

## The Golden List of books recommended by „All of Poland Reads to Kids” Foundation

Age categories are to be treated as indicating the lower limit of child’s age when it is being read to.

### Age 0-4:

Marta Bogdanowicz – “Rhymes - Cuddles”\*  
Paulette Bourgeois, Brenda Clark – “Franklin the Turtle” series  
Jan Brzechwa – “Rhymes and Fairytales”\*  
Gilbert Delahaye – „Mertine” series  
Barbara Gawryluk – “Jok. The Story of Dog Fidelity”\*  
Danuta Gellnerowa – „Sugar Town”\*  
Anita Głowińska – „Kitty Cat” series\*  
Dimitri Inkiow – "My Sister Claire and Me" series  
Czesław Janczarski – „Teddy Floppy Ear”  
Janosch – “The Trip to Panama” series  
Astrid Lindgren – “Lotta on Troublemaker Street” ●  
Sam McBratney – “Guess How Much I Love You”  
Nele Most, Annet Rudolph – “It’s All Mine!: Or the Little Raven’s Mischief”; “Is It All Allowed?”  
Sven Nordqvist – „Peterson and Findus” series  
Beata Ostrowicka – „Lullacs, Mister Chocolate and Kindergarten”\* ; „But I wanna!”\*  
Joanna Papuzińska – „Sleepy Rymes”\*  
Eliza Piotrowska – „A Tale of a Tree”\*  
Renata Piątkowska – „Stories from the Sandpit”  
Annie M.G. Schmidt – “Jip and Janneke” series  
Małgorzata Strzałkowska – „Green, Yellow, Red, Brown”\*  
Julian Tuwim – „Poems for Children”\*  
Wojciech Widłak – „Mr. Ball” series\*

### Age 4-6:

Florence and Richard Atwater – “Mr. Popper’s Penguins” ●  
Hans Christian Andersen – „Fairy Tales”  
Wiera Badalska – „Ballad of a Moody Princess”\* ●  
Grażyna Bąkiewicz – “The Space Explorers – Frank and his Grandma”\* #  
Jan Brzechwa – „Mister Drops and His Troupe”\* ●  
Wanda Chotomska – „Poems”\*; „Pentapups”\*  
Carlo Collodi – “Pinocchio”  
Vacláv Čtvrtek – „Tales of Moss and Fern”\*; “About a Forester Moss”\* ●; „Carter Sheytrotzek’s Travels”\* ●  
Iwona Czarkowska – “The Lost Toys Office”\* #  
Dorota Gellner – “Dorota Gellner for Preschoolers”\*  
Eva Janikovszky – “If I Were a Grown-Up”  
Grzegorz Janusz – „NumBear 1”\* #  
Hanna Januszewska – „About a Babbler”\* ●  
Roksana Jędrzejewska-Wróbel – „String story”\*, „Princess Aurelka’s Little Kingdom”\*  
Lucyna Krzemieniecka – „About Johnny the Hatter”\* ●  
Asa Lind – “The Sand Wolf”  
Astrid Lindgren – “Pippi Longstocking” series; “Emil of Lönneberga” ●  
Hugh Lofting – „Doctor Dolittle” series  
Beata Majchrzak – “The Tale of the Blue Dog, or of Things That Are Difficult for Children”\* #  
Kornel Makuszyński – „Matolek the Billy-Goat”\*  
Małgorzata Musierowicz – „Friends from Reception Class”\*  
Alan A. Milne – “Winnie-the-Pooh”, “The House at Pooh Corner”  
Pija Lindenbaum – “Bridget and the Moose Brothers” series  
Renata Piątkowska – "There's a Way for Everything"#; „There Is No Such Thing as a Boring Day”\*  
Zofia Rogoszówna – „Mister Handyman’s Children”\* ●

Małgorzata Strzałkowska – „Forest Dummies”\*; „Pillow Poems”\*, “Counting Rhymes from an Empty Glass”\*  
Anna Świrszczyńska – “Funny Tiger”\* •; “About Greedy Achmed”\* •  
Julian Tuwim – “Mr Miniscule and the whale” •  
Danuta Wawiłow – “Poems”\*  
Max Velthuijs – “Frog and the Stranger”

