

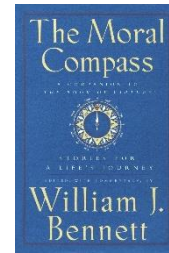
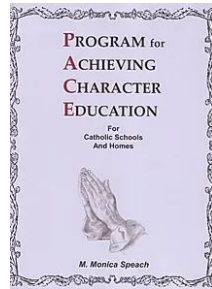
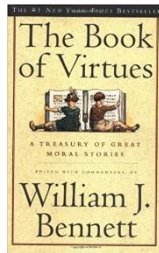
PACE: 2020 Booklist



“When you have children ... pay attention to them. Read to them—that’s the most important thing.” – Laura Bush

During this difficult time, the books on this list might help alleviate some of the fears and anxiety of our children. Some tell tales of courage; others transport them, for a little while, to other places and times.

I highly recommend reading the stories from *The Book of Virtues* and *The Moral Compass*, as highlighted in the **PACE** manual. This is a wonderful opportunity for the entire family to read these stories together and discuss them.



I urge you to take advantage of this unique period to spend time together – and to “grow readers!”



The Invisible String by Patrick Karst
(Grades Pre-K-3)

This is a book about separation and the fact that we are all connected to the ones we love with an invisible string.

Available on Amazon as a used book for under \$6.00.

Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco
(Grades K-3)

This is a sweet story about a grandmother helping her granddaughter who is afraid during a thunderstorm.

Available on Amazon as a used book for under \$2.00.

The Hundred Penny Box by Sharon Bell Mathis
(Grades 1-4)

This book centers on a young African American boy, Michael, and his 100-year-old great-great-Aunt Dewbert, who comes to live with his family. She has a penny for every year she's been alive. In a game they play together, Michael chooses a penny from her collection and Aunt Dew tells him what happened in the year it was minted.

Available on Amazon as a used book for under \$2.00.

Heidi by Johanna Spyri
(Grades Pre-4-7)

This novel is set in the Swiss Alps and tells the story of a 5-year-old orphan sent to live with her eccentric uncle who lives high in the mountains. Although angry at first, Heidi's grandfather grows to love the little girl. The book includes many stories of their brave adventures in the Alps and the people who Heidi meets and inspires.

Available on Amazon for under \$5.00, or on Kindle.

When You are Brave by Pat Zietlow
Miller
(Grades Pre-K-2)

This is an uplifting book about looking within yourself for courage, despite what's going on around you.

Available on Amazon .

Nothing to Fear by Jackie French Koller
(Grades Pre-5-9)

Nothing to Fear showcases a family in New York during the Great Depression.

Available for free on Kindle.

It Will be Okay: Trusting God Through Fear and Change by Lysa TerKeurst
(Grades Pre-K-5)

This book helps children learn how to face new and unfamiliar situations without fear.

Available for free on Kindle.

Brave Irene by William Steig
(Grades Pre-K-4)

This is the story of a little girl who summons up her courage during a snowstorm to run an important errand for her mother who is ill.

Available on Amazon as a used book or on Kindle.

Nana in the City by Lauren Castillo
(Grades Pre-K-3)

This Caldecott Honor winner is about a small boy who is afraid when he visits his grandmother in the City and her plan to make him feel safer.

Available on Amazon as a used book for approx. \$2.00.

The Battle for St. Michaels by Emily McCully
(Grades 3-5)

This is a chapter book about a brave girl who delivers important messages to officers in a small town in Maryland during the War of 1812.

Available for free on Kindle.

Mines for Keeps by Jean Little
(Grades 4-6)

Sally has lived at a rehabilitation school for most of her life and has dreamed of actually living at home with her family rather than just visiting them. When she does go home permanently, she faces the challenges of a new school and friends and the special problems of being handicapped out in the world.

Available on Amazon as a used book for under \$3.00.

Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm by Kate Douglas Wiggin
(Grades Pre-2-4)

Eleven-year-old Rebecca Randall is a handful, and now she's leaving her beloved Sunnybrook Farm to live with her strict, elderly aunts and go to school. But they were expecting Rebecca's quiet, hard-working older sister instead. Can Rebecca win them over with her charm?

Available on Amazon as a used book for under \$3.00.

Kildee House by Rutherford G. Montgomery
(Grades 4-6)

An early naturalist and philosopher escapes civilization by building his house among the giant redwoods.

Available on Amazon as a used book for under \$3.00.

Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan
(Grades 3-7)

This book is based on a true story about a group of brave Norwegian children who figure out a way to fool the enemy during the Nazi occupation during WWII.

Available on Amazon as a used book for under \$2.00.

Prisoners in the Snow by Arthur
Catherall
(Grades 4-6)

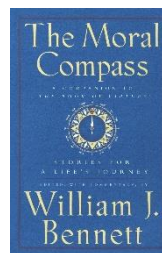
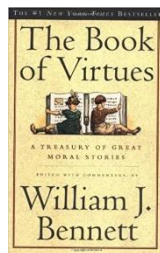
Hard to find in print (but available on Kindle) this is the story of an Austrian family who become trapped inside a house with a sick pilot when a plane crash causes an avalanche to come down on their farm. Good book to read when you're spending a lot of time inside your house!

