaps she changes by the end of the story, but I did not find it inspiring to read about such a low-character teenager for so many chapters. The heroines of books don't have to be perfect, but I found nothing admirable in this one. There are some incredible books about the Underground Railroad, but I can't recommend this one.</p>
	<p>Number the Stars Lois Lowry</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p>Old Yeller Fred Gipson</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This classic book takes the Lord's name in vain one time, which automatically puts it on the not recommended list. I had a hard time finding interest in the parts of the book that I did read, but there are good messages, and readers learn a lot about the historical time period.</p>

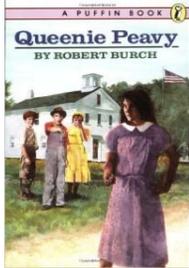
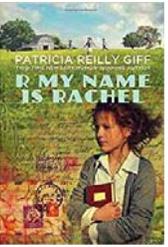
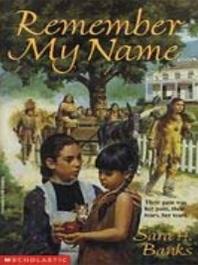
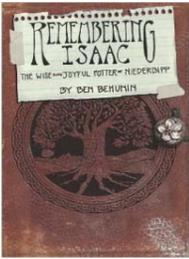
	<p><i>On That Night</i> Elizabeth Yates</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>Although I absolutely love most of Elizabeth Yate's books, this one was strange and unengaging.</p>
	<p><i>On Yonder Mountain</i> Milly Howard</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I could not review much of this book because I couldn't get past the poor literary value. Twenty-seven of the first 30 sentences are simple sentences, and 17 of the first 30 sentences start with "Sarah" or "she." There is little to no varied or challenging vocabulary. My daughter tried to read the book, and found it uninteresting. However, from reading reviews, it does appear to be wholesome. But I don't think it is a book that is going to develop strong reading skills or a love of reading.</p>
	<p><i>One Foot Ashore</i> Jacqueline Dembar Greene</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This sequel to <i>Out of Many Waters</i> (which is highly recommended) is not recommended. There is a whole section about a woman who poses nude for men to paint, which I felt was shocking and inappropriate, especially for a children's book. The woman justifies why it is right, and I think it blurs the lines of right and wrong.</p>
	<p><i>Outcast</i> Rosemary Sutcliff</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Over the Waves</i> Marianne Olson</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to fighting parents, negativity, and a lot of low character, such as impatience.</p>

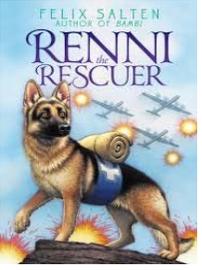
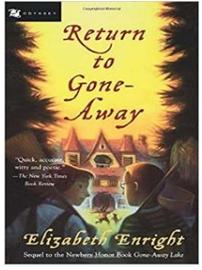
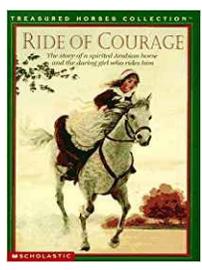
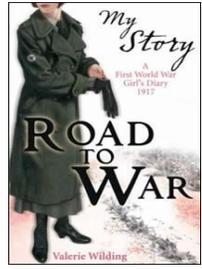
	<p><i>Owl Diaries</i> Rebecca Elliott Caution</p>	<p>This book has a cute cover and cute illustrations, but some not cute behaviors, such as making fun of/being negative towards siblings and parents. It also makes being mean to those you don't like appear acceptable.</p>
	<p><i>Pandora of Athens</i> Barry Denenberg Not Recommended</p>	<p>This books makes negativity and dysfunctional family relationships seem normal and acceptable. It also contains inappropriate description of body parts. I only read a small portion of the book, so I don't know if there are other concerning things in the book.</p>
	<p><i>Pankration</i> Dyan Blacklock Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to violence that is a little too graphic.</p>
	<p><i>Parrot Genius</i> Moira Rose Donohue Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to inappropriateness (talks about pooping rainbow colors after eating crayons) and is poorly written.</p>

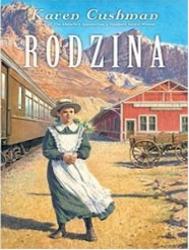
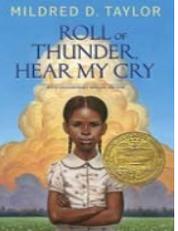
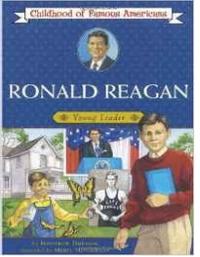
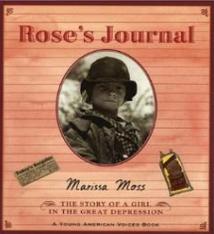
	<p><i>Pedro's Journal</i> Pam Conrad</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to harsh judgments of Christopher Columbus; makes Columbus and his crew seem motivated solely out of greed.</p>
	<p><i>Pegasus</i> Robin McKinley</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>Penny From Heaven</i> Jennifer L. Holm</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to crude language and a portrayal of disrespectful behavior.</p>
	<p><i>Phoebe the Spy</i> Judith Griffin</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Excellent book, except it takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>

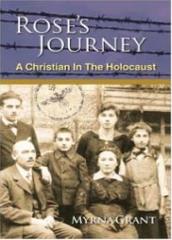
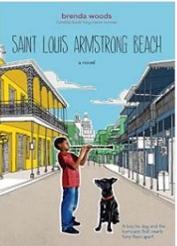
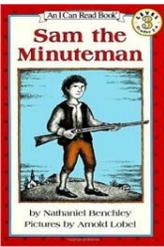
	<p><i>Pinky and Rex (Series)</i> James Howe</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to bratty and disrespectful behavior portrayed as acceptable. It is mild, but throughout the books.</p>
	<p><i>Pony Club Secrets (Series)</i> Mary Gregg</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to bratty and unkind behavior portrayed as acceptable, profanity, and taking God's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Pony in the Schoolhouse</i> Miska Miles</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Poor Richard in France</i> F. N. Monjo</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>There were some little, subtle, incorrect messages in the book I didn't like. The illustrations are nice, but the book was not great.</p>
	<p><i>Prairie Anna</i> Peggy House</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I did not like some of the attitudes of the characters and did not feel the book was uplifting.</p>

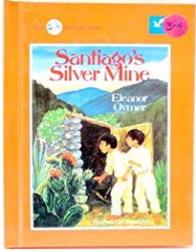
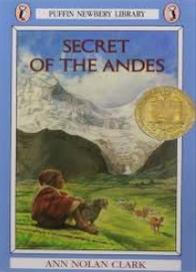
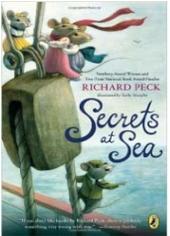
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	<p><i>Pretty Polly</i> Dick-King Smith</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to disrespectful behavior being made to look acceptable and humorous.</p>
	<p><i>Pride of the Green Mountains</i> Carin Greenberg Baker</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I stopped reading this book after the first chapter because it was just packed with negativity and slightly incorrect messages.</p>
	<p><i>Princess Ben</i> Catherine Gilbert Murdock</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>Although this book contains no objectionable language, it is not my favorite. The main character is constantly making rude remarks to others and is disrespectful, careless, and has a negative attitude towards education. There is mild violence. In addition, this book has no educational value and very little moral value.</p>