### **Age 6 - 8:**

Heather Amery - „Greek Myths for Young Children”  
Marcin Brykczyński – „Neither Fish nor Fowl”\*  
Jan Brzechwa – „Adventures of a Cheating Flea”\*, “Mischiefs of Vitalis the Fox”\*; “Fairytale About Palemon the Corsair”\* •  
Sebastian Cichocki – “A.R.T. Artists’ Rip-roaring Thoughts”\*  
Wanda Chotomska – “Wanda Chotomska to Children”\*  
Dorota Gellner – “Needlewomen”\*, “Here”\*  
Hanna Gill-Piątkowska, Henryka Krzywonos – “Poverty. A Guide for Children”\*  
Kamil Giżycki – „Great Deeds of Bayboon the Wise Chimpanzee”\* •  
Frances Hodgson Burnett – „A Little Princess”  
Tove Jansson – „The Moomins” series  
Roksana Jędrzejewska-Wróbel – „The Alien”\*  
Grzegorz Kasdepke – „Detective Pozytywka”\*  
Erich Kästner – “The 35th of May, or Conrad's Ride to the South Seas” •  
Ludwik Jerzy Kern – „Poems for Children”\*, “Ludwik Jerzy Kern to Children”\*, “Ferdinand the Great”\* •  
Astrid Lindgren – „The Six Bullerby Children”, “Mio, My Son”  
W. Markowska, A. Milska – „Fairytale from Distant Islands and Lands”\* •  
Daniel Mizeliński, Aleksandra Machowiak – “H.O.U.S.E.: Habitable Objects Unique Spatial Extraordinary”  
Anna Onichimowska – „World's Highest Mountain”\*  
Grey Owl – „The Adventures of Sajo and her Beaver People” •  
Joanna Papuzińska – „Jenny”\*  
Roman Pisarski – „Lumberjack and Gigantow”\* •  
Igir Sikirycki – „How a Logger Became a King”\* •  
Małgorzata Strzałkowska – “Sound Advice”\*, “Scary Poems”\*, “Tongue Gymnastics”\*  
Barbara Tylicka – „General Little”\*  
Danuta Wawiłow, Oleg Usenko – „Fairytale About a Hundred Kings Lulls”\* •  
Anne Cath. Vestly – „Eight Children and a Truck” •; “Eight Children Move House”  
Praca zbiorowa – „Singing Linden. Western Slavs’ Fairy Tales”\*

### **Age 8-10:**

Edmund de Amicis – “Heart” •  
Paweł Beręsewicz – “Is War for Girls?”\*, “How I Made Kate Flower Fall in Love”\*, „Noskawery” #  
Frances Hodgson Burnett – “The Secret Garden”  
J. Canfield, M. i P. Hansen, I. Dunlap – “Chicken Soup For The Kid's Soul”  
Andrew Clements – „Frindle”  
Iwona Chmielewska – „Blumka’s Diary”\*  
Roald Dahl – „Matilda” •  
Andrzej Grabowski – “Zenek and Ants”\*  
Anna Kamieńska – „The Book of Books”\* •  
Rudyard Kipling – “The Jungle Book”  
Eric Knight – „Lassie Come-Home”  
Astrid Lindgren – “The Brothers Lionheart”; “Rasmus and the Vagabond”; “Ronja the Robber's Daughter” •  
Clive Staples Lewis – “The Chronicles of Narnia”  
Andrzej Maleszka – „Magic Tree”\* series  
Olga Masiuk – “Lenka, Friderick and Their Travels”\* #  
Lucy M. Montgomery – „Anne of Green Gable” series

Anna Onichimowska - "Chocolate Day"\* #  
Ida Pierelotkin – „Ala Betka”\* #  
Sempe, Gościnnie – „Little Nicholas” series  
Renata Piątkowska – „All of My Mums”  
Barbara Stenka – “The Adventure Butter”\* #  
Małgorzata Strzałkowska – “Tongue Twisting Looney Poems”\*, “Landscape with a Cuckoo”  
Katarzyna Terechowicz, Wojciech Cesarz – „The Diary of a Good Dog”\* #  
Mark Twain – “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer”, “The Prince and the Pauper”  
Rafał Witek – “The Flying Aunts’ Club”\* #

### **Wiek 10-12 lat:**

Francesco d'Adamo – „Iqbal”  
Paweł Beręsewicz – “Holy Moly – shocolat”\* #  
Charles Dickens – “Oliver Twist”, “A Christmas Carol”  
Michael Ende – “Momo” ●  
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry – “The Little Prince”  
Andrzej Grabowski – „War on a Beautiful Bank”\*  
Ewa Grętkiewicz – “All Because of a Child”\* #  
Witold Makowiecki – „Diosos”\* ●, “Adventures of Grecian Melikles”  
Ferenc Molnár – “The Paul Street Boys”  
Małgorzata Musierowicz – „Jeźycjada”\* series  
Jerzy Niemczuk – „A Story Under a Scary Title”\*  
Zuzanna Orlińska - “Not a Word about Little Sophie”\* #  
Ferdynand Ossendowski – „Birara Elephant”\* ●  
Magda Papuzińska – “Everything is Possible”\*  
Katherine Paterson – “Bridge to Terabithia” ●  
Michel Piquemal – “The Philosophy Fables”●  
Katarzyna Pranić – „Ela-Sanela”\* #  
Katarzyna Ryrych - „On Stephen Hawking, the Black Hole and Underfloor Mice”\* #  
Eric Emmanuel Schmitt – “Oscar and the Lady in Pink”, “Noah's Child”  
Lemony Snicket – “The Bad Beginning”  
Jerry Spinelli – „Cash” ●  
Marcin Szczygielski – „The Black Mill” # (Grand Prix w II edycji konkursu im. Astrid Lindgren),  
“The Ark of Time” # (Grand Prix w III Konkursie im. Astrid Lindgren)  
J.R.R. Tolkien – “The Hobbit, or There and Back Again”  
José Mauro de Vasconcelos – „My Sweet Orange Tree” ●  
Jean Webster – “Daddy-Long-Legs”  
Maciej Wojtyszko – „Bromba”\* series  
Juliusz Verne – “The Mysterious Island”; all of the remaining books of this author

