

Christian Fiction Book Recommendations for Parents, Schools, and Librarians

For Young Adults

Mystery/Suspense/Adventure

Homelander Series by Andrew Klavan (book one- [The Last Thing I Remember](#)). About a boy who can't remember why terrorists are chasing him. Good for boys. Andrew has written many other books that are also great.

[The Silence of Murder](#) by Dandi Daley Mackall. A girl's brother who will not speak is accused of murder, and she is the only one trying to prove he didn't do it.

The Mission League series by Jill Williamson (book one-[The New Recruit](#)). About a teen boy recruited into a Christian spy organization. Good for boys.

[Hangman's Curse](#) and [Nightmare Academy](#) by Frank Peretti. About a family that secretly works for the government to investigate the unexplainable. (Old but still so good!) Good for boys.

Rayne Tour by Brandilyn Collins (book one- [Always Watching](#)). About the daughter of a rock star.

Fantasy

The Failstate series by John W. Otte (book one- [Failstate](#)). These are Christian books about a boy trying out for superhero reality TV show. Very fun. Good for boys.

The Angel Eyes trilogy by Shannon Dittmore (book one- [Angel Eyes](#)). About a girl who discovers a supernatural war is going on around her. Sort of like *This Present Darkness* for teens with some romance. Fabulous books. The angels stay true to biblical depictions.

The Blood of Kings trilogy by Jill Williamson (book one- [By Darkness Hid](#)). This is a medieval fantasy series about a boy who wants to become a knight. Good for boys and girls.

Abiassa's Fire trilogy by Ronie Kendig (book one- [Embers](#)). About a boy who can wield fire. This series has a large cast of interesting male and female characters.

[Fawkes](#) by Nadine Brandes. A historical fantasy retelling of the Gunpowder Plot.

The Storm Siren trilogy by Mary Weber (book one- [Storm Siren](#)). About a girl who can control the weather.

Unblemished trilogy by Sara Ella (book one- [Unblemished](#)). About a girl who travels between several reflections of Manhattan, New York.

The Weaver trilogy by Lindsay Franklin (book one- [The Story Peddler](#)). About a girl who makes a living telling stories that crystalize into trinkets she sells.

[Heartless](#) by Anne Elizabeth Stengl. A medieval fantasy about a girl and her various suitors, one of which is a dragon.

Merlin's Immortals by Sigmung Brouwer (book one- [The Orphan King](#)). Historical fantasy set in medieval England. Good for boys.

Merlin's Spiral series by Robert Treskillard (book one- [Merlin's Blade](#)). Young Merlin's story set in medieval England. Good for boys.

The Dragon Keepers Chronicles by Donita K. Paul (book one- [Dragonspell](#)). About a girl who learns she is a dragon keeper. Donita has written several other series. All are great.

[Prophet](#) by R. J. Larson. A young girl becomes a prophet and sets out to do God's work.

[The Swords of the Six](#) by Scott Appleton. The daughters of dragons fight evil.

[Isle of Swords](#) by Wayne Thomas Batson. A pirate adventure. Good for boys.

[Starlighter](#) by Bryan Davis. Good for boys. A boy passes through a portal and onto a planet of dragons.

Science Fiction

[The Evaporation of Sofi Snow](#) by Mary Weber. A story about a futuristic gaming world.

[Replication](#) by Jill Williamson. A girl finds out her dad is working at a cloning lab.

The Shadowside Trilogy by Robert Elmer (book one- [Trion Rising](#)). An allegory of Christ on a different planet.

Dystopian

The Out of Time series by Nadine Brandes (book one- [A Time to Die](#)). In a world where everyone has a clock that counts down the length of their lives, one girl's time is running out.

The Safe Lands trilogy by Jill Williamson (book one- [Captives](#)). Inspired by chapter one of the Daniel in the Bible. A village is conquered and the young people are taken captive into the walls of a great city. Good for boys.

[*Aquifer*](#) by Jonathan Friesen. A boy must try to bring peace between the people on the surface and those who live underground and control the water. Good for boys.

[*Anomaly*](#) by Krista McGee. A girl learns that her entire life is an experiment and tries to break free.