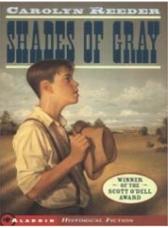
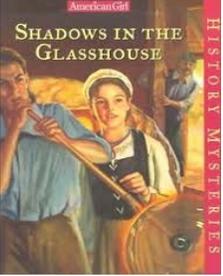
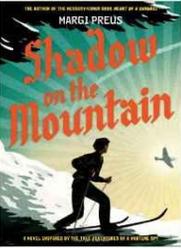
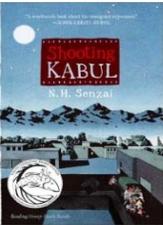
	<p><i>Queenie Peavy</i> Robert Burch</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>R My Name is Rachel</i> Patricia Reilly Giff</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I really enjoyed and highly recommend several of Reilly's books. I do not recommend this one due to bratty/disrespectful attitudes by the main characters, which are not corrected and made to seem acceptable.</p>
	<p><i>Remember My Name</i> Sara H. Banks</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>This book felt too mature for the reading level, and a little negative.</p>
	<p><i>Remembering Isaac: The Wise and Joyful Potter of Niederbipp</i> Ben Behunin</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>

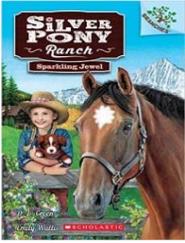
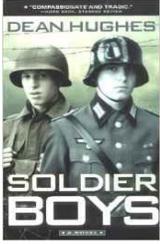
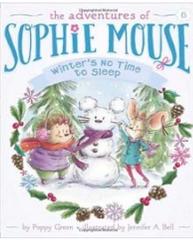
	<p><i>Renni the Rescuer</i> Felix Salten</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book had a large amount of romance for the reading level, and mildly inappropriate content, such as dogs sniffing each other's behinds. We only read the first three chapters, and did not find the book engaging or worthwhile.</p>
	<p><i>Return to Gone-Away</i> Elizabeth Enright</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Sadly, this book is This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Ride of Courage</i> Deborah Felder</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to disrespectful behavior being made to look acceptable.</p>
	<p><i>Road to War</i> Valerie Wilding</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>We stopped this book when we came across profanity.</p>

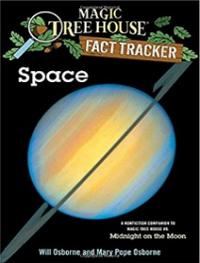
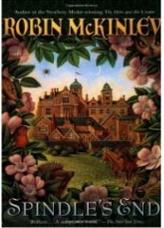
	<p>Rodzina Karen Cushman</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I stopped reading near the beginning of this book because of profanity.</p>
	<p>Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry Mildred D. Taylor</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended because of taking the Lord's name in vain (23 times). No other profanity is included. I have not read the book (only searched it through Kindle), so I can not comment on the content. However, from reading reviews, I can say that parents should be aware that there are some deeply sensitive topics in the book.</p>
	<p>Ronald Reagan Montrew Dunham</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>Caution is recommended because the book seems to focus on negative behaviors of Ronald Reagan as a child, and I found it uninspiring. I like books that are truthful but do not focus on all the weaknesses and mistakes a person makes. Also, some moral messages are a little confusing.</p>
	<p>Rose's Journal Marissa Moss</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to disrespectful behavior and fighting in families.</p>

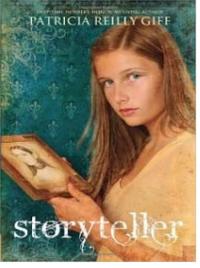
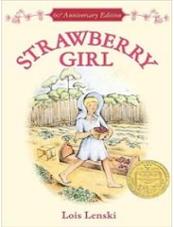
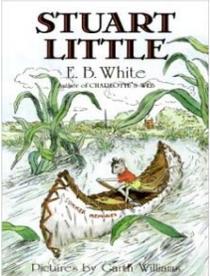
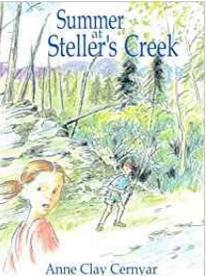
	<p><i>Rose's Journey</i> Myrna Grant</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I was hoping to love this book, and I'm sure that the story had a great ending--but I did not read it. It is not a book I can recommend as the first 354 pages detailed her rebellious life ("casual sexual alliances" were common in her circle of friends) and described séances where she communicates with spirits.</p>
	<p><i>Ruthie's Gift</i> Kimberly Brubaker Bradley</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to repeated use of the words "shut up," disrespect and unkindness to family members, and being "ladylike" portrayed as negative.</p>
	<p><i>Saint Louis Armstrong Beach</i> Brenda Woods</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The first 10 pages include crude language, negative portrayal of parents, lying made to seem acceptable and funny (multiple times), drinking alcohol portrayed as cool, and more inappropriate material.</p>
	<p><i>Sam the Minuteman</i> Nathaniel Benchley</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to the subject matter being too mature for the age and poor writing.</p>

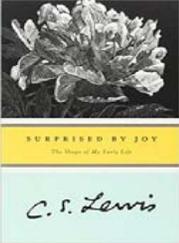
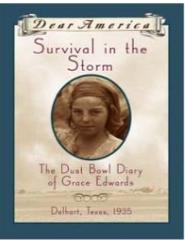
	<p><i>Santiago's Silver Mine</i> Eleanor Clymer</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>This was a great book, but the ending taught the very incorrect message that stealing and lying is not so bad sometimes.</p>
	<p><i>Sarah Bishop</i> Scott O'Dell</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>There was a lot I really liked about this book. The writing style is fantastic, and the education value is very high. The content is clean. However, I did not find the story inspiring, and I had some conflicting feelings about the messages in the book, which is why it was not my favorite.</p>
	<p><i>Secret of the Andes</i> Ann Nolan Clark</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I read and loved another book by this author, but I could not get into this one. Usually, I press forward if the book has a really slow start, but I gave up on this one. The middle and end may be great, but I think most children will have a very hard time getting through the first third.</p>
	<p><i>Secrets at Sea</i> Richard Peck</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book includes inappropriate material, such as talk of women's cleavage, and is not recommended.</p>

