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AND A SUBJECT INDEX.

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This list of books is a selection from the books I have read in the Champaign public library. Most of these books may be found in the children's room; a few are in the main library.

The authors represented are those whose names have been found in the many good catalogs and lists prepared by librarians and a few other interested people, and in the library journals with the recommendation of someone who has made a study of children's literature.

The authors not represented include those whom librarians generally do not recommend, and also a few recommended in some lists, but which I have not taken because they did not give new pictures of life, or were tiresome reading, or because the children described seemed unreal or too mature for their years.

If a book is found in the Dewins, Carnegie, and Wisconsin lists it is without doubt a good book; if not found in any of these places, or in Hardy the subjects of which it treats the estimates of other good librarians who have made more general lists, or have put in print elsewhere their opinions, and my judgment have decided the choice. The authorities for the choice have been indicated in briefest form in outlining each book; a full list with titles in catalog entry is appended to this paper. The number of authorities given is limited to four in each case, regardless of the number of places in which the book has been found.

Children read stories for delight and diversion; they are eager to know, however, and a wise selection of stories ought to give information as well as entertainment on many subjects. Miss Dewins speaks of the small amount of general knowledge which many children get from their narrow lives; Librarian Patten speaks of the necessity of children's reading covering a wide range of subjects. I have endeavored to include books covering as great a variety of interests known to children and giving as many different experiences as possible.

A child is influenced morally as well as mentally by the books he reads.
If it be true that "children will adopt a low standard of conduct if you offer them books with a low standard and rest satisfied with pertness, slipshod good nature and bad breeding if that is put before them," then the contrary must be true and a story telling of bravery, unselfishness, or heroism, and a story with a fine moral tone cannot help being inspiring. The books on this list have been selected with reference to heart as well as brain culture.

The separate analysis of each book and the subject index to the whole is planned to enable people to get quickly some general idea of the book which they have not time to read, and to make it easier for those who know the individual child to select the books suited to his needs and desires. References in the subject index are by author. When two books of an author have been taken both of which illustrate the same subject, (2) is added after the author's name; if only one has material on the subject, the first word of the title is added after the author's name.

*Lucy McKim Garrison in Nation, Dec. 4, 1872, 17: 374, and quoted by Miss Hewins in her list.
Subject index to ninety stories.

Adventure.

Ambition.

Animals.

Boy life.

Boy and girl life.

Career.

Christmas.

Cruelty.

Education. (Some of these stories come also under School life and teachers. The sentiment in all of them is in favor of an education.)

Fighting.

Friendship.
Games and sports.

Geography.

Girl life.

Grandfathers.

Grandmothers.

Heroes and heroism.

Historical characters.

Home life.

Humor.

Indians.

Loyalty.

Manliness. (Business side)

Manliness. (Character side)
Misers.

Moral training—general.

Mothers, Love, and influence of

Negroes.

Outdoor life.

School life and teachers.

Social life and customs.

Social life and pleasures.

Sympathy and brotherhood.

Unselfishness.

Water.
Author: Abbot, Jacob
Title: Franconia stories.
Authorities for choice:
  Hewins
  Sargent
  Salem
  Ch. lib. ass.
Analysis of book:
  Pioneer life.
  Old fashioned simplicity and high standards of morality.
  Independent and self reliant children who were useful and happy at
  the same time.
  Character study of the children, showing some good ones and some
  bad ones.
  Description of games, amusements, parties, occupations, and journeys.
  Many facts about places and common things of life.

Author: Alcott, L.M.
Title: Little Men.
Authorities for choice:
  Hewins
  Carnegie
  Wisconsin
  Hardy
Analysis of book:
  Life in a boys' school which is like a home.
  Many adventures but not exciting ones.
  Shows how two boys whose moral natures were weak develop through
  Aunt Jo's motherly care and interest.
  A cheery book which brings home life into school life and tells of
  the safe guards and protections thrown around sheltered lives by a
  fine, wholesouled professor and his wife.

Author: Alcott, L.M.
Title: Little women.
Authorities for choice:
  Hewins
  Carnegie
  Wisconsin
  Newark
Analysis of book:
Story of the daily life of merry, helpful energetic girls.
Tells of their pranks, pleasures and responsibilities.
Ambition: Joe would write; Amy would draw.
Story of a mother's influence over her daughters.
Larry who is their friend and Jo's especially.
Description of their daily life: romance of love and youth; sorrow comes; the little women work and plan and have good times together, acting little plays and making home happy.

Author: Aldrich, F.B.
Title: Story of a bad boy.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Newark

Analysis of book:
A boy leaves his father in New Orleans and goes to live with his grandfather in Rivermouth, Mass.
Life in Rivermouth forty years ago; history and customs.
Boys' sports; the expedition in the sail boat; the snow fort; the pet horse; the boys' club; the centipedes.
Sailor Jack's yarns.
Boy's attempt to run away to New Orleans.
He gives up dreams of Harvard and enters a counting house.

Author: Allen, W.B.
Title: Navy blue.
Authorities:
Wisconsin sup.
Salem
Newark

Analysis of book:
Life at the Naval Academy in Annapolis; entrance examinations, duties, sports, social hops.
Life on a cruiser, David's choice.
Life as a naval engineer, his friend's choice.
An adventure in the Madeiras.
Growing friendship between a rich boy and a poor one.
Two little romances outlined—for each boy had a sister.
Home life of the boys and visits to each other's home.

Author: Amicis, Edmondo de
Title: Cuore; an Italian school boy's journal, or, The heart of a boy.
Authorities for choice:
- Hewins
- Wisconsin
- Brookline
- Ch. lib. ass.

Analysis of book:
Journal covers ten months—the school year.
Inspiring story told by the teacher each month a special feature.
Italian life, both school and home life; customs and ideals (very sincere).
Patriotism, honor and respect for teacher and parents.
Broad sympathy and true kindness of heart.
Victor E. Garibaldi.

