

# Selected List of Recommended Books by or about Women to Help in Developing a Balanced Curriculum, Grades 7-12\*

## Grades 7 and 8

*Women*  
*Cat Ate My Gymsuit*  
*Anger with My Face*  
*Member of My German Soldier*  
*He Road Slowly*  
*Love You When*  
*John*  
*the Wolfman and Me*  
*My Waters*  
*Wizard of Earthsea*  
*Id of Blue Dolphins*  
*Grit*  
*h of Blackbird Pond*  
*of Thunder, Hear My Cry*  
*Other Side of the Mountain*  
*y's Song*

Louisa May Alcott  
 Paula Danziger  
 Lois Duncan  
 Bette Greene  
 Irene Hunt  
 Mary Lee Kerr  
 Jamaica Kincaid  
 Norma Klein  
 Madeleine L'Engle  
 Ursula K. LeGuin  
 Scott O'Dell  
 Charles Portis  
 Elizabeth Speare  
 Mildred Taylor  
 E. G. Valens  
 Cynthia Voigt

## Grades 9 and 10

*How Why the Caged Bird Sings*  
*My Eyes*  
*ding Day: And Other Stories*  
*s of Avalon*  
*Cherishing Heights*  
*of Africa*  
*becca*  
*Mike*  
*Revolt of Mother*  
*d Other Stories)*  
*biography of Miss Jane Pittman*  
*cle Worker*  
*as*  
*in in the Sun*  
*well to Manzanar*  
*ie Trees of Thika*  
*es ("The Lottery")*  
*White Heron and Other Stories*  
*Story of My Life*  
*Woman Warrior*

Maya Angelou  
 Judy Blume  
 Kay Boyle  
 Marion Zimmer Bradley  
 Emily Bronte  
 Isak Dinesen  
 Daphne Du Maurier  
 Benedict and Nancy  
 Freedman  
 Mary Wilkins Freeman  
 Ernest J. Gaines  
 William Gibson  
 Susan Glaspell  
 Lorraine Hansberry  
 Jean and James Houston  
 Elspeth Huxley  
 Shirley Jackson  
 Sarah Orne Jewett  
 Helen Keller  
 Maxine Kingston

*Breaking Up*  
*To Kill a Mockingbird*  
*Memories of a Catholic Girlhood*  
*Member of the Wedding*  
*Nectar in a Sieve*  
*Coming of Age in Mississippi*  
*Wide Sargasso Sea*  
*Tree Grows in Brooklyn*  
*Tisha*

## Grade 11

*Little Women*  
*The Dollmaker*  
*Clan of Cave Bear*  
*Jane Eyre*  
*Women and Fiction,*  
*Vols. I, II, III*  
*My Antonia/The Troll Garden*  
*Life in the Iron Mills*  
*Poetry*  
*Short Stories*  
*The Yellow Wallpaper*  
*The Little Foxes*  
*A Doll's House*  
*The Bluest Eye/Sula*  
*Short Stories*  
*Yonnondio*  
*The Bell Jar*  
*Ceremony*  
*Uncle Tom's Cabin*  
*Jubilee*  
*The Wide Net and Other Stories*  
*Our Nig*

## Grade 12

*Pride and Prejudice*  
*The Good Earth*  
*Silent Spring*  
*My Mortal Enemy*  
*The Awakening*  
*Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*  
*The Mill on the Floss*  
*The Lying Days*  
*Their Eyes Were Watching God*  
*The Grass Is Singing*

Norma Klein  
 Harper Lee  
 Mary McCarthy  
 Carson McCullers  
 Kamala Markandaya  
 Anne Moody  
 Jean Rhys  
 Betty Smith  
 Robert Specht

Louisa May Alcott  
 Harriette Arnow  
 Jean Auel  
 Charlotte Bronte  
 Susan Cahill (stories)

Willa Cather  
 Rebecca Harding Davis  
 Emily Dickinson  
 Mary Wilkins Freeman  
 Charlotte Perkins Gilman  
 Lillian Hellman  
 Henrik Ibsen  
 Toni Morrison  
 Flannery O'Connor  
 Tillie Olsen  
 Sylvia Plath  
 Leslie Silko  
 Harriet Beecher Stowe  
 Margaret Walker  
 Eudora Welty  
 Harriet Wilson

Jane Austen  
 Pearl S. Buck  
 Rachel Carson  
 Willa Cather  
 Kate Chopin  
 Annie Dillard  
 George Eliot  
 Nadine Gordimer  
 Zora Neale Hurston  
 Doris Lessing

s of Girls and Women  
 en of Brewster Place  
 ut, Mother  
 Little Disturbance of Man  
 es (Portable Collection of)  
 icted Stories  
 e of Miss Jean Brodie  
 icted Stories  
 Mountain Lion  
 in Lavransdatter  
 Color Purple  
 House of Mirth  
 e Lighthouse  
 n of One's Own

#### rt Stories

sday Night"  
 Man Bovanne"  
 ry of an Hour"  
 mal Behavior"  
 Gifts of War"

: Revolt of Mother"  
 Woman Magoun"  
 First Two Women"  
 m and Country Lovers"  
 : Lottery"  
 it Cynthia Dallet"  
 Old Woman and Her  
 it"  
 Garden Party"  
 First Ball"  
 in Butterfly"  
 nderkind"  
 Red Dress"  
 giveness in Families"  
 and Here Ironing"  
 the North Gate"  
 owl"  
 Interest in Life"  
 auel"  
 Were Perfectly Fine"

Alice Munro  
 Gloria Naylor  
 Marsha Norman  
 Grace Paley  
 Dorothy Parker  
 Katherine Anne Porter  
 Muriel Spark  
 Jean Stafford  
 Jean Stafford  
 Sigrid Undset  
 Alice Walker  
 Edith Wharton  
 Virginia Woolf

Ann Beattie  
 Toni Cade Bambara  
 Kate Chopin  
 Laurie Colvin  
 Margaret Drabble

Mary Wilkins Freeman

Nadine Gordimer

Shirley Jackson  
 Sarah Orne Jewett  
 Doris Lessing

Katherine Mansfield

Mary McCarthy  
 Carson McCullers  
 Alice Munro

Tillie Olsen  
 Joyce Carol Oates  
 Cynthia Ozick  
 Grace Paley

Dorothy Parker

"Rope"  
 "Jilting of Granny  
 Weatherall"  
 "Everyday Use"  
 "A Worn Path"  
 "A Visit of Charity"  
 "The Condemned  
 Librarian"  
 "Indissoluble Matrimony"  
 "The Other Two"

Katherine Anne Porter

Alice Walker  
 Eudora Welty

Jessamyn West

Rebecca West  
 Edith Wharton

**\*This is not intended as a complete listing but as a useful group of suggestions for schools looking for titles.**

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