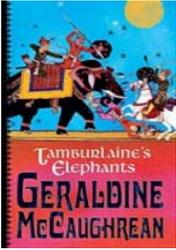
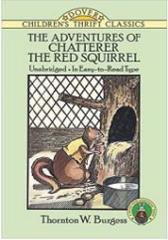
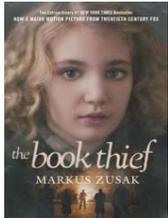
	<p><i>Shades of Gray</i> Carolyn Reeder</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Shadows in the Glasshouse</i> Megan McDonald</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Shadow on the Mountain</i> Margi Preus</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Like many authors, unfortunately, Margi Preus wrote a wholesome first book, <i>The Heart of a Samurai</i>, but her following books I cannot recommend. <i>Shadow on the Mountain</i> contains profanity, crude jokes, and subtle negative messages such as it's OK to be rude and unchrstilike to those who are mean to you, it's OK to steal from those you don't like, and lying to parents is OK in some circumstances.</p>
	<p><i>Shooting Kabul</i> N. H. Senzai</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>

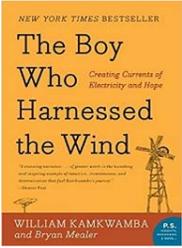
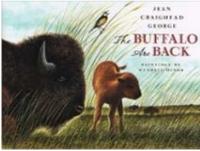
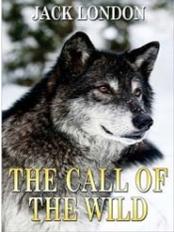
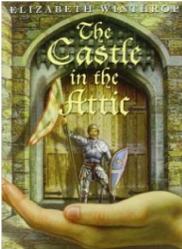
	<p><i>Silver Pony Ranch</i> D.L. Green</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Unfortunately, this book contains a good deal of mild bratty behaviors and unkindness to siblings portrayed as normal and entertaining.</p>
	<p><i>Soldier Boys</i> Dean Hughes</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to descriptions of violence that are too graphic and disturbing, inappropriate material (such as description of boys stripping with details that didn't need to be included), and overuse of words such as "dumb" and "stupid." We stopped partway through, but some reviewers said there are good messages, while others said the book was a little gloomy and not uplifting.</p>
	<p><i>Sophie Mouse (SERIES)</i> Poppy Green</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to mild disrespect and unkindness toward siblings portrayed as acceptable.</p>
	<p><i>Sophie's Tom</i> Dick King-Smith</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The main character has a disrespectful attitude toward her family, and the book was a little strange.</p>

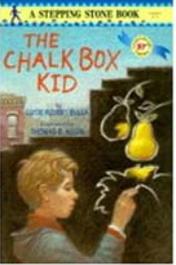
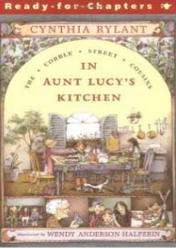
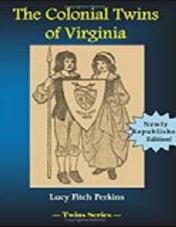
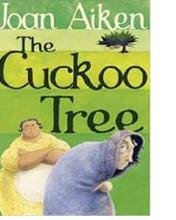
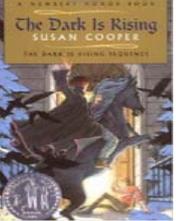
	<p><i>Space: A Magic Treehouse Fact Tracker</i> Mary Pope Osborne</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book teaches that the big bang theory is fact and that God had nothing to do with the creation of the universe.</p>
	<p><i>Spindle's End</i> Robin McKinley</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>We stopped reading when we came across swear words. Also, there is a line about some people being preoccupied with sex.</p>
	<p><i>Stepping Heavenward</i> Mrs. E. Prentiss</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>Stories of Famous Americans (SERIES)</i> Various</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>These level two and three books have very low literary value, and my children found them boring. They are so over simplified and stripped of beauty and power that I can't recommend them. If you want to instill a love of reading and biographies, I would try some other books. Also, there are some subtle messages I did not agree with. For example, the George Washington book made his mother seem stern, uncaring, and hard to please. The book on Amelia Earhart made it seem like there were bigger and more important things in life than being a mother—something she never chose to pursue. The book about Harriet Tubman doesn't mention faith or God once, which was a central part of her life and story.</p>

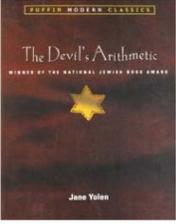
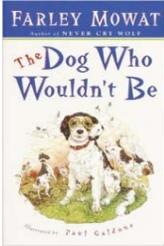
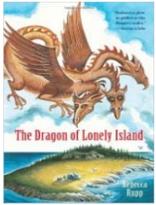
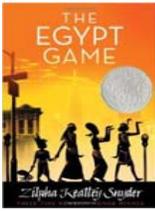
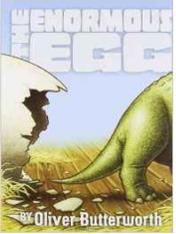
	<p>Storyteller Patricia Reilly Giff</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I read the first half of this book and skimmed the rest. I did not see any profanity. However, there was quite a bit of bratty, selfish, teenage attitude that was hard to read through. Although the teenager improves a little by the end, so much undesirable behavior with little change makes the character a less than desirable role-model. That being said, there are good messages in the book. I found the literary value to be fair.</p>
	<p>Strawberry Girl Lois Lenski</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I could not get far into this book because the extremely poor grammar and slang and dialect of the main characters made it very hard to read. However, from reading many reviews, it appears this book also has questionable content, and spite and revenge as main themes. One Amazon.com reviewer wrote: "The people written about here are about the most uncouth, unpleasant, immoral, and feuding-loving creatures on American soil. Children can know there is ignorance and evil, without spoiling their minds and consciences." I suggest skipping this one.</p>
	<p>Stuart Little E.B. White</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I love E.B. White's other books, but <i>Stuart Little</i> is not my favorite. The book is a bit dull and weird. There is not much of a plot, and the ending was disappointing. Not only was there not much moral value, but there were also some negative behaviors made to look entertaining or acceptable, such as sulkiness and arrogance. Overall, it was not my favorite, and I recommend skipping this one and spending time with the plethora of incredible books out there.</p>
	<p>Summer at Stellar's Creek Anne Clay Cernyar</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>I read the first couple chapters of the book, and it was so packed full of negativity that I didn't read further. It might have a lesson about being more positive in the end, but I don't like children's book with detailed, extensive negativity.</p>