The Human Comedy by William Saroyan
(Grades 9-12)

This book introduces us to the Macauley Family - a mother, sister, and three brothers - and their struggles during World War II. In particular, it's the story of fourteen-year-old Homer Macauley who finds himself caught between reality and illusion as he delivers messages of wartime death, love, and money as a telegraph messenger.

Available on Amazon as a used book for under \$1.00.

GREAT READ-ALoud BOOKS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



Wolf Story by William McCleery

This irresistible book is about a father, his five-year-old son, Michael (intelligent, crafty, addicted to stories), Michael's best friend Stefan (stalwart listener, equally addicted to stories) and...a wolf!

Available on Amazon for under \$3.00, and on Kindle.

The Four Little Children: A Likely Story
by Larry Michalove

Written by a father at war, these stories take the 4 children from the title to wondrous places, always to return to the comfort and safety of home. This book will transport your family to magical lands while encouraging closeness between parents and children.

Available on Amazon as a used book for under \$3.00.

***The Drinking Gourd* by F.N. Monjo**

Historical fiction for young readers about a young Quaker boy and his efforts to help a family of slaves escape north to Canada via the Underground Railroad.

Available on Amazon as a used book for under \$3.00.

***The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett**

The novel centers on Mary Lennox, a spoiled young girl who is forced to leave India when her parents die to live with her unhappy, mysterious uncle in England.

Available on Amazon for \$6.00.

***All of a Kind Family* by Sydney Taylor**

Five mischievous sisters live on Manhattan's Lower East Side just before the First World War. In this sweet series, the girls find fun in the rituals of faith and family as they celebrate the holidays and treat each day as an adventure.

Available on Amazon and free on Kindle.

***The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden**

The Cricket in Times Square tells the story of a cricket who accidentally travels to New York City from Connecticut and befriends a cat and a mouse while living at a newsstand in Times Square. (My dad used to read this book to me and my siblings when we were little!)

Available on Amazon as a used book for under \$6.00.

***The Saturdays* by Elizabeth Enright**

The four Melendy children live with their father and Cuffy, their beloved housekeeper, in a worn but comfortable brownstone in New York City. There's thirteen-year-old Mona, who wants to become an actress; twelve-year-old mischievous Rush; ten-year-old Randy, who loves to dance and paint; and thoughtful Oliver, who is six.

Available on Amazon and on Kindle.

SERIES THAT WILL KEEP YOUR CHILD READING

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner (Grades 1-5)

The Boxcar Children tells the story of four orphaned children who create a home for themselves in an abandoned boxcar in the forest. They eventually meet their grandfather, who is a wealthy and kind man (although the children had believed him to be cruel).

Available on Amazon as used books and on Kindle.

Little House books by Laura Ingalls Wilder (Grades 4-8)

The first novel (*Little House on the Prairie*) centers around the months that the Ingalls family spent on the Kansas prairie. Laura describes how her father built their log house in "Indian Territory", having heard that the government planned to open the territory to settlers soon. Other books continue the story of Laura's family and their hardships and triumphs as settlers in the Midwest.

Available on Amazon as used books and on Kindle.

Anne of Green Gables series by L.M. Montgomery (Grades 4-8)

The first novel (*Anne of Green Gables*) is the story of a young orphan girl, Anne, who is mistakenly delivered to an older couple looking to adopt a boy on Prince Edward Island. After the couple meets Anne, they decide to keep her despite her not being a boy. The rest of the books (13 in all!) follow Anne's adventures as she becomes a young woman.

Available on Amazon as used books and on Kindle.

Betsy-Tacy series by Maud Hart Lovelace (Grades 3-5)

There are 10 books in this series, dealing with the lives of a group of girls around the turn of the last century. *Betsy-Tacy*, the first volume in the series, is mostly about the adventures of five-year-old Betsy Ray and her new best friend, Tacy Kelly. It takes place in fictional Deep Valley, Minnesota, based on Mankato, Minnesota, the author's hometown

Available on Amazon as used books and on Kindle.

Encyclopedia Brown series by Donald J. Sobol (Grades 3-6)

Encyclopedia Brown is Idaville neighborhood's ten-year-old star detective. With an uncanny knack for trivia, he solves mysteries for the neighborhood kids through his own detective agency. But his dad is the chief of the police department, and every night around the dinner table, Encyclopedia helps him solve his most baffling crimes.

Available on Amazon as used books and on Kindle.

The Redwall Series by Brian Jacques (Grades 3-9)

If your children have never read the Redwall series (22 books in all), they are in for a delightful surprise. This series follows the story of a group of animals that live in a community in an abbey and the forces that conspire against them.

Available on Amazon as used books and on Kindle.

*NOTE: A good used book site is Better World Books (www.betterworldbooks.com).