

Rawicz, Slavomir

THE LONG WALK

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☞ WORLD WAR TWO 🌐 RUSSIA, SIBERIA, MONGOLIA, TIBET & INDIA © 1955

This is the grueling story of Slavomir Rawicz, a Polish cavalry man taken prisoner by the Russians at the beginning of World War Two. After enduring nearly a year of torture, he is sent to a prison in Siberia. But Slavomir is a survivor. With several other inmates, he escapes and walks four thousand miles from Siberia, across the Gobi Desert and the Himalaya mountains into India.

Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan

THE YEARLING

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☞ LATE 1800S 🌐 FLORIDA © 1938

The Yearling is an orphaned fawn. The fawn's mother was killed for her liver, which was used to draw out poison from Mr. Baxter's snake bite. Jody Baxter raises the little deer and names it Flag. He loves his pet, even when it eats the young corn shoots that Jody plants, but his mother fears they may starve without the corn.

This book is one of my mother's favorites to read aloud. This story concerns a young boy as he matures to adolescence.

Rawls, Wilson

WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS

2

☞ 1930-40S 🌐 OZARK MOUNTAINS © 1961

Billy Colman spends all his free time for two years saving up money to buy two redbone coonhounds. He names them Little Ann and Old Dan and trains them to hunt 'coons. Through their adventures in the Ozarks, the trio become inseparable. Billy's hounds compete in the regional raccoon hunt.

The ending to this tale of true devotion between a boy and his dogs is famous for its ability to bring tears to readers' eyes. This book is one of my mother's favorites.

Rounds, Glen

THE BLIND COLT

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⌘ MID-1900S 🌐 WESTERN AMERICA © 1941

A little blue-gray colt is born blind but succeeds in living with the wild herd despite its handicap. When Whitey sees the colt, he sets himself to catch and tame it. The two become fast friends.

I loved this story and its unique illustrations when I was young.



WHITEY AND THE COLT KILLER

1

⌘ EARLY 1900S 🌐 WESTERN AMERICA © 1962

Whitey and his pinto colt fight a prairie fire and a wolf that has been killing calves.

BLIND OUTLAW

1

⌘ EARLY 1900S 🌐 WESTERN AMERICA © 1980

A boy who cannot speak tames a blind horse.

Russell, W. Clark

THE WRECK OF THE GROSVENOR

2

⌘ 1800S 🌐 ATLANTIC © 1877

Mr. Royle is the new second mate of the *Grosvenor*. When the ship's stores are found to be inedible, the

Speare, Elizabeth George

CALICO CAPTIVE

2

⌘ MID-1700S 🌐 NEW HAMPSHIRE & CANADA © 1957

In 1754, a New Hampshire family is captured by Indians and taken to Montreal. Miriam Willard discovers what is truly important as she adjusts to her captive life. *Calico Captive* is based on a diary published in 1807.

THE WITCH OF BLACKBIRD POND

2

⌘ 1700S 🌐 CONNECTICUT © 1958

Kit's father has died, and she must move from the West Indies to live with her relatives in the Connecticut colony. She hates the strict Puritan laws of her new village. She becomes friends with an old Quaker woman who lives alone in the woods. When the village experiences a drought, they blame the old Quaker woman and hunt her down as a witch. When Kit tries to save the old woman, she is accused of witchcraft also.

THE BRONZE BOW

2

⌘ AD 30S 🌐 JUDEA © 1961

Daniel Bar Jamin is consumed with hatred for Rome and the Roman soldiers who occupy his beloved Israel. Daniel becomes involved in an outlaw band that plans insurrection. Because of his hatred and zealous patriotism, Daniel gives up everything and puts his family in great danger. When he learns of a rabbi who preaches a strange new doctrine, Daniel must choose between anger and forgiveness.

THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER

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⌘ 1700S 🌐 MAINE © 1983

A white boy and an Indian boy become friends. The white boy is waiting for his father to return from a long journey. He teaches the reluctant Indian to read. In return, the Indian teaches him skills to survive in the wilderness.

Sperry, Armstrong

CALL IT COURAGE

1

⌘ PAST 🌐 POLYNESIAN ISLANDS © 1940

Mafatu is afraid of the sea. His friends tease him because of his fear. One day he builds a boat and

ventures out alone. He is shipwrecked on an island and must survive by himself.