Contemporary and/or Contemporary Romance

The Ellie Sweet books by Stephanie Morrill (book one- [*The Revised Life of Ellie Sweet*](#)). A teen author writes a book to get revenge on some school bullies, and the book gets published.

The Skylar Hoyt series by Stephanie Morrill (book one- [*Me, Just Different*](#)). A popular girl looks at life differently after she survived a traumatic experience.

[*Running Lean*](#) by Diana Sharples. A boy finds out his girlfriend has bulimia and tries to help her. Very well done.

Forbidden Doors series by Bill Myers. Recently re-released in four, three-book volumes. Book one is called [*Dark Power*](#). These books follow a brother and sister as they investigate things like ghosts, occult, horoscopes, reincarnation, etc. and find the biblical truth about them. Good for boys.

[*Hollywood Nobody*](#) by Lisa Samson. The adventures of a girl who lives on movie sets because her mom is a food designer.

Katie Parker series by Jenny B. Jones (book one- [*In Between*](#)). Comedy series about a girl in a foster home with a pastor and his wife.

A Charmed Life series by Jenny B. Jones (book one- [*So Not Happening*](#)). Comedy series about a Manhattan teenager who moves to a small Midwest town.

The London Confidential series by Sandra Byrd (book one- [*Asking for Trouble*](#)). About an American girl going to school in London.

[*To Save a Life*](#) by Jim and Rachel Britts. About a popular guy who finds Christ and struggles to live that way in school. Good for boys.

[*Saving Sailor*](#) by Renée Riva. The delightful coming-of-age-story about a girl, her dog, and her family, which is a little crazy. This is a trilogy.

Sweet Seasons novels by Debbie Vigie (book one- [*The Summer of Cotton Candy*](#)). Fun stories about a girl that works at an amusement park.

[Motorcycles, Sushi, and One Strange Book](#) by Nancy Rue. The story of a girl who goes to live with the father she never knew.

[Addison Blakely: Confessions of a PK](#) by Betsy St. Amant. A pastor's daughter falls in love with a bad boy.

The Diamond Estates series by Nicole O'Dell (book one, [The Wishing Pearl](#)). Stories about troubled teens that find healing at a home for girls.

[Starring Me](#) by Krista McGee. A girl competes with her musical talents on a reality TV show.

[The Christy Miller Collection](#) by Robin Jones Gunn. A wonderful series about a young girl trying to live through high school as a Christian.

[Beautiful](#) by Cindy Martinusen-Coloma. The story of a girl who becomes disfigured.

[Like Moonlight at Low Tide](#) by Nicole Quigley- A powerful book that deals with teen suicide.

[A Reckless Heart](#) by Amy Clipson. An Amish girl makes friends with a non-Amish boy, much to her family's disapproval.

Any book written by Melody Carlson.

Historical and/or Historical Romance

Anything by Melanie Dickerson. She writes Christian fairytale romance retellings for teens. Very sweet. Girls and grown up readers love her. (Her first book is a Sleeping Beauty story called [The Healer's Apprentice](#))

Anything by Julie Klassen. She writes Christian Regency romances for adults, but the stories are always about young women and are great for older teens looking for sweet romance stories. (One of my favorites is called [The Apothecary's Daughter](#).)

Stephanie Morrill has two books in this genre. First, [The Lost Girl of Astor Street](#) is a 1920s mystery about a girl looking for her missing friend in an era of mobsters. The second, [Within These Lines](#), book is a WWII story about an Italian girl in love with a Japanese boy, who is taken to an internment camp with his family.

[William Henry is a Fine Name](#) and [I Have Seen Them In the Watchfires](#) by Cathy Gohlke. About a boy in the Civil War. These books are more historical than romance. Good for boys.

The River of Time series by Lisa T. Bergren (book one- [Waterfall](#)). Time traveling sisters find romance and danger in medieval Italy.

[Gunner's Run](#) by Rick Barry. A young soldier parachutes into enemy territory in World War II. Not a romance. Good for boys.

[*Gideon's Call*](#) by Peter Leavell. A group of slaves are abandoned by their plantation owners near the end of the Civil War and try to live as free men. Good for boys.