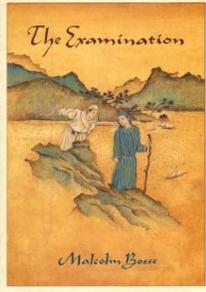
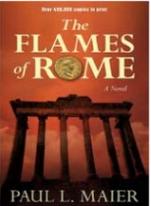
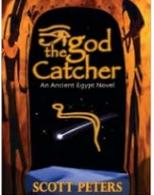
	<p><i>Surprised by Joy</i> C.S. Lewis</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>C.S. Lewis is an incredible author. Readers should be aware that this autobiography contains some profanity. Parents should be aware that the book makes some references to sex and a reference to erotic fantasies. Also, there are a few passages that are questionable. For example, Lewis talks about the first woman he ever looked upon to "lust after," and he says that he felt no guilt for it. If those things do not bother you, there are some great messages in the book, but overall, it is very difficult reading and, at some points, is dull and drawn out.</p>
	<p><i>Survival in the Storm</i> Katelan Janke</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>While there are some great things about this book, the main character has many weak character traits (such as jealousy, selfishness, and being annoyed with her sister) which are not really ever corrected.</p>
	<p><i>Survivors: Blizzard</i> Kathleen Duey and Karen A. Bale</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>My daughter and I could not get past the first few pages because of unkindness towards siblings, name-calling, impatience, and other low character traits portrayed as normal and acceptable.</p>
	<p><i>Sword Song</i> Rosemary Sutcliff</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Sutcliff is an amazing writer, and I have recommended some of her other books, but this one seemed a little too violent in places, there was not of much historical or moral value, and it was really difficult to follow the plot. However, the book does not contain any bad language.</p>

	<p><i>Tamburlaine's Elephants</i> Geraldine McCaughrean</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I read only the first few pages and then pages here and there to the end of the book. Overall, it felt quite violent and contained some heavy topics such as abuse and quite a bit of alcoholism. Also, it portrays a very bad marriage, with rude sarcasm and apathy.</p>
	<p><i>The Adventures of Chatterer the Red Squirrel</i> Thornton W. Burgess</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I know this is a classic, but it displays a lot of negative behavior that isn't always corrected.</p>
	<p><i>The Apprentice</i> Pilar Molina Llorente</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>The Blue Castle</i> L.M. Montgomery</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This is a great book, but it contains profanity and takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>The Book Thief</i> Markus Zusak</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity. Reviewers have also said the book is "disturbing," "depressing," and "a brutal, dreary book." These descriptions are far from "lovely" and "of good report," but I have not read the book myself.</p>

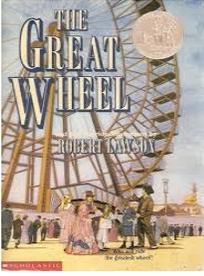
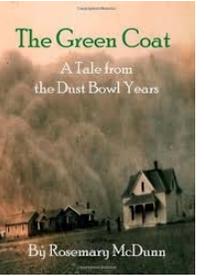
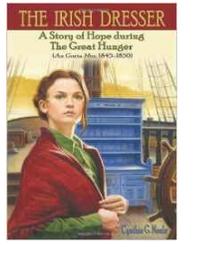
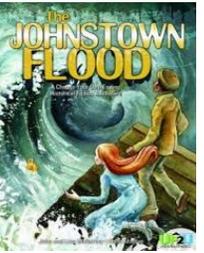
	<p><i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> William Kamkwamba</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This autobiography was very fascinating and educational. After it took God's name in vain more than halfway through the book, I stopped reading. I searched the Kindle version and found more instances of God's name taken in vain.</p>
	<p><i>The Buffalo are Back</i> Jean Craighead George</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to anti-white portrayal.</p>
	<p><i>The Call of the Wild</i> Jack London</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Although this story is written well, it contains graphic, gruesome content, and is very depressing. I suggest <i>Child of the Wolves</i> by Scott O'Dells wife, Elizabeth Hall, instead.</p>
	<p><i>The Castle in the Attic (SERIES)</i> Elizabeth Winthrop</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>This books contains no profanity or taking of the Lord's name in vain, and there are some good messages in the book, such as loyalty and overcoming fears. However, the main character, a 10-year old boy, lies to his parents and friends constantly throughout the book. I feel strongly that we should not be sending the message to kids that it is OK to keep secrets from your parents, and that if you tell your parents about things that are happening in your life, they might ruin your fun. Also, the book shows a weak portrayal of family as the main character's parents have chosen to leave their son to be mainly raised by a nanny while they both pursue full-time careers. The boy seems to care much more about the nanny than his parents.</p>

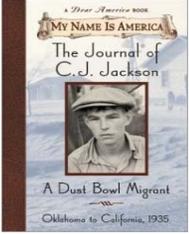
	<p><i>The Chalk Box Kid and the Paintbrush Kid</i> Clyde Robert Bulla</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>These two books are not my favorite books by this author. I did not really find them engaging or inspiring. Also, there are some questionable messages, such as the kid does not really get his parents or classmates attention until they think he is going to be famous, and that is the happy ending--that everyone starts paying attention to him because they think he might be famous.</p>
	<p><i>The Cobble Street Cousins (SERIES)</i> Cynthia Rylant</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended because of rude and mild sarcastic behavior. Parents are focused on their careers and not involved with their children.</p>
	<p><i>The Colonial Twins of Virginia</i> Lucy Fitch Perkins</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>Lucy Fitch Perkins' twins series are hit and miss. Some of them are completely wonderful, and many others I don't recommend. <i>Colonial Twins of Virginia</i> is not recommended because, in just the beginning of the book, there is inappropriate behavior made to look acceptable: stealing, disrespect to parents, and drinking strong alcohol.</p>
	<p><i>The Cuckoo Tree</i> Joan Aiken</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The Lord's name is taken in vain once.</p>
	<p><i>The Dark is Rising (SERIES)</i> Susan Cooper</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The Lord's name is taken in vain four times in <i>The Dark is Rising</i>, which is why I do not recommend the book. I am not sure about language in the other four books in the series. Some parent reviewers say there is too much violence, but other reviewers disagree.</p>

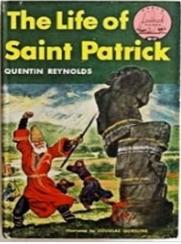
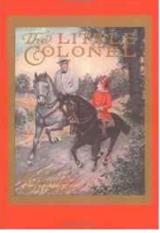
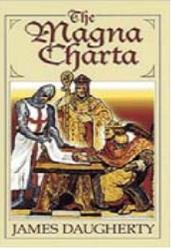
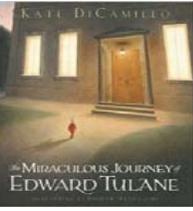
	<p><i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i> Jane Yolen</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book includes profanity, so I didn't get too far before I stopped reading.</p>
	<p><i>The Dog Who Wouldn't Be</i> Farley Mowat</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>The Dragon of Lonely Island</i> Rebecca Rupp</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I did not find any objectionable language or content in the book. However, it was not very interesting, and it had little literary or moral value--just not very engaging or worthwhile reading.</p>
	<p><i>The Egypt Game</i> Zilpha Keatley Snyder</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>I didn't feel this book was an appropriate topic for Christians--a group of kids having secret ceremonies and worshipping Egyptian gods, being intrigued by the darker side of things. Murder is also a major theme of the book, and at one point we find out that a little girl was murdered and her body was found in a salt marsh. If you want a great book about Ancient Egypt, try <i>The Golden Goblet</i> instead.</p>
	<p><i>The Enormous Egg</i> Oliver Butterworth</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Unfortunately, the Lord's name is taken in vain near the end of the book. It also contains some evolutionary presuppositions. The story is fun and interesting and gives some good messages. The literary value is good but not great.</p>

