



MONROE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

A WORKING READING LIST FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Early Adolescence: Grade Six to Grade Eight

Some Titles to consider reading aloud to your child this summer. The list was compiled by National Catholic Education Association

FAITH

- Bill Peet: An Autobiography** -- Bill Peet
The Catholic Youth Bible -- Brian Singer-Towns, ed.
Celebrations: A New Anthology of Black American Poetry -- Arnold Adoff, ed.
Chapters: My Growth as a Writer -- Lois Duncan
Chicken Soup for the Christian Teenage Soul: Stories of Faith, Love, Inspiration, and Hope -- Jack Canfield, ed., *et al.*
Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul: 101 Stories of Changes, Choices, and Growing Up for Kids, Ages 10-13 -- Jack Canfield, ed., *et al.*
Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul: 101 Stories of Life, Love, and Learning -- Jack Canfield, ed., *et al.*
Father McBride's Teen Catechism: Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church
-- Alfred McBride
Father Michael Judge: An Authentic American Hero -- Michael Ford
Gideon's People -- Carolyn Meyer
Grace Hopper: Navy Admiral and Computer Pioneer -- Charlene W. Billings
How Do You Spell God? -- Rabbi Marc Gellman and Monsignor Thomas Hartman
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings -- Maya Angelou
Living the Questions Jesus Asks -- John M. Vikek
My Many Colored Days -- Dr. Seuss
A Night to Remember -- Walter Lord
No Places to be: Voices of Homeless Children -- Judith Berck
Road from Coorain -- Jill K. Conway
Rough Sketch Beginning -- James Berry
Silent Dancing: A Partial Remembrance of a Puerto Rican Childhood -- Judith Otiz Cofer
Stopping for Death: Poems of Death and Loss -- Carol Ann Duffy, ed.
Stretch Your Wings: Famous Black Quotations for Teens -- Lucille Usher Freeman and Janet Cheatham Bell
Under the Eye of the Clock -- Christopher Nolan

HOPE

- Barrio Boy** -- Ernesto Galazra
Chattanooga sludge -- Molly Bang
Corazon Aquino -- Howard Chua-Eoan
Dead Bird Singing -- Marc Talbert
A Gathering of Flowers: Stories about Being Young in America -- Joyce Carol Thomas, Ed.
Halsey's Pride -- Lynn Hall

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**I will Remember You. What to Do When Someone You Love Dies: A guidebook Through
Grief for Teens** -- Laura Dower

Julie -- Jean Craighead George

Land of Hope -- Joan Lowery Nixon

Last Summer with Maizon -- Jacqueline Woodson

Listen for the Singing -- Jean Little

Mama, Let's Dance -- Patricia Hermes

The New Americans -- Brent and Melissa Ashabranner

Picking Up the Pieces -- Patricia Calvert

Remembering Mog -- Colby Rodowsky

Satchmo's Blues -- Alan Schroeder

Voices from the Fields: Children of Migrant Farm Workers Tell Their Stories -- Beth S. Atkin

Voyage of the Lucky Dragon -- Jack Bennett

The Yearling -- Marjorie Kennan Rawlings

Yellow Raft in Blue Water -- Michael Dorris

LOVE

After the Rain -- Norma Fox Mazur

Anne of Green Gables -- L.M. Montgomery

Beyond Providence -- Steven Schur

Choice of Weapons -- Gordon Parks

The Clay Marble -- Minfong Ho

Dacey's Song -- Cynthia Voight

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff for Teens -- Richard Carlson

Going Home -- Nicholas Mohr

I Heard the Owl Call My Name -- Margaret Cramen

The Joy Luck Club -- Amy Tan

Little Women -- Louisa May Alcott

Lupita Manana -- Patricia Beatty

The Measure of our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours -- Marian Wright Eldelman

Midnight Hour Encores -- Bruce Brooks

**No Body's Perfect: Stories by Teens about Body Image, Self-Acceptance and the Search for
Identity** -- Kimberly Kerberger

Old Friends -- Barbara D. Livingston

Phoenix Rising: Or How to Survive Your Life -- Cynthia D. Grant

The Poppy Seeds -- Clyde Robert Bulla

Rainbow Jordan -- Alice Childress

Summer of the Swans -- Betsy Byars

Where the Flame Trees Bloom -- Alma Flor Ada

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COMMUNITY

And One For All -- Theresa Nelson
Cheaper by the Dozen -- Frank Gilbreth, Jr.
Home Before Dark -- Sue Ellen Bridgers
Indian Chiefs -- Russell Freedman
Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World -- Mildred P. Walter
S.O.R. Losers -- Avi
The Lost Garden -- Laurence Yep
The Magic Shell -- Nicholasa Mohr
Making a Difference: The Story of an American Family -- Margaret Hodges
My Indian Boyhood -- Luther Standing Bear
My Name is America -- Ann L. Burns
Nightjohn -- Gary Paulsen
Pacific Crossing -- Gary Soto
Rachel and Her Children -- Jonathon Kozol
Strings: A Gathering of Family Poems -- Paul B. Janeczko
The Sunita Experiment -- Mitali Perkins
This Same Sky -- Naomi Shihab Nye
Travels with Charley: In Search of America -- John Steinbeck
The View from Saturday -- E.L. Konigsburg
When the Phone Rang -- Harry Mazer
With Their Eyes: September 11th – A View from a High School -- Annie Thorns, ed.

