

The Classical Educator's Reading List (Top 55 Books)

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Note: A List Featuring Book Cover Images Follows Below

Introductory Books

- *An Introduction to Classical Education: A Guide for Parents* (C. Perrin)
- "The Lost Tools of Learning" (Essay by Dorothy Sayers)
- *Recovering the Lost Tools of Learning* (Douglas Wilson)
- *The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home* (Susan W. Bauer & Jessie Wise)
- ***The Liberal Arts Tradition: A Philosophy of Christian Classical Education* (Kevin Clark & Ravi Jain)**
- *Norms and Nobility: A Treatise on Education* (David Hicks)
- *Wisdom and Eloquence: A Christian Paradigm for Classical Learning* (Charles Evans & Robert Littlejohn)
- *For the Children's Sake: Foundations of Education for Home and School* (Susan Schaeffer Macaulay)
- *Classical Education: The Movement Sweeping America* (Andrew Kern & Gene Veith)

History of Classical Education

- *The Republic* (Plato) *Politics* (Aristotle)
- *Institutes of Oratory* (or *The Education of an Orator*) (Quintillian)
- *A History of Education in Antiquity* (H.I. Marrou)
- *Education in Ancient Rome* (Stanely R. Bonner)
- *The Love of Learning and the Desire for God: A Study of Monastic Culture* (Jean Leclercq)
- *How the Irish Saved Civilization* (Thomas Cahill)
- *The Rise of the Universities* (Charles Homer Haskins)
- *A Thomas Jefferson Education: Teaching a Generation of Leaders for the 21st Century* (Oliver DeMille)
- *The Great Tradition: Classic Readings on What it Means to Be an Educated Human Being* (Richard Gamble, editor)

Modern Education

- *The Abolition of Man: How Education Shapes Man's Sense of Morality* (C.S. Lewis)
- *Left Back: A Century of Battles over School Reform* (Diane Ravitch)
- *The Transformation of the School: Progressivism in American Education, 1876-1957* (Lawrence A. Cremin)
- *The Schools We Need: Why We Don't Have Them* (E. D. Hirsch, Jr.)
- *Reforming Education: The Opening of the American Mind* (Mortimer J. Adler)
- *American Education: A History* (Wayne J. Urban & Jennings L. Wagoner, Jr.)
- *The Global Achievement Gap: Why Even Our Best Schools Don't Teach the New Survival Skills our Children Need—and What We Can Do about It* (Tony Wagner)

Philosophy of Education

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- *Awakening Wonder: A Classical Guide to Truth, Goodness, and Beauty* (Stephen Turley)
- *Plato: The Great Philosopher-Educator* (David Diener) *The Idea of a University* (John Henry Newman)
- *Ideas Have Consequences* (Richard M. Weaver)

Mathematics & Science

- *A Mathematician's Lament* (Paul Lockart)
- *Measurement* (Paul Lockart)
- *Innumeracy* (John Allen Paulos)
- *The Divine Challenge: On Matter, Mind, Math, and Meaning* (John Byl)
- *Beauty for Truth's Sake: On the Re-enchantment of Education* (Stratford Caldecott)
- *The Soul of Science: Christian Faith and Natural Philosophy* (Nancy Pearcey & Charles Thaxton)

Virtue and Embodiment

- *The Intellectual Life: Its Spirit, Conditions, Methods* (A. G. Sertillanges)
- *Habits of the Mind: Intellectual Life at a Christian College* (James W. Sire)
- *Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview and Cultural Formation* (James K. A. Smith)
- *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit* (James K. A. Smith)
- *Tending the Heart of Virtue: How Classical Stories Awaken a Child's Moral Imagination* (Vigen Gurioian)
- *John Milton: Classical Learning and the Progress of Virtue* (Grant Horner)

Scholé and Contemplation

- *Only the Lover Sings: Art and Contemplation* (Josef Pieper)
- *Leisure the Basis of Culture* (Josef Pieper)
- *Teaching from Rest: A Homeschooler's Guide to Unshakeable Peace* (Sarah Mackenzie)
- *Charlotte Mason's Original Homeschooling Series: Home Education* (vol. 1) (Charlotte Mason)

Pedagogy, Art of Teaching

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- *The Art of Teaching* (Gilbert Highet)
- *Begin Here: The Forgotten Conditions of Teaching and Learning* (Jacques Barzun)
- *The Seven Laws of Teaching* (John Milton Gregory)
- *Why Students Don't Like School: A Cognitive Scientist Answers Questions about How the Mind Works and What it Means for the Classroom* (Daniel T. Willingham)
- *Poetic Knowledge: The Recovery of Education* (James Taylor)
- *Socratic Circles: Fostering Critical and Creative Thinking in Middle and High School* (Matt Copeland)
- *Teach Like a Champion: Techniques that Put Students on the Path to College* (Doug Lemov)