Author: Barnes, James
Title: Hero of Erie.
Authorities for choice:
- Wisconsin
- Sargent, N.E.
- Brookline
- N.Y. Best books 1898.

Analysis of book:
Public life of Oliver H. Perry, the hero of Lake Erie; also something of his private life.
Naval affairs of war of 1812; details of battle of Lake Erie and its consequences.
Defense of Baltimore and bombardment of Fort McHenry.
Perry's private character; his heroism; his duel; expedition against pirates; end of a short but glorious career.

Author: Baylor, Mrs. E. C. R.
Title: Juan and Juanita
Authorities for choice:
- Hewins
- Carnegie
- Wisconsin
- Newark
Analysis of book:
Journey of two children aged twelve and ten who travel on foot 200 miles through the virgin forests of Texas to their Mexican home. Much knowledge of woodcraft is shown.
What four years living with Indians had taught them.
Animals as seen in their own homes.
Resources of a sturdy, self-reliant boy.
Picture of pioneer life.
Story of mother-love.

Author: Bennett, John
Title: Master Skylark.
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Wisconsin Sup.
St. Nicholas
N.Y. Best books. 1897.

Analysis of story:
The beautiful voice of a boy who sings before Queen Elizabeth and at the May play.
Shakespeare and Ben Jonson appear as real men.
A story of a boy who had a great love for his mother.
Story of a man who did not keep his promises.
Scenes: Stratford, Coventry and London.

Author: Blatchford, Mary
Title: Little Jane and me.
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Sargent, M. E.*
N.Y. Best books. 1888

Analysis of book:
Love lyric of a little girl for the little sister she admired; very true and sweet.
Daily life and experiences of two little girls who lived in New York City 50 years ago.
Shows child nature.
Life at a lady's day school.
How they went to see Jenny Lind but did not see her.
Author: Bouvet.
Title: Sweet William.
Authorities for choice:
   Carnegie
   Wisconsin
   Salem
   Lawrence
Analysis of book:
Scene of the story laid in Normandy during the feudal times.
Life of two children, one living in a tower and one in a castle.
The stern duke of Normandy, beautiful character of the children.
Love and gentleness and a child's trustfulness win the duke.
Story shows how sin reacts on one's own nature.
Tournament described, occupations, customs, and sports of the time.

Author: Bynesen, H.H.
Title: Against heavy odds.
Authorities for choice:
   Carnegie
   Wisconsin
   Newark
   Sargent Sup.
Analysis of book:
Story of life in a fishing town in Norway.
A mean man gains power and uses it badly.
Troubles of the resolute, courageous, ambitious boy, whose father has
lost his fortune.
Invention of a harpoon gun.
The mean man's daughter; her difficult position.
A story of final success and benevolence.

Author: Brooks, E.S.
Title: Boy of the first empire.
Authorities for choice:
   Carnegie
   Helena
   Brookline
   Buffalo
Analysis of book:
Boy of ten made a page of the palace; his duties.
Napoleon's career from the time of his second marriage to his
death; his private and public life.
Shows the spirit of the French people, how they lived and what they thought.
Picture of the Empress Josephine and the little king of Rome.

Author: Brooks, E.S.
Title: Master of the Strong hearts.
Authorities for choice:
- Carnegie
- Wisconsin
- Sargent, M.F.*
- N.Y. Best books 1898
Analysis of book:
Story of a New York boy who was assistant herder to Custer.
A brave, courageous, active boy who has experiences with the Indians in their homes.
Sitting Bull, the medicine chief, the Master of the Strong hearts.
Chief Gall and his tribe; young Wolf, Jack's friend.
Jack's two visits to the Indian lodges; his daring, venturesome spirit.
The fight in the Big Horn. Custer's last charge.
The tragedy of the 7th.
Final conquest of the Indians.
What Hampton Institute and good friends did for one Indian.

Author: Brooks, Noah
Title: Boy emigrants.
Authorities for choice:
- Hewins
- Carnegie
- Hunt
- Hardy
Analysis of book:
Journey of four boys who cross the continent from Northern Illinois to the gold fields of California in 1850.
Their adventures on the way; camp life and neighboring caravans; the stampede; the cloud burst; the new boy who joins their ranks.
Gold mines; how they were worked.
Character study of the boys as they show themselves in their trials and hardships.
Author: Burnett, Mrs. H.H.
Title: Little Lord Fauntleroy.
Authorities for choice:
- Hewins
- Carnegie
- Wisconsin
- Newark

Analysis of book:
How a little American boy becomes an English lord.
Story of friendliness toward all conditions of men.
Shows how "both halves" live.
Fauntleroy's belief in his grandfather's goodness softens the grim old gentleman.
A little boy's devotion and love for his mother.
Fauntleroy lacks some traits of an ordinary, active boy but has other commendables ones.

Author: Carroll, Lewis
Title: Alice in Wonderland.
Authorities for choice:
- Hewins
- Carnegie
- Wisconsin
- Field

Analysis of book:
Alice has adventures with a white rabbit, a mouse, a guinea pig, a lizard, a cheshire cat, a hedgehog, a mock turtle and a March hare who is mad indeed.
A real queen orders off her guests to execution but sometimes they are pardoned.
Alice meets the most unexpected things in the most unexpected places; they disappear sometimes and return again.
The new world is a very delightful place to her and she revels in it.

Author: Cheever
Title: Strange adventures of Billy Trill.
Authorities for choice:
- Carnegie
- Wisconsin
Analysis of book:

Billy Trill, a little canary gives his autobiography.  
Native home in the Canary Islands.  
Home in a store and a barber's shop.  
Home with some spoiled children in a wealthy home.  
He flies away; lives for a short time with an old lady and a little girl and finally comes into the possession of a little sick boy.  
Happiness in his new home; love and care shown here. Dogs, cats and birds are loved.