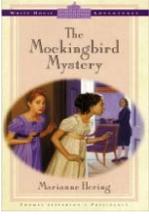
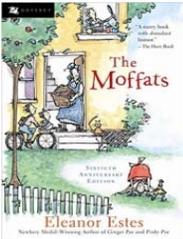
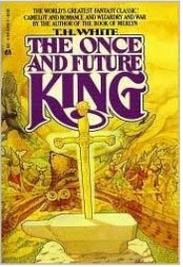
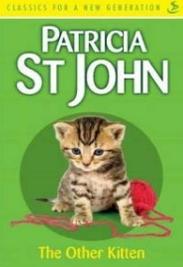
	<p><i>The Examination</i> Malcolm Bosse</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I did not read enough of this book to give it a fair review. The little I did read, I just didn't love. The main character is sarcastic, negative, angry, and rude to his elders. Perhaps he learns lessons about this later in the book, but I just didn't enjoy it.</p>
	<p><i>The Flames of Rome</i> Paul L. Maier</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to sexual content.</p>
	<p><i>The Girl Across the Way</i> Anne Huston</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I did not find anything objectionable in the book other than the main character feeling sad and negative for almost the entire book because she had to move and leave her friends. The writing is weak (no challenging/varied vocabulary/very little description or use of literary devices), and there is very little educational value. I do love the kindness and optimism of the main character's parents. The girl does learn some things in the end, but nothing is really learned until the end. I would have no problem with a child reading this book, but I feel like there are better choices that are more engaging and worthwhile.</p>
	<p><i>The God Catcher</i> Scott Peters</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I read about 1/3 of the book and skimmed the rest. I found it very strange, and I did not like the super natural elements or the overall feeling of the book. But I would not necessarily say that it has objectionable material. It was just not my favorite.</p>

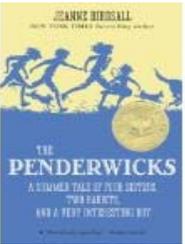
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	<p><i>The Great American Dust Bowl</i> Don Brown</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>The Great and Terrible Quest</i> Margaret Lovett</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Takes the Lord's name in vain on pg 83, where we stopped. But up to that point, the story was great.</p>
	<p><i>The Great Brain</i> John D. Fitzgerald</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains some objectionable content such as a boy who wants to commit suicide and has a friend who helps him in several failed attempts. Also, the main character is deceitful and disrespectful, and although he has a change of heart in the end, the second book explains that this was just a ploy to get his parents to buy him a bike. There are good messages in the book, but there are bad messages as well, and I feel it may be confusing to children.</p>
	<p><i>The Great Divorce</i> C.S. Lewis</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This is a great book, but it contains profanity and takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>

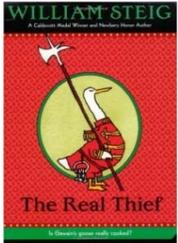
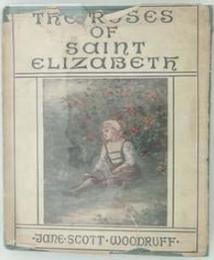
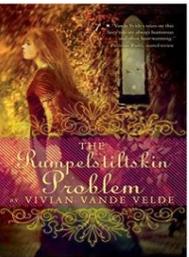
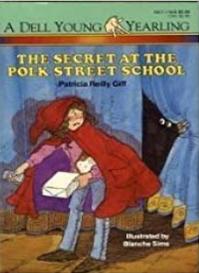
	<p><i>The Great Wheel</i> Robert Lawson Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to fortune telling and tea leaf reading made to look desirable and true.</p>
	<p><i>The Green Coat</i> Rosemary McDunn Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>The Irish Dresser</i> Cynthia G. Neale Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended because of low literary value and the following behaviors consistently made to look acceptable: ingratitude, impatience, unkindness to siblings, negative attitude about marriage and homemaking, and lying. The main character also prays to fairies while also believing in God.</p>
	<p><i>The Johnstown Flood</i> John and Lisa Mullarkey Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended because of lying made to look acceptable and romance at a young age.</p>

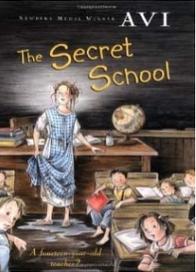
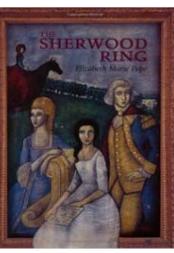
	<p><i>The Journal of C.J. Jackson</i> William Durbin</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book has great educational and literary value, but it used profanity on page 66, so we stopped reading.</p>
	<p><i>The Journeyman: An Irish Story</i> W.A. Patterson</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>The Land of Stories (SERIES)</i> Chris Colfer</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I read two of the books in the series and skimmed through another. In ten minutes, I found the following concerns: negative portrayal of adults, potty-humor (jokes about underwear and peeing your pants), lying portrayed as acceptable, repeated profanity, repeated taking of the Lord and God's names in vain. Common Sense Media: One Amazon.com reviewer said, "I couldn't find a decent moral in this book."</p>
	<p><i>The Last Little Cat</i> Meindert DeJong</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I love this author, but I didn't like this particular book because she uses a writing style that I found very strange and unenjoyable.</p>

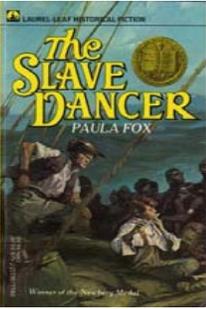
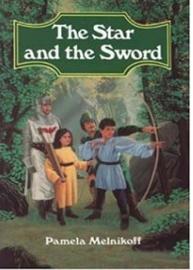
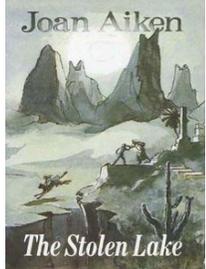
	<p><i>The Life of Saint Patrick</i> Quentin Reynolds</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I really enjoyed much of this book, but I felt that there was quite a bit of historical inaccuracy.</p>
	<p><i>The Little Colonel</i> by Annie Fellows Johnston</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This is an old, classic book, but it is not recommended due to taking the Lord's name in vain three times. Some people feel the book is racist. The book does have some great writings and messages, but there are many other books that have good messages and writing that have completely clean language.</p>
	<p><i>The Magna Charta</i> James Daugherty</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to a weird illustration of a topless woman. Parents should also be aware that at the end of the book, the author portrays the United Nations as noble, in case that is not your view.</p>
	<p><i>The Mighty Miss Malone</i> Christopher Paul Curtis</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I read the first two chapters and found lots of little incorrect messages that were really mixed up with good messages, such as, it's OK to call other people names if you are really cute and smile while you do it. The main character is very negative and very positive in the same paragraph. Stealing is made to look OK . . . is it?? It's hard to tell. The morals are confusing.</p>
	<p><i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i> Kate DiCamillo</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>This book is well-written, considered a modern classic, does not contain any objectionable language, and has themes of love and self sacrifice. However, I personally did not care for this book and definitely do not recommend it for children. As one reviewer put it: "This is an intense story filled with the worst part of life -- child abuse, heartless adults, poverty, abandonment. The kind, caring people in the story are consistently victimized." I agree with another reviewer who wrote: "Little did I realize reading this book would be like being trapped in a sad, depressing, dismal nightmare that becomes more terrible with every chapter . . . given the author's talent it could be anything, uplifting, cheerful, hopeful. Why on earth would the author give us this, in a kid's book no less." My children started this book and really disliked it.</p>

