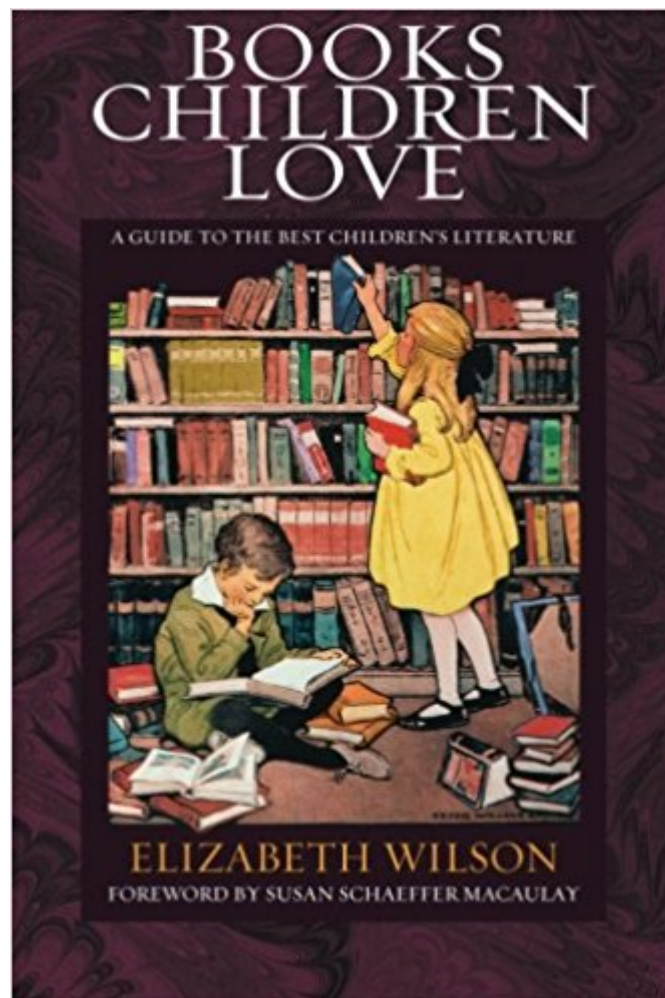




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# Books Children Love (Revised Edition): A Guide To The Best Children's Literature



## Synopsis

A love for reading is one of the most precious gifts that we can give children. It nurtures their imagination and creativity, lets them explore other worlds, and opens their minds to new truths and knowledge in appealing, inspiring ways. But how can we sort through thousands of children's books to discover the really worthwhile ones? Elizabeth Wilson offers us a newly revised, comprehensive guide to the very best in children's literature. Just as in the original volume, she comments on the tone and content of excellently written, captivating books in over two dozen subject areas. Hundreds of new titles have been added while retaining timeless classics and modern favorites-all of which respect traditional values. So that no matter what the children's ages are or whether they love fact or fiction, you can trust these books to share things that you can believe in and kids will delight in.

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ELIZABETH LARAWAY WILSON earned a BA and MA in literature and held editorial and college teaching positions before retiring. More importantly she has shared her love for books with her sons and grandchildren, along with countless others, through her popular previous edition of this work. Susan Schaeffer Macaulay grew up in Switzerland at L'Abri Fellowship, which was founded by her parents Francis and Edith Schaeffer. She and her husband Randal Macaulay established and led the L'Abri branch in England for several years. She is also the author of *For the Family's Sake* and contributed to *Books Children Love* and *When Children Love to Learn*.

This book is arranged by subject and reading level. There is a good variety of choices, and the books listed have all been evaluated to be wholesome and reinforce proper priorities, human relationships and good attitudes. There are wonderful classic books and newer books also. My child has enjoyed every title we have read from the booklists.

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(because of the quality of writing and storytelling), but will usually read another twenty times because of the richness of the story and the overall experience with which the child is left! Choose books which have characters to aspire to, stories to imitate, life lessons to be learned, all while fertilizing the seeds of each child's natural imagination!

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Elizabeth Wilson's guide to children's literature is a fantastic resource for homeschoolers, librarians, and anyone who wants to expose children to high quality books.

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