Author: Coolidge, Susan  
Title: What Katy did.  
Authorities for choice:  
- Hewins  
- Carnegie  
- Upton  
- Newark  

Analysis of book:

Story of an active little girl of twelve who lives with her father, auntie, brothers and sisters.  
Children's frolics, scrapes and games.  
Katy's queer choice of intimate friends; her father's wisdom.  
Cousin Helen who is an invalid visits them; why people love her.  
How Katy fell from the swing and was hurt.  
Katy's long sickness; Christmas and St. Valentine's Day in bed; the good times.  
Katy's two years in bed; she becomes father's housekeeper.  
Katy can stand at last; why people love her.

Author: Craik, D.W.  
Title: Adventures of a brownie.  
Authorities for choice:  
- Hewins  
- Carnegie  
- Wisconsin  
- Newark  

Analysis of book:

Adventures and sports of six merry little children in a country home in England.  
A brownie comes to be their playfellow; the book gives six adventures in which he has part.
He mimics people but they do not catch him; he blesses his friends and repays evil doers by his funny pranks.

How the children enjoy this delightful companion.

Author: Dana, R. H.
Title: Two years before the mast.
 Authorities for choice:
 Hewins
 Carnegie
 St. Nicholas

Analysis of book:
1835-36 a Harvard man sails from Boston to California around Cape Horn.
Life on board the ship; duties, storms, happenings.
Picture of life in California, trade, settlers, towns, customs.
Writer interested in people and tells a good deal about the characters he meets.
Description of a flogging mars the story for some readers.

Author: Defoe, Daniel
Title: Robinson Crusoe.
 Authorities for choice:
 Hewins
 Carnegie
 Wisconsin
 Upton

Analysis of book:
Story of a man who lived twenty-seven years on a desert island.
Robinson explores his island; how he uses his resources to wonderful advantage.
Robinson's outfit that he makes himself; his flock of goats; his bower; his cave.
Cannibals on the island. Robinson finds Friday.
Robinson Crusoe's arms and how they stood him in good stead.
The coming of the ship.

Author: Deland, E.D.
Title: Malvern
 Authorities for choice:
 Carnegie
Newark
Helena

Analysis of book:

Story of the doings of a number of bright young people; how they save money to go to the Fair.
Editing of a home paper; a lame boy's ambition to write.
A girl befriends another rather unpopular girl; she is misunderstood at first by more selfish people.
A manly big brother who gives his little sister pleasure and counsel.
Adventures at the World's Fair; the Spanish caravels.

Author: Diaz A. M.
Title: William Merry letters.
Authorities for choice:

Hewins
N.Y. Tr. lib.
Newark
Hardy

Analysis of book:

Picture of old fashioned country life; very true genuine people.
A man interested in people makes some pleasant acquaintances.
Small boy away at school; his letters show a real live boy.
School life, sports, games, training in manliness.
Picture of a dear grandmother.

Author: Dodge Mrs. M. V.
Title: Hans Brinker, or, The silver skates.
Authorities for choice:

Carnegie
Wisconsin
Helena
Hardy

Analysis of book:

Story of the doings of merry boys and girls.
The Brinker family; ten years of hardship and trouble; courage and pluck; nobility and kindness of friends.
Geography of Holland; surface and climate, cities, customs, canals and dykes; buildings.
Heroes and history of Holland.
Journey on the ice; adventures.
Christmas customs and other festivals.

Author: Drusdale, William
Title: Fast mail.
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Ch. lib. ass.

Analysis of book:
Story of a sixteen-year old boy who rises very fast from a union news boy to a station agent and finally to a general freight agent.
The boy's good habits, his manliness, courtesy and ambition.
Railroad story, full of adventure and excitement.
The boy's aid to an unfortunate news boy; success not the only thing.
How little Alice was lost and how she was found.
Description of Florida Keys and a visit to Edison's laboratory.

Author: Eccleston, Edward
Title: Hoosier school boy.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Newark

Analysis of book:
Story of pioneer life.
Picture of a country school; what the teacher was like; what his pupils studied; their sports.
An ambitious boy's luck and energy and his desire for an education.
How a mean man is outwitted.
A bully and his friends.
A bright, brave girl whose power is recognized.
How the boy who helped himself is helped.

Author: Ewing, Mrs. J. H.
Title: Daddy Darwin's dovecot.
Authorities for choice:
Boy from a poor house who loves pigeons. He finds a home with a pigeon fancier who is a miser. A story of what his pluck did for himself and what his good heart did for another. Boy rises to an honorable position. Miser becomes a better man.

Author: Mrs. J. H.
Title: Six to sixteen.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Newark
Hardy
Analysis of book:
A little girl has a varied life. She lives in India with her parents; in England with her uncle; at a boarding school; with the Arkwright family in the country; and for a short and rather trying time with her grandparents. Arkwright family of boys and girls lead a healthy, happy home life; their broad interests and means of culture at home; their love of nature; their influence on the growing girl.

Author: Grant, Robert
Title: Jack Hall
Authorities for choice:
Wisconsin
N.Y. tr. lib.
Sargent
Newark
Analysis of book:
Story of two boys who spend four years at a preparatory school. Fine ideals and inspiration of the school; its special appeal to the better class of boys of today. Jack's mischievous pranks; the "Big Four"; his whipping; he begins to work.
Games; baseball and boating; a boat race; position of athletics generally.
Jack's record when he comes to graduate; Haseltine has two offers of a position; the friends separate.

Author: Grant, Right.
Title: Jack in the bush.
Authorities for choice:
- Ch. lib. ass.
- Buffalo
- Brookline
- Newark

Analysis of book:
Story of six boys and a teacher who spend the summer on the St. Lawrence and in the Canadian woods fishing, canoeing and hunting. The competition between the boys as to who will win the rifle. Influence of the prize in bringing out the good qualities of a timid boy.
Life in camp; adventures with a bear, a drowning man; canoeing through the rapids.
The final contest; the prize stands for moral as well as physical victories.

Author: Harraden, Beatrice.
Title: Things will take a turn.
Authorities for choice:
- Wisconsin
- Helena
- Newark
- Ch. lib. ass.