JUSTICE

Adam's Cross -- Alice Mead
Caleb's Choide -- G. Clifton Wisler
Democracy and Race: Asian Americans and World War II -- R. Takaki
Dragon's Gate -- Lawrence Yep
I Have a Dream: The Life and Words of Martin Luther King, Jr. -- Jim Haskins
Irrepressible Spirit: Conversations with Human Rights Activists -- Susan Kuklin
Just Like Martin -- Ossie Davis
The Land -- Mildred D. Taylor
The Los Angeles Riots: America's Cities' Crisis -- John Salak
Lyddie -- Katherine Paterson
Mandela: From the Life of the South African Statesman -- Floyd Cooper
The Moon Bridge -- Marcia Savin
Only the Names Remain: the Cherokees and the Trail of Tears -- Alex W. Bealer
Nothing but the Truth -- Avi
The Other Side of Truth -- Beverley Naidoo
Raining Fire -- Marion Dane Bauer
Rumors at School -- Dennis M. Doyle and Patrick Doyle
Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman? -- Patricia C. and Frederick McKissack

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The Star Fisher -- Lawrence Yep
Thurgood Marshall: The Fight for Equal Justice -- Debra Hess
Touching Spirit Bear -- Ben Mikaelson

COURAGE

Across Five Aprils -- Irene Hunt
The Adventures of Ulysses -- Bernard Evslin
Anne Frank Remembered -- Miep Gies and Alison Leslie Gold
The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman -- Ernest J. Gaines
The Boy's War -- Jim Murphy
Brady -- Jean Fritz
The Breadwinner -- Deborah Ellis
The Defeat and Triumph of a Fugitive Slave -- Virginia Hamilton
Flight #116 is Down -- Caroline B. Cooney
Journey Home -- Yoshiko Uchida
Journey to Topaz -- Yoshiko Uchida
Jumping Off to Freedom -- Anilu Bernardo
A Lantern in Her Hand -- Besi Aldrich
A Nation Challenged: Young Readers Edition -- The Staff of the New York Times
Never to Forget: The Jews of the Holocaust -- Milton Meltzer
Out of the Dust -- Karen Hesse
A Place to Hide -- Jayne Pettit
Rescue: How Gentiles Saved Jews in the Holocaust -- Milton Meltzer
Ryan White: My Own Story -- Ryan White, Ann Marie Cunningham
Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind -- Suzanne Fisher Staples
The Story of Ruby Bridges -- Robert Coles
Year of Impossible Goodbyes -- Sook Myul Choi

RECONCILIATION

Blue Heron -- Avi
The Bridges at Toko-Ri -- James Michener
December Stillness -- Mary Downing Hahn
Does Anybody Know What Planet My Parents Are From? -- Kevin Walter Johnson
Early Thunder -- Jean Fritz
Jacob Have I Loved -- Katherine Paterson
Just One Flick of a Finger -- Marybeth Lorbiecki
Julie's Daughter -- Colby Rodowsky
To Kill a Mockingbird -- Harper Lee
Nation Torn: The Story of How the Civil War Began -- Delia Ray
Rosa Parks: My Story -- Rosa Parks with Jim Haskins
St. Ignatius of Loyola: In God's Service -- Peggy A. Sklar
Stepping on the Cracks -- Mary Downing Hahn

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Stick Up for Yourself! Every Kid's Guide to Personal Power and Positive Self-Esteem -- Gershen Kaufman, *et al.*
Talking Peace: A Vision for the Next Generation -- Jimmy Carter
The Store that Mama Built -- Robert Lehrman
Understanding September 11th: Answering Questions About the Attacks on America
-- Mitch Frank
The United States in the Vietnam War -- Don Lawson
Wall Images and Offerings from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial -- Sal Topes, ed.
Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo -- Zlata Filipovic

SERVICE

All Things Bright and Beautiful -- James Herriot
Carver: A Life in Poems -- Marilyn Nelson
Christy -- Catherine Marshall
Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery -- Russell Freedman
Freedom Songs -- Yvette Moore
Lincoln: A Photobiography -- Russell Freedman
Living the Works of Mercy: Daring Teens to Change the World -- Ellen P. Cavanaugh
Lovey: A Very Special Child -- Mary MacCracken
Maximillian Kolbe: Saint of Auschwitz -- Elaine Murray Stone
Mother Teresa -- Elaine Murray Stone
My Dear Young Friends: Pope John Paul II Speaks to Teens on Life, Love, and Courage
-- John Vitek, ed.
My Life with the Chimpanzees -- Jane Goodall
Native American Doctor -- Jeri Ferris
People Who Make a Difference -- Nicholas Ashabranner
The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens: The Ultimate Teenage Success Guide
-- Sean Covey
Stars Come Out Within -- Jean Little
**Teens With the Courage to Give: Young People Who Triumphed over Tragedy and
Volunteered to Make a Difference** -- Jackie Waldman, ed.
Time to Be Born -- David Bell, M.D.
War On Villa Street: A Novel -- Harry Mazer
War Poets -- Robert Giddings

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