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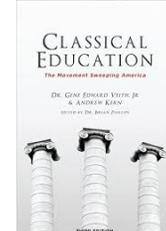
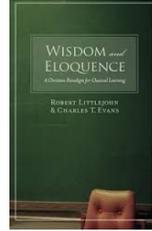
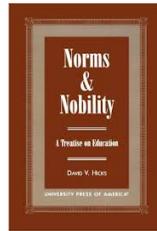
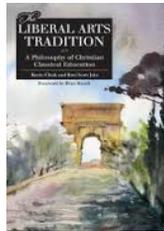
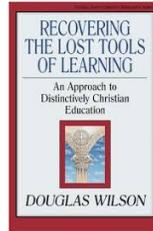
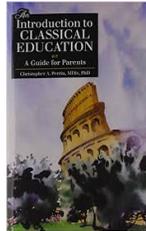
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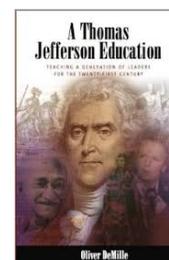
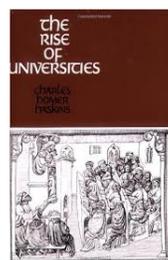
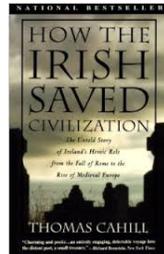
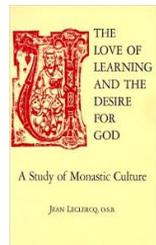
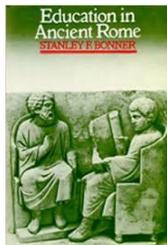
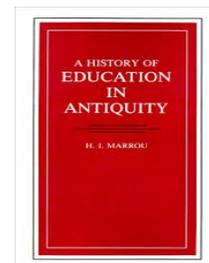
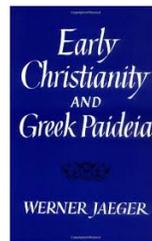
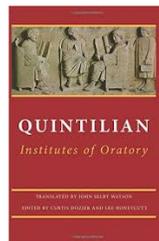
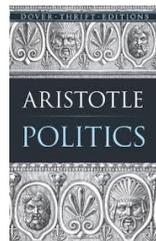
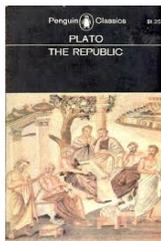
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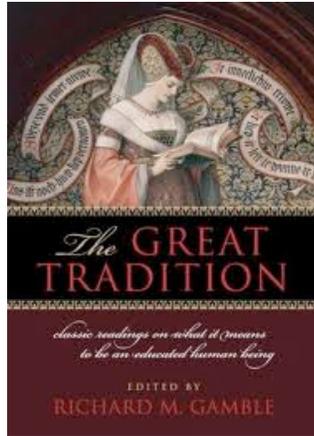
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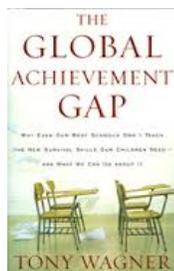
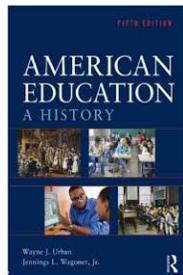
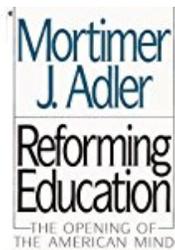
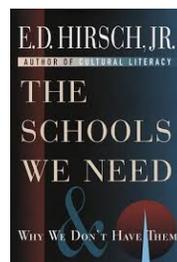
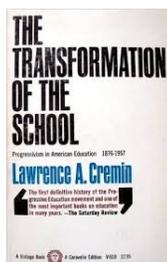
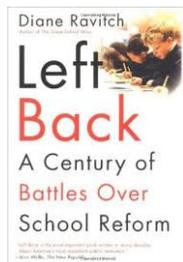
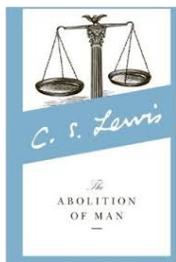
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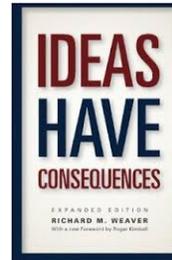
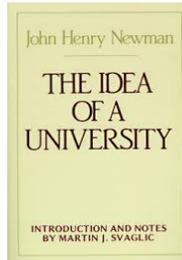
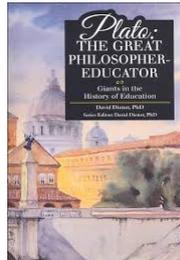
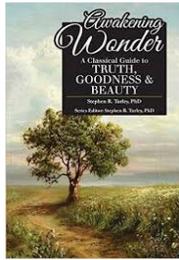
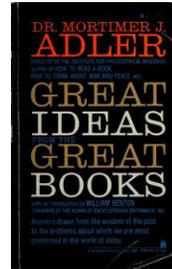