Analysis of book:
Little girl of ten and her grandfather live on what they make in a little book store.
Touching picture of their mutual love and refinement.
How the child wins friends.
Her companionship with invalid Violet.
People in different circumstances are drawn together and love each other.
The doll and the parrot who cheered them.
A time of trouble and a time of prosperity.
Author: Harris
Title: Aaron in the wild woods.
Authorities for choice:
Wisconsin
N.Y.Best books.1897.
Buffalo
Newark
Analysis of book:
Story of southern people and southern life during slavery times.
Aaron, the Arab is sold; his two masters.
Animals tell the stories; the grey poney, the track dog and the white pig all have part in Aaron's life.
A story of loyalty to friends.
A story of heroism and adventure.

Author: Henty. G.A.
Title: Cat of Bubastes
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Hardy
Brooklyn
Newark
Analysis of book:
Home of the Rebu on the west shore of the Caspian.
The Egyptians besiege the city and take it.
Amuba, the prince taken captive; his new home.
Egyptian life, customs, amusements; habits and character of the people; religion; mode of warfare.
The killing of the sacred cat; the excitement among the Egyptians;
Amuba and his friends flee.
Egyptian Jews; Moses and the Jewish maiden.
Amuba returns to his old home; his life there.

Author: Holder, C.F.
Title: Treasure divers.
Authorities for choice:
Sargent, M.E.*
N.Y.Best books,1898
Analysis of book:
Marvellous adventures of a submarine boat while hunting for
buried treasure.
Deep sea animals; their life and habits.
Photography under water.
A diver's adventures.
The finding of the box, long buried in the old wreck.
Identity of the young man of the party as Lord Fordon now established; he comes into his own and remembers his old sailor friends handsomely.

Author: Howard, E. W.
Title: No heroes.
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Salem
Helena
Buffalo
Analysis of book:
Dr. Rhea's Bob has a chance to sail to Cuba on the beautiful Bess. Why he gave it up and the struggle he had.
Taking care of a riser.
A very real boy, with little toleration for disagreeable people, learns something.

Author: Howells, W. D.
Title: A boy's town.
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
St. Nicholas
Sargent. Sup.
Analysis of book:
Picture of life in Jefferson Ohio, where Mr. Howell's father was an editor and brought up his family.
What a boy of forty years ago thought and did.
Time of the Mexican war; politics and history of the times.
Sports on the water and ice; hunting and nutting.
Boys' games; going to circuses and plays; excursions around town; a boy's fancies and dreams.
Animals and pets.
The boy's opinions of life as they were influenced by his chums, the books he read and his broad-minded, intelligent parents.
A printing office as a school.
Author: Hughes, Thomas
Title: Tom Brown's school days
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Newark

Analysis of book:
Life at the famous English school, Rugby; the government, interests and studies there.
Career of Tom Brown and his adventures and friends.
Customs and games; fagging, singing, boxing, football, hare and hound, cricket.
Dr. Arnold; his character and personality; new ideals of a teacher's relations with pupils.
Influence for good; the masters; the old boys, Young Brooke and Old Brooke, Arthur; the religious sentiment of the school.

Author: Buttre, Lawrence
Title: Boy I knew and four dogs
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Newark
Sargent, M.E.*

Analysis of book:
What sort of a life this boy of good family lived.
His games; his friends; his boyish trials and disappointments.
The four dogs he owned and loved are told about in the second part of the book.
Each dog is written about as an individual with affections and habits of his own.

Author: Ingersoll, Ernest
Title: Ice queen
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Buffalo
Newark
Analysis of book:

Four children, ages six to eighteen, skate to Cleveland, 100 miles away.

The novel way in which they take their possessions with them.

A story of a plucky girl and three boys who are plucky too.

Their adventures on the way; snowed under, ice breaks up; the wild dogs.

A month's journey is safely ended.

Author: Inman, Henry
Title: Ranch on the Oxhide.
Authorities for choice:

Carnegie
Sargent, M.E.
Newark
N.Y. Best books 1898.

Analysis of book:

Story of frontier life.
Family life on the Kansas frontier 1865-69
Sports; hunting and fishing.
Animal life on the frontier.
Old settlers' stories.
Joe a typical frontiersman. His Indian lore.
Girl taken by the Indians. Knowledge of their life gained; her escape.

Author: Jackson, H.H.
Title: Nelly's silver mine.
Authorities for choice:

Hewins
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Newark

Analysis of book:

Two eastern children go to Colorado to live.

Information about traveling.

A capable chancy little mother and a cultured father.

Business ability of the children; they sell butter and eggs.

The little invalid boy whom they help.

Nelly's mine and what came of it.

The assaying office.
How Nelly wins friends everywhere.
Wealthy friends treat them to an eastern trip.

Author: Jamison, C.V.
Title: Toinette's Philip.
Authorities for choice:
- Hewins
- Wisconsin
- Helena
- Newark

Analysis of book:
- Philip's quaint, happy life in New Orleans.
- His life in New York amid new conditions.
- How Philip misses the love he was used to.
- Philip's pranks; Lilybel, the negro lad; the cage of white mice.
- Philip and Lilybel decide to return to New Orleans; their journey.
- Madam Ainsworth makes a discovery; her anxiety for Philip now; her successful search.
- Philip becomes an artist.

Author: Jewett, S.Q.
Title: Betty Leicester.
Authorities for choice:
- Hewins
- Carnegie
- Wisconsin
- Newark

Analysis of book:
- A girl of 15 spends the summer in a country village of New England.
- A traveler herself, this seems rather a narrow life.
- How she sweetens life to the people of the village.
- Two elderly aunts, a girl and her own chum take an interest in the neighborhood.
- Some jolly times and broader views for all.

Author: Jewett, S.Q.
Title: Betty Leicester's Christmas.
Authorities for choice:
- Carnegie
- Wisconsin Sup.
Analysis of book:

A pretty picture of an English Christmas.

Author: Johnson, R.
Title: Phaeton Rogers.

Analysis of book:

Inventive capabilities of active boys seen in most wonderful ways. (Humor is as strong a feature of the book as Invention)

Author: King, Charles.
Title: Cadet days.