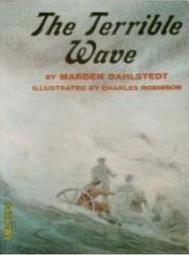
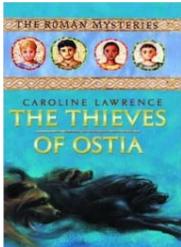
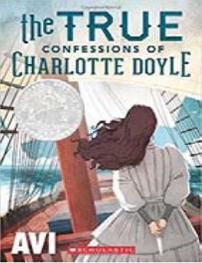
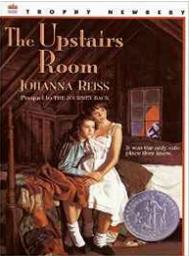
	<p><i>The Mockingbird Mystery</i> Marianne Hering</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I do not hugely object to this book. The writing is fair. I don't love some of the unkind interactions between siblings, but it is very mild. The book makes it seem as if Thomas Jefferson hardly ever attended church, but this is not true.</p>
	<p><i>The Moffats</i> Eleanor Estes</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I'm disappointed not be able to recommend this book because there are many things about it that I like. However, in three major parts of the story, the book made it seem that lying or deceiving was acceptable if you can get away with it. Also, the children do some rude things to their enemies, and it seems funny and acceptable.</p>
	<p><i>The New Girl</i> Lois Gladys Leppard</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to the main character showing too much disrespect toward her sister.</p>
	<p><i>The Once and Future King</i> T.H. White</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book contains profanity. There is a swear word on the first page.</p>
	<p><i>The Other Kitten</i> Patricia St. John</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to potty language and a negative attitude. Fighting between parents, siblings, and children is made to look normal and acceptable. Even though the main characters learn a lesson at the very end, most of the book models poor behavior.</p>

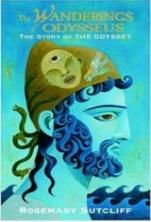
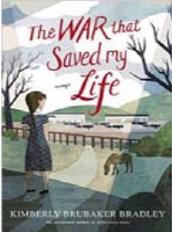
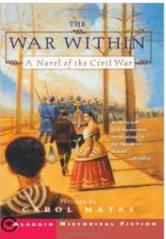
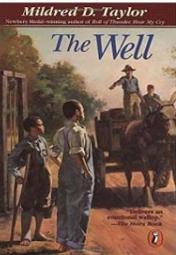
	<p><i>The Penderwicks</i> Jeanne Birdsall</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>For those who avoid books that take God's name in vain, this book takes His name in vain twice.</p>
	<p><i>The Perilous Gard</i> Elizabeth Marie Pope</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>The Phoenix and the Carpet</i> E. Nesbit</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I love and recommend some of E. Nesbit's books, but this one is not my favorite. We started reading it as a family, and we stopped because we didn't like the fact that there was some mild but repeated name-calling, meanness, and snippiness between siblings.</p>
	<p><i>The Real Book about Christopher Columbus</i> Irvin Block</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The book does not include any mention of God or Christopher Columbus' faith, and the book makes him out as a greedy man. After deeply studying original documents about Christopher Columbus, I did not feel this was a truthful representation of his story.</p>

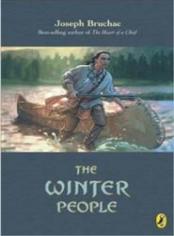
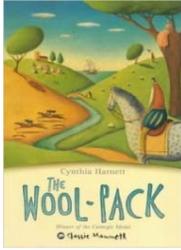
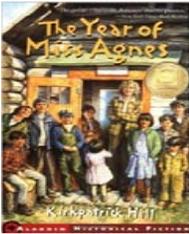
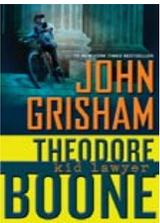
	<p><i>The Real Thief</i> William Steig</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The ending of the book does not promote honesty or integrity and it is not recommended.</p>
	<p><i>The Roses of Saint Elizabeth</i> Jane Scott Woodruff</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>This old book, published in 1905, was not my favorite because it was very strange and had supernatural elements that it made appear true that I did not believe would be true. However, the language was clean, and it has nice messages.</p>
	<p><i>The Rumpelstiltskin Problem</i> Vivian Vande Velde</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I stopped reading at the beginning of the author's note when she writes: "Again he gets her butt out of trouble." Crude/potty language at the very beginning was not a good sign.</p>
	<p><i>The Secret at the Polk Street School</i> Patricia Reilly Giff</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to name calling, making fun of others, and negative attitudes made to look acceptable.</p>

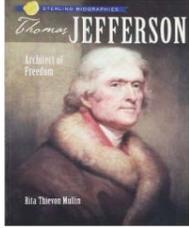
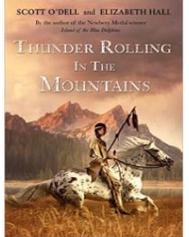
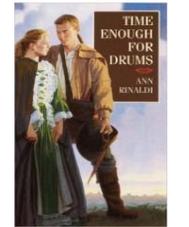
	<p><i>The Secret School</i> Avi</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>My daughter and I were loving this book but stopped when we encountered profanity.</p>
	<p><i>The Secret Soldier</i> Ann McGovern</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to negative messages about marriage, homemaking, and motherhood.</p>
	<p><i>The Seven Treasure Hunts</i> Betsy Byars</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to negative portrayal of parents, no moral value, very low literary value, and subtle messages that make dishonesty and disrespect appear normal and acceptable.</p>
	<p><i>The Sherwood Ring</i> Elizabeth Marie Pope</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>

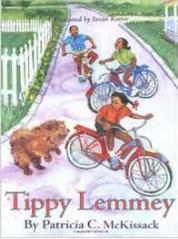
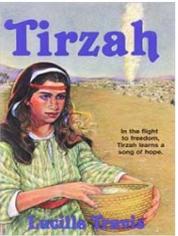
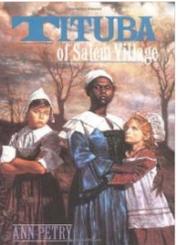
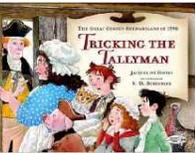
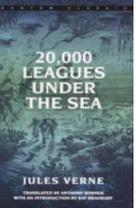
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	<p><i>The Slave Dancer</i> Paula Fox</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book includes cursing, profanity, and inappropriate descriptions.</p>
	<p><i>The Star and the Sword</i> Pamela Melnikoff</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I felt there were some mild but incorrect moral messages given in the book.</p>
	<p><i>The Stolen Lake</i> Joan Aiken</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book contains profanity.</p>

