



## Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading Pinnacle Christian School

**3 books: 2 required and 1 free choice**

**Required: *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom**

**Please purchase this edition:**

**ISBN-10 : 0800796276 or ISBN-13 : 978-0800796273**

**Choose ONE of the following by C.S. Lewis:**

***Out of the Silent Planet***

***Perelandra***

***That Hideous Strength***

Since most children of this age can read the majority of grade-level books for themselves, the following list will include a majority of independent reads, though there are a few that can be chosen as family readalouds, as [research](#) has proven that reading aloud into adulthood has a beneficial effect. Keep in mind that a Listening Vocabulary is almost always much higher than a Reading Vocabulary. Thus, you can read aloud a book that is above current school reading level, and most children will be able to understand it. After reading a short passage (and reading the illustrations as well), we suggest that you informally ask your child to tell back what he or she has heard, in order to improve comprehension, sequencing, synthesis, concentration, and enjoyment. Picture narrations are also a fun way to enliven the story while increasing comprehension.

The following is not an exhaustive list, but rather some of our particular favorites! There are obviously many more good books that are available. If you seek advice from a librarian, note that the terminology most librarians will best understand is “classic literature,” which for our purposes we call [“living” books](#). Remember that, with regard to all book suggestions, it is always your responsibility as the parent to assess a book’s suitability for you and your family.

We have included books which employ fantastical themes, due to the fact that we encourage children to enjoy the proper use of the imagination. This is an important aspect of development, and one in which parents are urged to give their child guidance. That is, your child will be looking to you to help define the lines of fantasy versus reality and the proper guidelines therein.

If a title is not in your local library, you may want to check used bookstores, both [physical](#) and [virtual](#). A great summer activity is to visit some of the physical bookstores in your area and see what they have to offer. A must-see is The Story Shop in Monroe, Georgia! Do not neglect the [power](#) of [audiobooks](#), as they are great opportunities for everyone to listen and bond as a family. They can also help with books set in a different locale, as the narrators are often from that particular culture. Enjoy!

On the sheet enclosed, please keep track of the books your child reads or those that you have read to him or her this summer. You will give this record to your child's teacher at the beginning of school. If you like to purchase books, consider [thriftbooks.com](http://thriftbooks.com)!

Other Reading Lists:

[goodandbeautiful.com/summer-reading/](http://goodandbeautiful.com/summer-reading/)

(You can sign up for an account (no cost to you at all) and access their Summer Reading 2024 -or-

[goodandbeautifulbooklist.com/my-book-list/](http://goodandbeautifulbooklist.com/my-book-list/)

Click on "My Book List" after choosing your parameters (age, interest, etc.). After your list populates, select the pink button (Download and Print List)

<https://readaloudrevival.com/booklist/boys-8-12/>

<https://readaloudrevival.com/booklist/girls-8-12/>

Don't forget audiobooks!

<https://readaloudrevival.com/booklist/audiobooks-8-12/> (See links for additional audiobooks above )

<https://heritagemom.com/heritage-mom-book-recommendations/>

Heritage Mom is Amber O'Neal Johnston, a homeschool mom and curator of books/items for people of color. She has a vast collection of books by grade/history, etc.



## Summer Reading List for Rising 8th Grade Students

Alcott, Louisa May

Alder, Elizabeth

Andreola, Karen  
Avi

Babbitt, Natalie  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson

Carroll, Lewis  
Carter, Forest  
Cornelissen, Cornelia

Crane, Stephen  
Dickens, Charles  
Farley, Walter

*Jo's Boys, Eight Cousins, Jack and Jill, Little Men, Little Women*

*The King's Shadow (medieval story that shows how God uses a disability)*

*Beautiful Girlhood*

*Night Journeys (pre-Revolutionary War--about escaped indentured servants)*

*Tuck Everlasting*

*The Secret Garden*

*Alice's Adventure in Wonderland*

*The Education of Little Tree*

*Soft Rain (about the Cherokee Trail of Tears)*

*Red Badge of Courage*

*The Cricket on the Hearth, A Christmas Carol*

*The Black Stallion*

Foster, Genevieve  
George, Jean Craighead  
Gipson, Fred  
Grahame, Kenneth  
Henry, Marguerite  
Ibbotson, Eva  
Kamkwamba, William

Krensky, Stephen  
LasCasas, Bartholomew  
Lee, Harper  
London, Jack  
Lunn, Janet  
MacDonald, George  
Magnuson, Sally  
Marshall, Catherine  
McGill, Alice  
McPherson, Joyce  
Neville, Emily  
O'Dell, Scott

O'Hara, Mary  
Park, Linda Sue

Pyle, Howard  
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan  
Sewall, Anna  
Speare, Elizabeth George  
Stevenson, Robert Louis  
Ten Boom, Corrie  
Tolkien, J.R.R.  
Travers, P.L.  
Ullman, James Ramsey  
Verne, Jules

Whelan, Gloria

*Augustus Caesar's World*  
*Julie of the Wolves*  
*Old Yeller*  
*Wind in the Willows*  
*King of the Wind*  
*Journey to the River Sea (set in Brazil)*  
*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind ( true story about  
hardship and perseverance set in Africa!)*  
*Conqueror and Hero: The Search for Alexander A Biography*  
*The Log of Christopher Columbus' First Voyage to America*  
*To Kill a Mockingbird*  
*The Call of the Wild, White Fang*  
*The Root Cellar*  
*At the Back of the North Wind*  
*The Flying Scotsman: A Biography about Eric Liddell*  
*Christy, Julie*  
*Molly Bannaky*  
*A Piece of the Mountain: The Biography of Blaise Pascal*  
*It's like That*  
*Island of the Blue Dolphin, The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by  
Day*  
*My Friend, Flicka*  
*A Long Walk to Water (amazing story about shortage of  
water in Africa)*  
*A Single Shard*  
*The Story of the Champions of the Round Table*  
*The Yearling*  
*Black Beauty*  
*The Bronze Bow*  
*Kidnapped*  
*The Hiding Place*  
*The Lord of the Rings*  
*Mary Poppins*  
*Banner in the Sky*  
*Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea, Around the World  
in 80 Days*  
*Listening for Lions (a story about an orphaned missionary  
girl in Africa)*