Authors:

(Books by these authors write are considered "gentle reads.")

Alcott, Louisa May (**J**)
Austen, Jane (**A**) romance
Avi (**J** and **T**)
Bauer, Joan (**J** and **T**)
Bronte, Emily *or* Bronte, Charlotte (**A**)
Bruchac, Joseph (**J** and **T**) Native Americans
Cooney, Caroline (**T**) suspense
Curtis, Christopher Paul (**J**)
Dessen, Sarah (**T**) romance
Dumas, Alexandre (**A**) adventure
Farmer, Nancy (**J** and **T**) fantasy
Feinstein, John (**T**) sports
Funke, Cornelia (**J**) fantasy
Hiaasen, Carl (**J** and **T**) environment
Hobbs, Will (**J** and **T**) adventure, nature
Horvath, Polly (**J** and **T**) humor
L'Engle, Madeleine (**J** and **T**)
Lowry, Lois (**J** and **T**)
Nye, Naomi (**T**)
Paulsen, Gary (**J** and **T**) survival adventure
Spinnelli, Jerry (**T**) romance
Tashjian, Janet (**T**) humor
Verne, Jules (**T**) adventure

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Specific Books

Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women* (**J**)
Almond, David. *Skellig*
Armstrong, William. *Sounder* (**J**)
Esckilsen, Erik. *Offisides*
Ferris, Jean. *Once Apon a Marigold* (**J**)
Ferris, Jean. *Love Among the Walnuts* (**J**)
Fletcher, Susan. *Shadow Spinners*
Foer, Jonathan. *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close*
Goldman, William. *The Princess Bride*
Greene, Betty. *Summer of my German Soldier*
Hamilton, Bethany. *Soulsurfer* 92 Hamilton (**A**)
Hoeye, Michael. *Time Stops for No Mouse* (**J**)
Horowitz, Anthony. *Stormbreaker*
Johnson, Maureen. *13 Little Envelopes*
Kidd, Ronald. *Monkey Town: the summer of the Scopes trial*
Kindl, Patrice. *Owl in Love*
Koja, Kathe. *Buddha Boy*
Koss, Amy. *The Girls*
Lubar, David. *Sleeping Freshman Never Lie*
Marshall, Catherine. *Christy* (**A**)
Mieville, China. *Un Lun Dun*
Miller, Kirsten. *Kiki Strike: inside the shadow city*
Morpurgo, Michael. *Private Peaceful*
Murdock, Catherine. *Dairy Queen and The Off Season*
Osa, Nancy. *Cuba 15*
Patterson, Katherine. *Jacob Have I Loved*
Philbrick, Rodman. *Freak the Mighty*
Potok, Chaim. *The Promise* and *The Chosen*
Reinhardt, Dana A *Brief Chapter in My Impossible Life*
Ryan, Pam. *Esperanza Rising*
Scott, Kieran. *I Was a Non-blonde Cheerleader*
Sheldon, Dyan. *Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen*
Shusterman, Neal. *Downsiders* and *The Schwa Was Here*
Sleator, William. *Interstellar Pig*
Sonnenblick, Jordan. *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*
Weaver, Will. *Memory Boy*
Werlin, Nancy. *Rules of Survival*
Whelan, Gloria. *Homeless Boy*
Yolen, Jane. *Trollbridge*
Zevin, Gabrielle. *Elsewhere*
Zukas, Marcus. *The Book Thief*

Popular Series

Atherton, Nancy. *Aunt Dimity mysteries* (**A**)
Barron, T.A. *The Lost Years of Merlin* (**J**)
Baumbich, Charlene.
Dearest Dorothy mysteries (**A**)
Cabot, Meg. *The Princess Diaries*
Card, Orson Scott. *Ender's Game* (sci fi)
Carlson, Melody.
It's My Life: Diary of a Teenage Girl.
True Colors
Notes from a Spinning Planet
Chiaverini, Jennifer. *Elm Creek Quilts*
Colfer, Eoin. *Artemis Fowl* (fantasy)
Gunn, Robin. *Christy Miller* (Christian)
Hunter, Erin. *Warriors* (fantasy) (**J**)
LeGuin, Ursula. *Earthsea* (fantasy)
Lewis, C.S. *Chronicles of Narnia* (**J**)
McCaffrey, Anne. *The Harper Hall Trilogy*
Montgomery, L.M. *Anne of Green Gables*
Meyer, L.A. *Bloody Jack series* (fantasy)
Nix, Garth. *Keys to the Kingdom* (fantasy)
Oppel, Kenneth. *Airborn* and *Skybreaker*
Pratchett, Terry. *Discworld* (fantasy)
Smith, Alexander McCall.
#1 Ladies Detective Agency
Westerfeld, Scott. *The Uglies Trilogy*

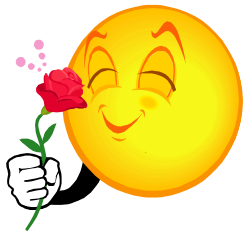
Graphic Novels
(in Teen section)

Vaughan, Brian.
Pride of Baghdad
Tayaka, Natsuki.
Fruits Basket, vol. 1-18

What is a "gentle" book, anyway?

"Gentleness" is in the eyes of the reader. Lots of people look for books that don't gross you out because of violence, or don't have a lot of cussing, or don't include graphic sexuality.

What one person is comfortable with, though, may be way too much sex, violence, gore, or strong language for another person. So it's not that some books are "clean" and others are "dirty;" it's more about your personal values and what you like to read.



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