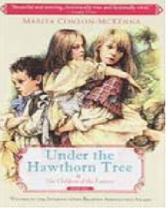
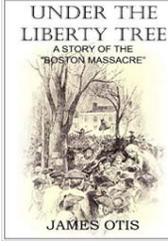
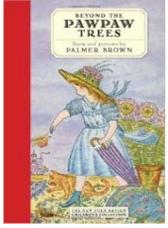
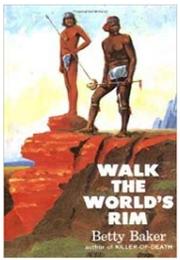
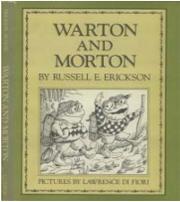
	<p><i>The Terrible Wave</i> Marden Dahlstedt</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This is a really interesting story, but it contains profanity. Also, it is written at about a fifth grade reading level, and some of the topics and descriptions are rather graphic and heavy, especially for that age group.</p>
	<p><i>The Thieves of Ostia</i> Caroline Lawrence</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>I read about half of this book and found it engaging, but I stopped after I felt like it got inappropriately violent. I think many children would be disturbed by the descriptions of beheaded animals and other descriptions.</p>
	<p><i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i> Doyle Avi</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>I only read the first couple of chapters and skimmed through other parts of the book. It was not my favorite because it felt like a downer book, I didn't like the writing style, and the main character was very bratty.</p>
	<p><i>The Upstairs Room</i> Johanna Reiss</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Wow! This Newberry Honor book has a lot of repeated profanity including the D word, H word, A word, S word and 28 taking of God's name in vain.</p>

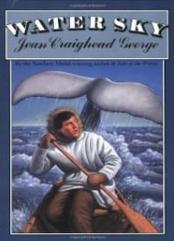
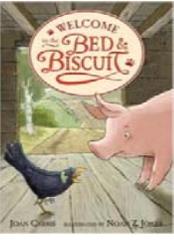
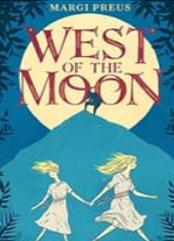
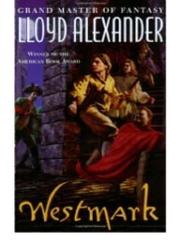
	<p><i>The Wanderings of Odysseus</i> Rosemary Sutcliff</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Sutcliff is an amazing writer, and I have recommended some of her other books, but this one had descriptions of violence that I personally felt were overly graphic.</p>
	<p><i>The War That Saved My Life</i> Kimberly Brubaker Bradley</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>Not recommended due to homosexual agenda, elements of sexuality that are disturbing, and descriptions of abuse that are disturbing.</p>
	<p><i>The War Within: A Novel of the Civil War</i> Carol Matas</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>The Well</i> Mildred D. Taylor</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended because of profanity. I don't know how much profanity is included because I stopped with the first instance of profanity (very early in the book), and the Kindle version was not yet searchable.</p>

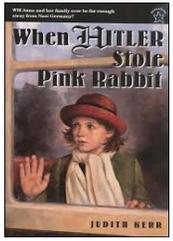
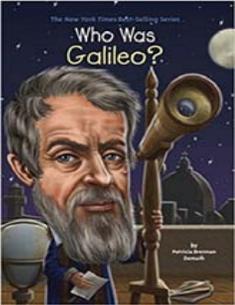
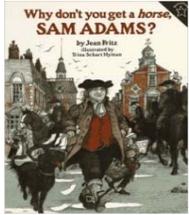
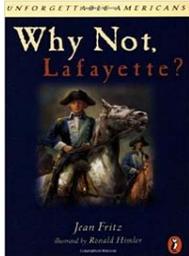
	<p><i>The Winter People</i> Joseph Bruchac</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I stopped reading near the beginning of this book because of profanity.</p>
	<p><i>The Wool-Pack</i> Cynthia Harnett</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book features great writing and great educational value. However, there is at least one use of profanity in the book, so I can not recommend it. Also, the main character shows disdain for the Sabbath Day and stores up curse words he hears in his mind for future use, and these things are made to look acceptable. Besides for those things, it is an interesting read.</p>
	<p><i>The Year of Miss Agnes</i> Kirkpatrick Hill</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>This was a great book until the ending which slams families and motherhood, which ruined the entire book, and in my opinion, makes it a dangerous book, promoting the idea that there is something bigger and better out there than having children. An inspiring teacher comes to Fred's (Fredericka's) little town in Alaska and helps the students. But the final result is this: "Before Miss Agnes came, we didn't know people like us could learn that much and could be a doctor. It was in my head then, that I could do something really big. I didn't want to have babies like Marie, and marry some boy . . . I could make my own money. Sally went to Tanana when she was sixteen, and she worked there, helping the doctors. She didn't want no bunch of kids, either. Any."</p>
	<p><i>Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer</i> John Grisham</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book takes the Lord's name in vain and contains some mild language. Also, the adults are not great role models. The main character describes his mother as someone who "enjoyed spending money and looking nice." She has a big career as a divorce lawyer, is always gone, and hates to cook. The book centers on a court case where a man is accused of killing his wife--an overly mature, depressing topic for children (to whom this book is geared). The main boy has a crush on a married woman at his mother's work, and it bothers him that she is married and pregnant. The main character is also not a great role model--condescending, wanting to drink alcohol (but is not allowed to), etc.</p>

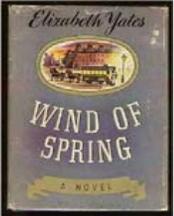
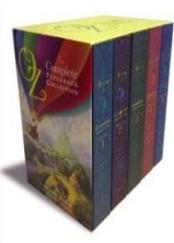
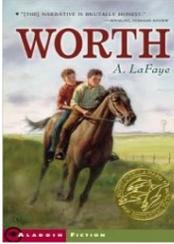
	<p><i>Thomas Jefferson (Sterling Biographies)</i> Rita Thievon Mullin</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book gives incorrect information about Thomas Jefferson, claiming that DNA evidence proves conclusively that he fathered children with one of his slaves. However, the DNA testing he referred to has been retracted as incorrect. In addition, this book does not speak at all about the faith of Jefferson. All talk of God and religion is stripped from the book, even though faith played a large role in Jefferson's life. The book takes a secular humanism approach to evaluating his life.</p>
	<p><i>Thunder Rolling in the Mountains</i> Scott O'Dell</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>To me, this book seemed to stereotype and focus on the worst of the white men during that time period. Yes, cruelty happened, and it is OK to explore and understand that, but I felt the book made it seem white man in general was completely evil.</p>
	<p><i>Time Enough for Drums</i> Ann Rinaldi</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
	<p><i>Timna</i> Lucille Travis</p> <p>Not my Favorite</p>	<p>I did not care for the writing style of this book or the talking animals. Kind of weird for a story about Noah's ark.</p>