Analysis of book:

The son of an army surgeon at a military post goes to West Point. West Point life; entrance examination; details of course of study; the military drill.

Bad companions and their influence.

Pranks and escapades; some mean boys.

Story of a boy to whom home and home people meant a great deal. Courage, bravery, patience and manliness win the day.
Social life at the Point.
Graduation.

Author: Kingsley, Charles.
Title: Water babies.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Hardy
Analysis of book:
This story combines scientific information with training in morals and yet remains an entrancing fairy tale.
Tom becomes a water baby and gets his education in a new way.
The reader is introduced to a new world, a water world, both strange and beautiful.
Life in the sea, the fish, the sea urchins, lowest forms of animal life and the development constantly going on.
The good fairy uses a novel and yet a most sensible way in her school.

Author: Kirk, E. O.
Title: Dorothy Deane.
Authorities for choice:
N.Y. Best books, 1898
Sargent, M. E.
Newark
Mothers' congress.
Analysis of book:
Doings of Marcia, Dorothy and the twins who love to go on exploring expeditions by river and wood.
Daring adventures; coasting, picnicking; playing colonial dames; visits to the farm.
Dorothy's home life in a Puritan household; her mother and grandmother.
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at Dorothy's home.
Change of life that comes to Marcia and Dorothy.

Author: Lillie L. C.
Title: Household of Glen Holly
Authorities for choice:
Buffalo
Sargent
Brookline
Salem

Analysis of book:
This household has many interests in the home and outside.
The endeavor of some young girls to help the neighborhood and establish a nursery.
English school life; the doctor; the contests; the boys.
Story of a brave manly boy who "felt his name"; his friendship with his sister.
One member of the household becomes indispensable to a wealthy lady and a crippled boy.
A father's influence in the family.

Author: Martineau, Harriet
Title: The Peasant and the Prince.

Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Hardy
Sargent
Buffalo

Analysis of book:
Life of the poor people in France at the time of the Revolution; the hard laws; hopelessness of the people.
Passing of the Queen through the little village. Her gracious act powerless to help the people generally.
Marie Antionette and Louis XVI; their characters and lives.
The Prince, the young Louis; his daily life.
Progress of the Revolution; hardships and suffering of the royal family.
Louis's fate. Conditions in France.

Author: May, Sophie
Title: In Old Quinnebassett.

Authorities for choice:
Sargent Sup.
Brookline
Upton
Salem
Analysis of book:

Daily life of a bright, interesting girl of sixteen as written in her diary in 1788.
Questions of the time; the new government, temperance, religion, reforms.
Davy, the much loved small brother and his trouble at school and at church.
The influence of the minister and the teacher in the town.
The two grandmothers.
Pleasures; outings, evening calls; tea-party; governor's ball.
Love affairs, how all obstacles are finally removed and pretty little romance takes place.

Author: Molesworth, M.L.
Title: Adventures of Herr Baby.
Authorities for choice:

Hardy
Lawrence
Sargent
Newark

Analysis of book:

A dear quaint baby boy takes a journey and has other adventures.
The trip on the cars with mamma, auntie and the other three children.
The pretty town of Santino with mountains on one side and the sea on the other.
The shop with the pretty pictures.
How baby was lost and found.
The ogre who turns out to be the gardener.

Author: Molesworth, Mrs. M.L.
Title: Carrots, or Just a little boy.
Authorities for choice:

Carnegie
Hardy
Lawrence
Sargent

Analysis of book:

The friendship between Carrots who is six and Floss who is ten.
Plans for saving a shilling and the trouble about the sovereign.
Visit from Cousin Sibyl, a radiant, fortunate cousin.
The two children travel alone to Cousin Sibyl's home. Stories which are told them by their kind auntie. A beautiful home where people are very kind and lovely.

Author: Munroe, Kirk.
Title: The white conquerors.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Helena

Analysis of book:
Story of the capture of Tenochtitlan, the capital of Mexico by Hentzin, the Toltec and Cortes, the Spaniard in 1521
Description of the city.
King Montezuma; his character; his capture.
Religion of the Aztecs and Toltecs; the priesthood and idols.
The long siege of the city. Methods of fighting and heroic deeds.
Character of Cortes and his work; his captains and friends.

Author: Otis, James.
Title: Mr. Stubb's brother.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Newark

Analysis of book:
Toby Tyler and his friends try to organize a circus; their animals. Coming of the real circus; the new monkey, Mr. Stubb's brother.
Uncle David entertains Toby's old friends.
Befriending the boy from the poor farm.
Things go wrong with the boys' circus; their ponies.
Career of Mr. Stubb's brother.
Ben's generosity to the little cripple.
Toby Tyler's home with its simple-minded, trustful, humble, kindly people.

Author: Otis, James.
Title: Toby Tyler.
Authorities for choice:
Toby Tyler was enamored of a circus by seeing the lemonade stand and ran away from home. He sells lemonade; his hard master. His friends; Ben, the driver; the fat woman; the skeleton; the little girl. Mr. Stubbs, the monkey, his greatest comfort. Loneliness. People in low life who have kind hearts. A new field of work; riding in the circus. Toby Tyler bids his friends good bye and runs away, only too glad to get home.

Author: Quida.
Title: Nürnberg stove.

Analysis of book:

Peasant life in the Swiss valley. Hirschvogel, the beautiful white porcelain stove. The stove is sold; consternation among the children. August, the little nine year old dreamer, has a journey and sees the king. August's future as an artist.

Story is dramatic in the intensity of feeling shown. Author emphasizes the value of working for the sake of the art as the old masters, like Hirschvogel, did.

Author: Page, T.N.
Title: Two little Confederates.
Analysis of book:

Family life of a Southern family living on a Virginia plantation in war times, written by a Southerner.

Their connection with the Confederate and Yankee soldiers who camp near at different times.

Courage and energy of the mother; drollery and faithfulness of their negroes; heroic and laughable adventures of the small boys.