### **Age 12-14:**

Antologia pod red. Grzegorza Leszczyńskiego – „Up and Down the Stairs of Poems. Anthology”  
H. Jackson Brown, Jr. – “Life's Little Instruction Book”  
J. Canfield, M.V. Hansen, K. Kirberger – “Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul”  
Paulo Coelho – “The Alchemist”  
Arthur Conan Doyle - “The Hound of the Baskervilles”  
Ursula K. Le Guin – „A Wizard of Earthsea” ● (and the whole “The Earthsea” series)  
Barbara Kosmowska – „The Gilded Fish”\* #; “The Season for Green Chestnuts” #  
Harper Lee – „To Kill a Mockingbird” ●  
Joanna Rudniańska – „Brigid's Pussy Cat”  
Katarzyna Ryrych – „My Sister's Island” #  
Dorota Terakowska – „Witches' Daughter”  
Annika Thor – „Truth or Dare”  
J.R.R. Tolkien – “Lord of the Rings”  
Beata Wróblewska - "Apolejka's Apple"\* #

### **Factual and popular science books**

Edward de Bono – “De Bono's Thinking Course”  
Tony Buzan – “Use Your Head”

### **Age 14-16:**

Pierre Boulle – “The Bridge over the River Kwai”  
Anna Frank – “The Diary of a Young Girl”  
Francis Scott Fitzgerald – “Great Gatsby”  
Ruben Gallego – “White on Black: A Boy's Story”  
Victor Hugo – „Les Misérables”  
Leszek Kołakowski – „13 Fairytales from the Lailonia Kingdom for the Big and the Little, and Other Fairytales”  
Yann Martel – “Life of Pi”  
Anna Onichimowska – “Ten Sides of the World”  
Amos Oz – “How to Cure a Fanatic”  
Bolesław Prus – „Pharaoh”  
Leonie Swann – “Three Bags Full”, “Sheep' Triumph”  
ks. Jan Twardowski – "Verses"  
Władysław Bartoszewski - “It is Worth to be Decent”

### **Factual and popular science books**

Stephen R. Covey – „The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People” !  
Atul Gawande – “The Checklist Manifesto”  
Malcolm Gladwell – „Tipping Point”, “Outliers: the Story of Success”  
Chip Heath, Dan Heath – “Switch: How to Change Things When Change Is Hard”  
Spencer Johnson – “Who Moved My Cheese?”  
Daniel Pink – „A Whole New Mind”  
Ron Potter-Efron – “Angry All the Time: an Emergency Guide to Anger Control” !

### **Above the age of 16:**

Karen Blixen – “Out of Africa”, “Anecdotes of Destiny”  
Dalajlama, Howard C. Cutler – “Art of Happiness: a Handbook for Living”  
Giovannino Guareschi – “Little World: Don Camillo and His Flock”  
Zbigniew Herbert – „Still Life with a Bridle”, „Barbarian in the Garden”  
Khaled Hosseini – “The Kite Runner”, “A Thousand Splendid Suns”  
Ryszard Kapuściński – “The Emperor: Downfall of an Autocrat”, “Imperium”  
Mario Vargas Llosa – “Conversation in the Cathedral” and other books of this author  
Gabriel Garcia Marquez – “One Hundred Years of Solitude” and other books of this author  
George Orwell – „Animal Farm”  
Mariusz Szczygieł – „Gottland”  
Wisława Szymborska – „Poems New and Collected”  
Liao Yiwu – „The Corpse Walker”

### **Factual and popular science books**

Nathaniel Branden – “The Six Pillars of Self-Esteem” !  
Erich Fromm – “The Art of Loving”, “To Have or to Be?” !  
Daniel Goleman – “Emotional Intelligence” !, “Social Intelligence”  
Leszek Kołakowski – „Mini-Lectures on Maxi-Issues”  
M. Scott Peck – “The Road Less Traveled : the New Psychology of Love, Traditional Values and Spiritual” !  
Daniel Pink – “Drive. The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us”  
Bruce Perry – “The Boy Who Was Raised As a Dog”  
Manfred Spitzer – „Digital dementia” !

\* books that have not been translated into English so far

- books/works from the collection „Cała Polska czyta dzieciom” published with „Polityka” weekly

# books awarded in the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Literary Competition for a Contemporary Book for Children and Adolescents organized by the Foundation

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