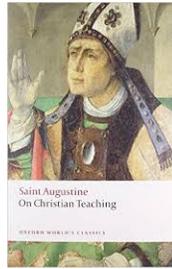
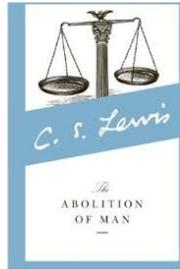
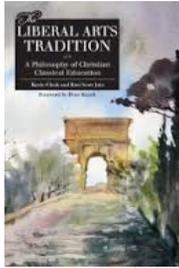
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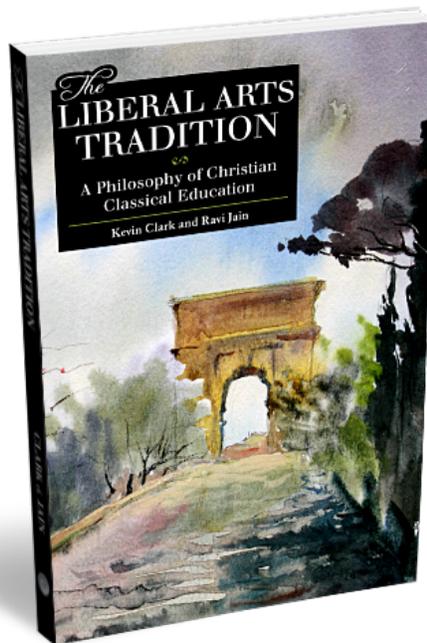
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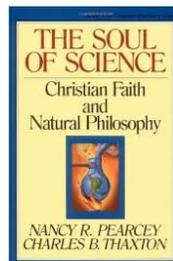
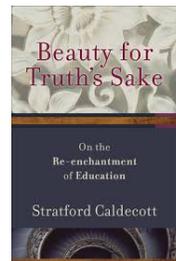
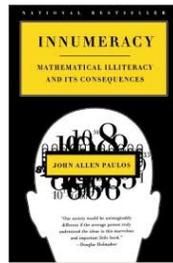
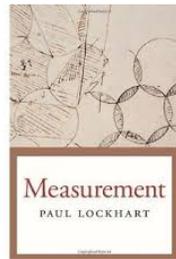
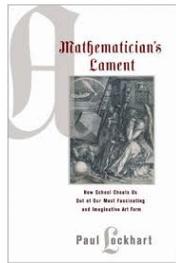
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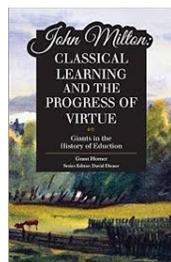
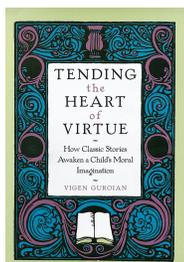
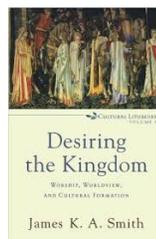
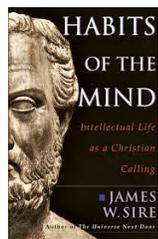
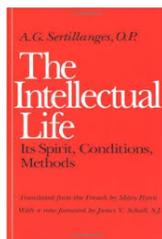
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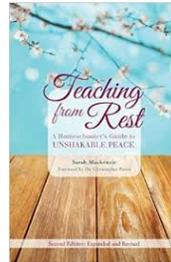
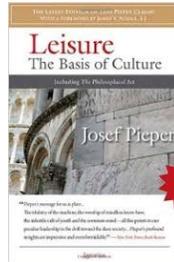
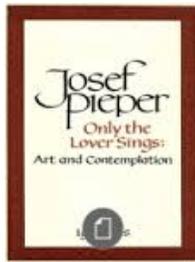
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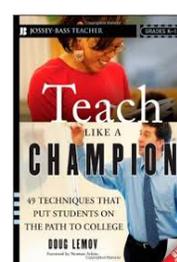
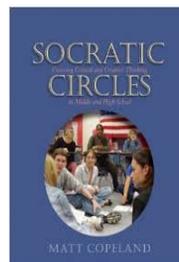
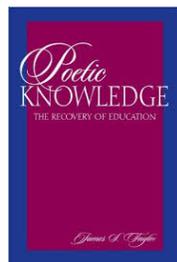
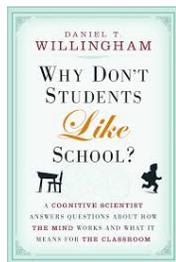
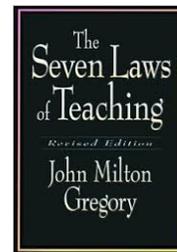
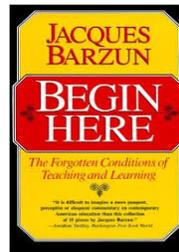
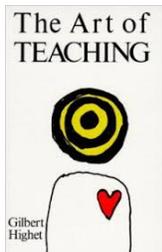
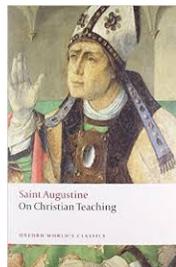
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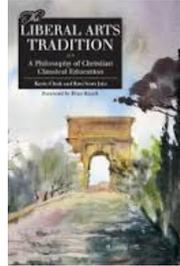
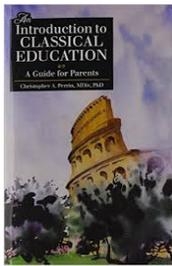