A sympathetic portrayal of the sacrifices southern people made for their cause, with incidents showing personal sympathy between Northern and Southern people.

Author: Perry, Nora
Title: Hope Benham
Authorities for choice:
Helena
Buffalo
Sargent, Sup.
Brookline

Analysis of book:

Story of girls' life at a boarding school.
Social life at the school; parties, theaters, and behavior.
Two social questions: Shall uncongenial people be shunned or helped? Is refinement dependent on environment or on the people themselves?

The development of the character of Hope Benham who once sold arbutus and is now a fine violinist and the daughter of a famous and wealthy inventor, once a poor engineer.

Dolly Deering who also develops.

Dorothy and Hope play a duet on their violins.

Author: Plympton, A.G.
Title: Flower of the wilderness.
Authorities for choice:
N.Y. Best books 1899.
Brookline
Ch. lib. ass.

Analysis of book:

Master Beauchamp, a violinist, and his grandson visit Dorchester, Mass. in colonial times.

Story shows both sides of the Puritan character; the admirable
character of the old man and the manly character of the boy. The bird life as Master Beauchamp records it in his journal. Search after Mr. Beauchamp's friend's child, the little orphan girl called "The flower of the wilderness". Hardships of the visitors; life with the Indians; kindness to the Puritans; honors at last.

Author: Putnam, Eleanor and Bates, Arlo
Title: Prince Vance.
Authorities for choice:
Salem
Newark
Brookline
Mothers' congress.
Analysis of book:
A boy who could not obey and who liked to be lazy and to play jokes on people has a strange experience. The court are changed into tiny people and the boy travels around with his court on his back. The lesson he learns and the adventures he has. A pretty story with lots of action, in which both reasonable and unreasonable things happen. The boy returns, a changed boy, and the court people are again themselves and life is merry.

Author: Pyle, Howard
Title: Merry adventures of Robin Hood.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Hardy
Analysis of book:
English life at the time of Henry II and Queen Eleanor. Fairs, shooting matches and customs of the time. How Robin Hood founded his band in Sherwood forest. How the band grew; Little John and Friar Tuck. Ancient ballads and stories. Sheriff of Nottingham and the outlaws. Richard the Lion heart and Robin Hood's men.
Author: Pyle, Howard.
Title: Otto and the silver hand.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Newark
Mothers' congress.
Analysis of book:
Boy's life in Germany during the time of the robber barons.
Life in the Baron's castles and in the monastery on the Rhine.
Otto is made a prisoner; a tragedy.
One-eyed Hans:
The heroic struggle when Baron Conrad held the bridge.
The Emperor Rudolph and Otto. Life at the palace.

Author: Ray, A.C.
Title: Teddy; her book.
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Brookline
Newark
Analysis of book:
Teddy is a lively girl of fifteen who does impulsive things.
A story with a lovely stepmother, who wins her way, and a wise father.
The jolly fellowship between Teddy and the sick boy next door.
Teddy's loyalty to a friend in trouble.
Her ambition for an education; authorship.
Graduation at Smith college; her popularity.

Author: Richards, L.E.
Title: Three Margarets.
Authorities for choice:
Newark
Brookline
Analysis of book:
Three girl cousins of 15, 16 and 17 years: respectively, meet in their uncle's house.
Difference in character and training in Rita, the Cuban girl,
Reggy, the Westerner and the professor's daughter, Margaret. Amusing description of how they regard each other. The interesting things they find to do in the great old house. The adventure in the swamp. The girls grow to appreciate each other.
Rita's plot and what came of it; her romantic nature. Their uncle appears. Margaret, the thoughtful and tactful and most kind hearted one of the three, is to live with her uncle.

Author: Saunders, Marshall.
Title: Beautiful Joe.
Authorities for choice:
- Hewins
- Carnegie
- Wisconsin
- Buffalo

Analysis of book:
A dog tells the story of his life and the people and animals he knows.
The Morris children and their pets.
Domestic animals and their ways; trapping wild animals; circus animals; care and proper treatment of individual animals.
How animals teach unselfishness and brotherhood.
Story telling by animals and about them; some stories about people; some stories of cruelty and oppression.
Joe's visit to a farm; how he finally comes to live on Dingley farm and enjoy his old age.

Author: Sewell, Anna
Title: Black Beauty.
Authorities for choice:
- Hewins
- Carnegie
- Wisconsin
- Helena

Analysis of book:
Autobiography of a horse from colthood to old age.
Black Beauty's masters and grooms.
Proper care of a horse; his food; harness; training; how to avoid diseases.
Interesting and exciting adventures.
Character study of people as they reveal themselves in their dealings with horses.

Author: Sidney, Margaret
Title: Five little Peppers and how they grew.
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Lawrence
Newark

Analysis of book:
Home life of five poor children who have good times together, love music and flowers, their mother and each other.
Hard times in the Pepper home; measles; Mrs. Pepper's sewing; no schooling; Polly's eyes.
Good times for the Peppers; Jasper King befriends them.
Amusements; baking cake and other good things; the Christmas treat.
The Peppers go to the city; their life with their new friends.

Author: Smith, M.P.E.
Title: Young Puritans in King Philip's war.
Authorities for choice:
St. Nicholas
Sargent, M.E.
Newark
Salem

Analysis of book:
Life in a Connecticut valley town in 1675.
The work of the children of the Puritans; their play.
How the Puritans regarded life and their neighbors.
Northampton and Hatfield; the angel appears at the Hatfield church.
Preparation for war and how it was conducted generally, but little of the actual fighting.
How two girls are lost.

Author: Spyri, Johanna
Title: Heidi.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Newark
Analysis of book:

Story of a quaint child in her life in a peasant's hut and in a city home.

How Heidi was Klara's companion; the quaint, original things she does and says.

Story with two grandmothers in it.

The interesting people in Klara's home.

Heidi's return to her grandfather.

The interesting people who live on the mountain.

Mountain air and wholesome food have a magical effect on Klara.

The brotherhood of man; how love transforms people.