Spyri, Johanna

HEIDI

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📅 1800S 🌐 SWITZERLAND © 1880

Heidi is brought by her aunt Dete to live with Heidi's grandfather. The grandfather lives alone in a cottage on the mountain and is feared by the villagers below. Heidi and he get along very well, and the old grandfather begins to soften under her care. One day, Dete returns to reclaim her niece. She takes Heidi to Frankfurt to work for a rich invalid girl named Klara. Heidi hates life in the city and tries to escape.

Stephens, C. A.

STORIES FROM THE OLD SQUIRE'S FARM

2

📅 MID-1800S 🌐 MAINE © 1910

These are stories of farm life in Maine in the 1800s.

Stevenson, Robert Louis

TREASURE ISLAND

2

📅 1740S 🌐 ENGLAND, ATLANTIC & TROPICAL ISLAND © 1883

WARNING: If you read this book, you may never be able to enjoy any other adventure story again. You will compare it to the perfection of this book and always find it lacking. If you read this book and find it does not captivate you, then there's no hope for you. You are a truly sorry case. If you look up the word "adventure" in the dictionary, you will read "circumstances that follow the plot of *Treasure Island*."

THE BLACK ARROW

3

📅 1400S 🌐 ENGLAND © 1883

Dick Shelton is a trusting boy until he discovers there is foul play in the death of his father. Dick escapes from Sir Daniel's castle, but not before falling in love with Joanna Sedley. Dick becomes involved in one of the decisive battles on the side of Richard of York during the War of the Roses, but he realizes he might be on the wrong side. This book shows the

animals. Adventure is not lacking. They build a giant tree house, endure the rainy season, tame the wild animals, are attacked by a swamp serpent, and search for other castaways. They ask themselves, “If a ship finds us, will we want to leave our island?”

This book is one of my mother’s favorites. Wyss teaches children the value of hard work, natural resources, and self-reliance.

Books by Subject

Animals

Miss Hickory
–Bailey
Shasta of the Wolves
–Baker
The Adventures of Jerry Muskrat
–Burgess
The House of 60 Fathers
–De Jong
Incident at Hawk's Hill
–Eckert
Ironhead
–Ellis
The Wind in the Willows
–Grahame
All Creatures Great and Small
–Herriot
The Jungle Book
–Kipling
Ben and Me
–Lawson
Rabbit Hill
–Lawson
Gentle Ben
–Morey
Gay-Neck
–Mukerji
Rascal
–North
Animal Farm
–Orwell
The Tale of Peter Rabbit
–Potter
The Yearling
–Rawlings
Bambi
–Salten
The Rescuers
–Sharp
Charlotte's Web
–White

Stuart Little
–White
The Trumpet of the Swan
–White

Dogs

The Incredible Journey
–Burnford
A Dog of Flanders
–De La Ramee
Ginger Pye
–Estes
Old Yeller
–Gipson
Adam of the Road
–Gray
Big Red
–Kjelgaard
Irish Red
–Kjelgaard
Outlaw Red
–Kjelgaard
Lassie Come-Home
–Knight
The Call of the Wild
–London
White Fang
–London
Kavik, the Wolf Dog
–Morey
Bob, Son of Battle
–Ollivant
Daughter of the Mountains
–Rankin
Where the Red Fern Grows
–Rawls
The Hundred and One Dalmatians
–Smith
Further Adventures of Lad
–Terhune
Lad: A Dog
–Terhune

Horses

National Velvet
–Bagnold
The Black Stallion
–Farley
Born to Trot
–Henry
Justin Morgan Had a Horse
–Henry
King of the Wind
–Henry
Misty of Chincoteague
–Henry
Sea Star
–Henry
Stormy
–Henry
Smoky the Cowhorse
–James
The Horse and His Boy
–Lewis
My Friend Flicka
–O'Hara
The Blind Colt
–Rounds
Blind Outlaw
–Rounds
Whitey and the Colt Killer
–Rounds
Black Beauty
–Sewell

Wild West, Backwoods & the Rough Life

Shasta of the Wolves
–Baker
Wait for Me, Watch for Me, Eula Bee
–Beatty
Madeleine Takes Command
–Brill