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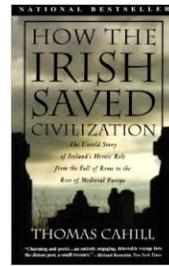
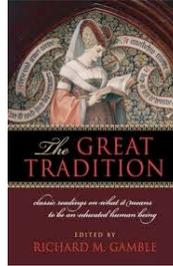


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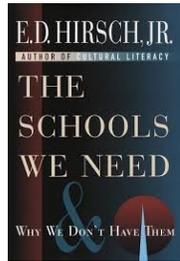
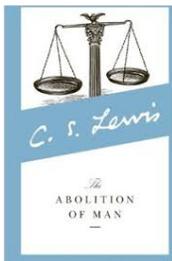
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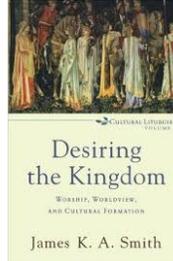
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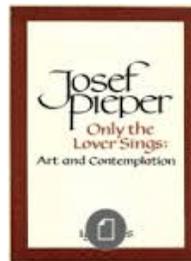
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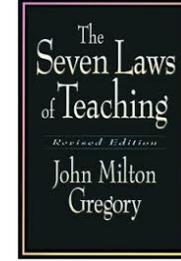
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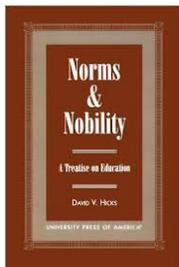
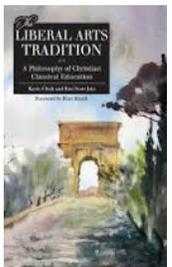


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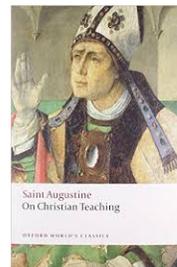
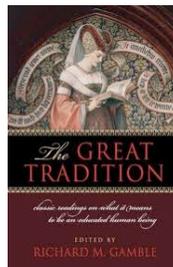


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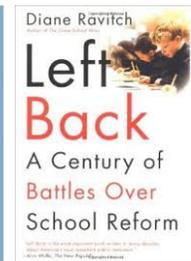
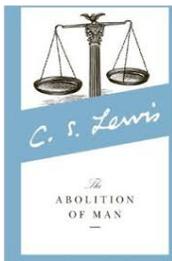
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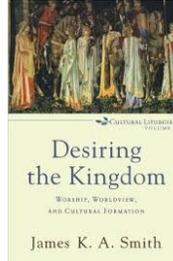
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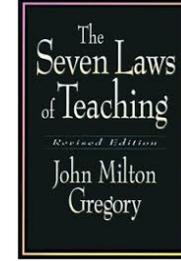
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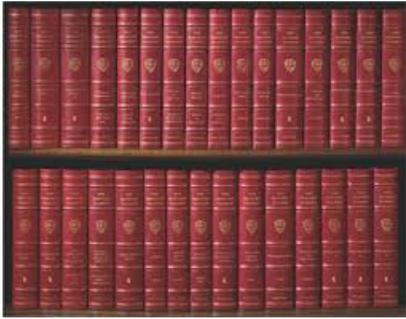
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Lifetime Reading Plan



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