Horror

The Solitary Tales by Travis Thrasher (book one- [*Solitary*](#)). This is a Christian horror series for teens. They are very well done and appeal to those teens who dress all in black and act like they don't care about anything. The ending of book one shocked me, but the series as a whole was very well done and included a salvation message. Good for boys.

For Middle Grade

Mystery/Suspense/Adventure

The Code of Silence series by Tim Shoemaker (book one- [*Code of Silence*](#)). Three friends solve mysteries together. Good for boys.

Dreamhouse Kings series by Robert Liparulo (book one- [*House of Dark Shadows*](#)). Two brothers find out their new home is alive. Good for boys.

The Cooper Kids by Frank Peretti (book one- [*The Door in the Dragon's Throat*](#)). The Cooper kids travel the world with their archaeologist father to investigate the unexplainable. Good for boys.

The Enchanted Attic series by L.L. Samson (book one- [*Facing the Hunchback of Notre Dame*](#)). A fun series where characters encounter literary characters, come-to-life. Good for boys.

[*Rock Harbor Search and Rescue*](#) by Colleen Coble and Robin Carroll. A young girl who helps raise and train search-and-rescue dogs, solves mysteries.

Hawaiian Island Detective Club by Cheryl Linn Martin (book one- [*Pineapples in Peril*](#)). A group of friends form a detective agency and solve actual crimes.

Fantasy

The Wingfeather Saga by Andrew Peterson (book one- [*On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness*](#)). A fun fantasy series about the Igby children and those who are after them. Good for boys.

The Codebearers Series by the Miller Brothers (book one- [*Hunter Brown and the Secret of the Shadow*](#)). A boy travels through a portal into another world where he is trained as a Codebearer. Good for boys.

[*Runt the Brave*](#) by Daniel Schwabauer. An allegory of young David from the Bible told with mice and rats. Good for boys.

[*The Sword of Six Worlds*](#) by Matt Mikalatos. Two friends travel through a portal into another world to try and save all worlds. Good for boys.

[*The Mirror of N'de*](#) by L.K. Malone. A medieval fantasy about a girl who discovers corruption in the rulers.

[*The Door Within*](#) by Wayne Thomas Batson. A boy travels through a portal into a medieval land. Good for boys.

The Berinfell Prophecies by Wayne Thomas Batson (book one- [*The Curse of the Spider King*](#)). Several children learn they are really elven royalty and return to their world to fight. Good for boys.

[*A Sword in the Stars*](#) by Wayne Thomas Batson. A fantasy adventure story. Good for boys.

[*Sir Quinlan and the Swords*](#) of Valor by Chuck Black. A medieval adventure story with a strong moral. Chuck Black has dozens of books like this one. Good for boys.

[*The Book of Names*](#) by D. Barkley Briggs. Two brothers travel through a portal and into a medieval world. Good for boys.

Science Fiction

TJ and the Time Stumblers by Bill Myers (book one- [*New Kid Catastrophes*](#)). Two time travelers from the future come back to “help” a girl who is someone important in the future. Good for boys.

Helium-3 Series by Homer Hickman (book one- [*Crater*](#)). The story of a boy who lives on the moon. Good for boys.

The C.H.A.O.S. Trilogy by Jon Lewis (book one- [*Invasion*](#)). A boy joins an organization that trains to fight aliens. Good for boys.

Robot Wars series by Sigmund Brouwer (book one- [*Death Trap*](#)). The story of a boy who lives on Mars.

Dystopian

[*Swipe*](#) by Evan Angler. A dystopian future where Christianity has been lost. Or has it? Good for boys.

Contemporary

Incredible World of Wally McDoogie by Bill Myers (book one- [My life as a Burrito with Extra Taco Sauce](#)). These books follow the nerdy Wally McDoogie, who gets into hysterical mayhem and likes to write stories. Old but so good. My son read all 28 books in a few months and loved them. Good for boys.

[Here's Lily](#) by Nancy Rue. A series about Lily and her friends and their secret club.

Friends for a Season series by Sandra Byrd (book one- [Island Girl](#)). Four stand-alone stories about girls making friends for a short time.

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