Author: Stevenson, R.L.
Title: Kidnapped.
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Sargent
Brookline
Upton.

Analysis of book:

The adventures that befell David Balfour, a boy of seventeen in the Highlands of Scotland.

Adventure at his grandfather's house; the kidnapping; voyage; shipwreck.

He meets Alan Breck, the adventurous Jacobite.

Alan and David flee for their lives through the heather. (This comprises about half the narration of the book and gives a fine character study as well as a thrilling story.)

The condition of Scotland in 1745 and following years; Jacobites and Campbells.

How David comes into his own.

Author: Stevenson, R.L.
Title: Treasure Island.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Newark
Upton

Analysis of book:

An old man dies at an inn and leaves a clue to buried treasure.
Preparation for a voyage to find the treasure; the choosing of the crew.
The voyage; trouble on board.
The ship's party rally around Dr. Livesey and John Silver; character study of the two men.
Adventures on sea and island; some jolly fighting.
The boy of the party has some daring adventures.
The treasure found; the voyage home.

Author: Stockton, Frank.
Title: Jolly fellowship.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Newark
Lawrence

Analysis of book:
Story of boys of 14 and 16 and a girl of 18; humorous account of their doings.
An ocean trip of two boys to St. Augustine; one boy in charge of the other.
How they meet the girl and finally like her.
An adventure with the Indians of the fort.
Description of St. Augustine; the trip up the river.
Nassau in the Bahamas.
Boat on fire; a shipwreck; the lost are found.
The dinner to which no one came; the humor of the situation.
A boy's ambition for college acquired incidentally.

Author: Stockton, Frank.
Title: Story of Viteau.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Newark
Lawrence

Analysis of book:
Picture of life in France in the 15th century.
Home life of the Countess of Viteau and her boys; their training.
Louis is to be a page and goes to a Count's castle.
Manners and customs of feudal times.
The robbers capture Louis; his life in the woods.
The Countess and the Inquisition.
Louis IX, the boy king, interviewed by the children.
The daring adventures by which the Countess regains her castle.

Author: Stoddard, W.O.
Title: Dab Kinzer.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Hardy
Analysis of book:
Story of active boy life along the shore of Long Island.
How Dab Kinzer changes with his first pair of trousers; his wise
mother and sensible brother-in-law.
Adventures on land and water; Dab shows his pluck and self reliance.
School life at a New England Academy.
A boarding house; a box from home.
How a country boy learns to meet people with tact and yet to hold
his own.

Author: Stoddard, W.O.
Title: Guert Ten Eyck, a hero story.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Carnegie
N.Y. Tr. lib.
Ch. lib. ass.
Analysis of book:
The part a boy of fourteen has in events at the opening of the
Revolutionary war.
Fine description of New York society in 1774; the interest of wo-
men in the war; Rebels and Loyalists.
Preparations for war at the homes. Humorous accounts.
Historical characters: Burr, Hamilton, Livingston, Washington, Paul
Revere.
Scouts: Guert as one of them; his mother's help.
Nathan Hale; his work as a scout; his death.

Author: Stowe, H.E.
Title: Uncle Tom's cabin.
Authorities for choice:
   Hewins
   Carnegie
   Brookline
   Hardy
Analysis of book:
   Story of life on a southern plantation before 1860.
   A dramatic picture of slave life with all its institutions; vivid picture of the life of that day and in that society.
   Uncle Tom, the patient noble negro, as he was in good and evil fortunes.
   Clear, strong pictures of people connected with his life; George and Eliza Harris, St Clair, Eva, Miss Ophelia, and Legree the trader.
   Stirring and exciting adventures in which blood hounds have part.

Author: Sweet, Sophie
Title: Flying hill farm
Authorities for choice:
   Sargent Sup.
   Salem
   Buffalo
Analysis of book:
   Daily life and amusements of a family of children.
   The children have a circus; the trained pig.
   The girl who was a rag picker; her father is a bad man.
   A lesson in telling the truth; witness in a court.
   Rhoda's pride has a fall; she becomes more charitable.
   Hostilities end in good will and the girls have a scheme on hand for helping the neighborhood.

Author: Thane, Octave
Title: We all
 Authorities for choice:
   Hewins
   Carnegie
   Hardy
   Hunt, C.M.
Analysis of book:
   Frontier life.
A Chicago boy's visit to his Arkansas cousins.
A man who gained wealth and lost none of his manhood.
Story of loyalty and friendship in two generations.
Criticism and aloofness change to admiration as this boy learns to know and appreciate his cousins.
The detective and the counterfeiters give the story an inviting air of mystery.

**Author:** Twain, Mark

**Title:** Prince and Pauper

**Authorities for choice:**
- Hewins
- Carnegie
- Wisconsin
- Lawrence

**Analysis of book:**
- Through an accident the future Edward VI of England changes places with a peasant lad, Tom Canty, who much resembles him.
- Humor of the situation; both boys claim to be what they are, but people think they have a malady.
- The prince's adventures and hair-breadth escapes.
- England's laws and penalties; the prince sees things new to him.
- Tom Canty's life at the palace; courtiers, ceremonies, customs, pageants.
- Dramatic scene at the coronation when the boys meet.
- Christ's hospital; Tom, the Ward of the King.
- Edward VI's merciful reign influenced by his adventure.

**Author:** Twain, Mark

**Title:** Adventures of Tom Sawyer

**Authorities for choice:**
- Upton
- Buffalo
- Sargent
- Salem

**Analysis of book:**
- Picture of life as it existed twenty-five years ago in a little frontier town on the Mississippi River.
- Romantic and thrilling adventures of Tom Sawyer and his chum, Huckleberry Finn. They have experiences with robbers and murderers and live in a cave.
Humorous picture of Tom's school life; his sweet heart; his poor aunt's despair and pride.
Tom and his chum find a buried treasure and become rich; they are the heroes of the town.

