

Elementary Fun-Reading Book List

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The problem with having kids who read is that you have to keep them in books.

Here are the series I've collected or returned to at the library to keep my elementary student readers in books.

Start with

- [Hardy Boys](#) by Franklin Dixon (library books tolerated for occasional free reading at our house)
- [Encyclopedia Brown](#) by Donald Sobol
- [The Great Brain](#) by John Fitzgerald
- [Hank the Cowdog](#) by John Erickson
- [Trumpet of the Swan](#) and others by E.B White
- [The Borrowers](#) by Norton
- [Doctor Doolittle](#) by Hugh Lofting
- [Sugar Creek Gang](#) by Hutchens (too goody-goody for my taste, but we have

about 8 of them)

- [Secret Garden](#) and others by Frances Hodgson Burnett

When they're older and need more, turn to

- [Redwall books](#) by Brian Jacques
- [100 Cupboards](#) series by N.D. Wilson (intense)
- [Boys of Blur](#) & [Leepike Ridge](#) by N.D. Wilson (not series)
- [The Archives of Anthropos](#) by John White
- [Freddy books](#) by Walter Brooks (very funny)
- [The Graveyard Book](#) by Neil Gaimen (I like Gaimen, but his books are seriously faerie-tale spooky – definitely pre-read to decide if they're ok for your family)
- [Charlatan's Boy](#) By Jonathan Rogers
- [Into the Twilight, Endlessly Grousing](#) by Patrick McManus (not written for children, but still humorous to them)
- [Kidnapped](#) and others by Robert Louis Stevenson
- [Robin Hood](#) and others by Howard Pyle

Plus we have a shelf full of [Eyewitness Books](#) that the boys love to page through and

browse and copy pictures out of.

I'm just glad my boys have formed no prejudice about reading the same books over and over again! Remember and teach your children: real readers reread.

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