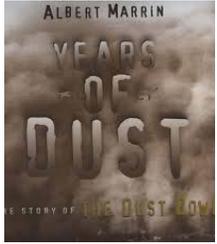
 <p>Tippy Lemmey By Patricia C. McKissack</p>	<p>Tippy Lemmey Patricia C. McKissack</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>Caution is recommended due to a lot of mild negative and bratty behaviors throughout the book. Disobeying parents and skipping church made to seem acceptable. The book does have a good ending where the children learn to improve their behavior, but we found most of the book not uplifting.</p>
 <p>Tirzah By Lucille Travis</p>	<p>Tirzah Lucille Travis</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This is a really nice book until the ending. The main character, Tirzah, decides she can accomplish better things in life than getting married and having children, and that decision appears acceptable and admirable. Although there are good messages in the book, the ending, I feel, gives a powerful anti-marriage/anti-motherhood message, and so I cannot recommend the book.</p>
 <p>TITUBA of Salem Village ANN PETRY</p>	<p>Tituba of Salem Village Ann Petry</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Unfortunately, the Lord's name is taken in vain near the beginning of the book, and I stopped reading. I'm not sure if more profanity or taking of the Lord's name in vain is in the book. I loved Ann Petry's book <i>Harriet Tubman</i> which had completely clean language.</p>
 <p>TRICKING THE TALLYMAN JACQUELINE DAVIES</p>	<p>Tricking the Tallyman Jacqueline Davies</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The main message is that you only need to tell the truth when it benefits yourself.</p>
 <p>20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA JULES VERNE</p>	<p>Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea Jules Verne</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book has several instances of profanity and taking God's name in vain.</p>

	<p><i>Under the Hawthorn Tree</i> Marita Conlon-McKenna</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is not recommended due to taking of God's name in vain repeatedly. If you are looking for a book on this topic (the great Irish famine), I highly recommend <i>Nory Ryan's Song</i>, which features completely clean language.</p>
	<p><i>Under the Liberty Tree</i> James Otis</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Under the Pawpaw Trees</i> Palmer Brown</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended because of the writing style and display of inappropriate behavior in families (the mother was rude to the father).</p>
	<p><i>Walk the World's Rim</i> Betty Baker</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>This book is engaging and has great educational value. However, a section of the book is about the deceptions that the main characters play on the Indians to try to get them to believe they have incredible healing powers. To do so, they lie repeatedly. It is treated as if it is very clever and acceptable, and is never corrected in the book.</p>
	<p><i>Warton and Morton</i> Russell E. Erickson</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Some great writing, but some bad behavior that is never corrected and seems acceptable, such as a brother saying to another brother, "What makes you so dumb, Orville?" and later, "You are dumb, Orville! You are really dumb."</p>

	<p>Water Sky Jean Craighead George</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book teaches a lot about the Eskimos and is an interesting read. However, it takes the Lord's name in vain and has an inappropriate sentence about female anatomy.</p>
	<p>Welcome to the Bed & Biscuit Joan Carris</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not only was this book pretty boring, it contained some mild rude humor and made selfishness and unkindness seem acceptable and funny. Animal's in the story talk rudely to each other. I did not care for the writing style or characters.</p>
	<p>West of the Moon Margi Preus</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Like many authors, unfortunately, Margi Preus wrote a wholesome first book, <i>The Heart of a Samurai</i>, but her following books I cannot recommend. <i>West of the Moon</i> contains profanity and taking of God's name in vain (many instances). I have not read this book, just searched the book on Kindle for swear words. I also read a review that the book includes an attempted rape.</p>
	<p>Westmark Lloyd Alexander</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>

	<p><i>When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit</i> Judith Kerr</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book is This book takes the Lord's name in vain.</p>
	<p><i>Who Was Galileo?</i> Patricia Brennan Demuth</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>This books teaches about Galileo's life in an interesting and clear way for younger children. I like the writing, and the black-and-white illustrations are nice. However, there is a section that talks about Galileo having a long-lasting relationship with a woman, but not marrying her. He has three children with her out of wedlock, and she eventually marries another man. The book insinuates that the reason he did not marry her is because she was from a lower social class and "professors were expected to stay single and devote themselves to their work." The book makes it seem like it is an acceptable situation. This could be a confusing topic for younger children. I suggest not giving this book to children to read on their own. If you read it to them, you can discuss this topic and your beliefs about sexual relationships outside of marriage. However, this may altogether be a topic that younger children are not yet ready for.</p>
	<p><i>Why Don't you Get a Horse, Sam Adams?</i> Jean Fritz</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to a negative portrayal of Samuel Adams The only reason Samuel Adams ends up deciding to ride on a horse (the book claims) is because he wanted to look good on a statue, but not because of his health or the good of others.</p>
	<p><i>Why Not, Lafayette?</i> Jean Fritz</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>I don't believe this book is a fair portrayal of Lafayette, a person I have studied in detail.</p>

	<p>Wind of Spring Elizabeth Yates</p> <p>Caution</p>	<p>Elizabeth Yates is one of my favorite authors. However, I suggest caution with the book <i>Wind of Spring</i> because the main character gets pregnant outside of marriage, and the book makes it appear as if it is just acceptable and normal, and the main character never shows any regret or sorrow for that action.</p>
	<p>Wizard of Oz (SERIES) L. Frank Baum</p> <p>Not My Favorite</p>	<p>Although <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> is L. Frank Baum's most popular book, he wrote 15 books about Oz. These nicely written stories are fun and imaginative and have high literary value. These books have clean language and good messages. I don't personally love the books in this series as they are a little strange, and, while I don't reject the use of magical elements in all books, I don't love the idea of "good" witches since witches are so strongly condemned in the Bible. However, if magical elements and "good" witches, don't bother you, you should enjoy these well-written books.</p>
	<p>Winterbound Margery Williams Bianco</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>The story is often times hard to understand and doesn't flow well. The two older teenage girls are quite disrespectful. The younger of the two talks back to her mother and makes her look like a total fool on more than one occasion! There is not a spirit of love and patience with each other or others who they don't like or agree with. They showed total disregard to the elderly woman that came to help look after them when their mother had to leave, so much so the older sister pretty much kicked her out. Later, when they find they are coming up short on their own bills, they make the comment that they hope the old woman "chokes" on the money they had to pay her. They show very little kindness or compassion, there is no spirit of forgiveness or overlooking people's shortcomings and the book just has a disjointed negative feel to it.</p>
	<p>Worth A. LaFaye</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>Not recommended due to profanity, a good deal of negativity and talk of death, a good deal of self-centeredness, and some negative attitudes towards God and religion.</p>

	<p><i>Years of Dust</i> Albert Marrin</p> <p>Not Recommended</p>	<p>This book contains profanity.</p>
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