Author: Vaile, C. M.
Title: Orcutt girls.
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Helena
Newark

Analysis of book:
Two country girls work in a corset factory and earn money to attend school.
Study of Latin and a "pony".
Mr. Hermon as a principal.
How the girls keep house; their friend, the dressmaker.
The girls have a taste of society.
How Sue supplies for a teacher.
Dick, a bright, lively boy, a friend of theirs.

Author: Vaile, C. M.
Title: Sue Orcott.
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Newark
Salem

Analysis of book:
Girl life at college; friends and studies.
A girl's ambition to write.
Influence of a teacher interested in boys and girls.
Sue's midnight ride.
A wedding at the farm.
Sue's two years of teaching.
Dick comes west; the marriage.

Author: Wesselhoeft, L. F.
Title: Sparrow, the tramp.
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Hardy
Sargent
Lawrence

Analysis of book:
Story about three children, four birds, two cats, several kittens, two rats and several grown people, who are not important. Sparrow, the tramp, stays out nights and neglects his family, but he reforms before it is too late. The animals talk to each other, plan and carry out some fine schemes in which the children are concerned. Nancy, the little match girl, finds a good home. Posy and Tom have a great interest in animals and are very kind to poor people.

Author: White, E.O.
Title: Little girl of long ago.
Authorities for choice:
Hewins
Wisconsin
Buffalo
Newark

Analysis of book:
Daily life of a little girl who lived in Boston seventy years ago. How this little girl spent her time; her games; her work; her dolls, her school, her baby brother. Four year old Charles has adventures. Special invitations; visit to the city. Birthday presents. Going to the theater; having her picture taken by her artist papa.

Author: Wiggins, K.D.
Title: Birds' Christmas Carol
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Field
Ch. lib. ass.

Analysis of book:
Story of a little invalid girl surrounded by comfort and love.
A merry uncle who makes her happy.
Carol Bird's plans for Christmas; her Christmas spirit.
The invitation sent to the Ruggles family.
The Ruggles are washed and dressed and instructed; (humorous account)
The dinner party.
The end of the happy day; the choir boys; what comforted Carol's family in their sorrow.

Author: Wiggin, E.D.
Title: Summer in a Canon
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
Wisconsin
Brookline
Newark
Analysis of book:
Camping party of six merry boys and girls with Dr. and Mrs. Winship and the heir apparent.
Good pictures of California scenery; stories and legends of early California.
Life in camp; infectious fun of the gay party; their "play"; campfires; exploring and riding; their world; the heir apparent is lost and found.
Lessons in behavior; the girl who was impulsive and quick tempered, the visitor who was jealous; Mrs. Winship's tact.

Author: Wright, W.O.
Title: Tommy-Anne and the three hearts.
Authorities for choice:
Carnegie
M.Y. Tr. lib.
Brookline
Ch. lib. ass.
Analysis of book:
A healthy out door girl and her dog live in a new fairy land.
Birds, insects and reptiles tell her the stories of their lives.
How Tommy-Anne liked this fanciful world with "out-doors" people.
Brotherhood that exists between the Heart of Nature, the Heart of God and the Heart of Man.
Christmas day when Tommy-Anne's new friends come to visit her and she sees a baby brother.
Author: Wyss, J.F.
Title: Swiss family Robinson.
Authorities for choice:
   Hewins
   Carnegie
   Hardy
   Sargent
Analysis of book:
Adventures of a family, shipwrecked on a desert island.
How the wreck of the boat yields them supplies.
The wonderful productiveness of the island.
The house in the treetop.
Great ingenuity of the family in turning things to account.
The salt cave.
The strange animals on the island.
The education of the boys in self reliance and in handling tools.
Visitors come to the island; Ernest's departure and what came therefrom.
Swiss Family Robinson have the island for a permanent home.
List of abbreviations
used in this thesis for the names of authorities.

1. Brookline
Brookline (Mass.) - Public library.
List of books for boys and girls. 1900.

2. Buffalo
Buffalo (N.Y.) - Public library.
List of books in the children's department. 1898.

3. Carnegie
Pittsburgh - Carnegie library.
Graded and annotated catalogue of books for the use of the
city schools. 1900.

Cambridge (Mass.), Church library association.
Catalogue of books recommended by the church library association
for Sunday school and parish libraries. 1900.

5. Field
Field, Mrs. G.E.
Literature for little folks. (see Public libraries, Feb. 1901.
6:71-76.)

6. Hardy
Hardy, G.E.
Five hundred books for the young. 1892.

7. Helena
Helena (Mont.) - Public library.

8. Hewins
Hewins, G.M.
Books for boys and girls. 1897.

9. Hunt
Hunt, G.M.
Picture work in children's libraries. (see Library journal
Aug. 1900, 75:66)

10. Lawrence
Lawrence, I.
Classified reading. 1898.
11. Mothers' congress
   National congrcss of mothers.
   List of books for children. (1900)

12. N.Y. Best books 1897-99.
   New York (state) - Library.
   Best books. 1897-99.

13. N.Y. Tr. Lib.
    New York (state) - University - Home education department.
    Traveling library. No. 20, 22, 26, 28, 31. 1895-97.

14. Newark
    Newark (N.J.) - Public library.
    Library news; special number for boys and girls. Aug.-Sept. 1899,
    V. 10 Nos. 8 and 9; Oct. 1900, V. II. No. 10.

15. St. Nicholas
    List of one hundred books. (see St. Nicholas, Mar. 1900, 27: 444-446.)

16. Salem
    Salem (Mass.) - Public library.
    Books for young people. 1899.

17. Sargent
    Sargent, J. F.
    Reading for the young. 1890.
    ______ Supplement... comp. by M. E. and A. L. Sargent. 1896.

18. Sargent, M. E.
    List of books for juvenile readers. (see Public libraries.
    July 1899, 4: 384)
    Books most approved have a *

19. Upton
    Upton, G.E.
    Best reading for the young. (see Public libraries.
    Feb. 1901. 6: 28-31)

20. Wisconsin
    Wisconsin - Public instruction, State Supt. of.
    List of books for township libraries. 1899.
    ______ Supplement. 1900.