

## ***The Borrower* Book List**

Since *The Borrower* appeared in 2011, I've had a number of people ask if I have a list of all the books Lucy gives Ian. I didn't until a lovely reader named Sharon Cox actually went through the whole book and wrote down all the ones she could find.

There are many more books in *The Borrower* alluded to but not mentioned by name. There are quite a few fake books mentioned by (fake) name. There are several book parodies, where Lucy starts narrating in the style of a famous book. There are also many authors and poets mentioned.

**This is a list of one particular thing: the real books and book series mentioned by name.**

Most are for children around Ian's age, but some are for adults, and two are for very young children. It is also, almost certainly, incomplete.

Of this list, there are a few I'd certainly recommend more than others. If you were ten years old and I had three minutes to fill your backpack with books, the ones I'd pick would be *The Westing Game*, *The Giver*, *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*, *The Egypt Game*, *The Twenty-One Balloons*, and *The Princess Bride*. Oh, and *The Pushcart War*. (It's hard to stop.)

### **Chapter 1**

- 1) *Matilda* (Roald Dahl)
- 2) *Little House in the Big Woods* (Laura Ingalls Wilder)
- 3) *Fantastic Mr. Fox* (Roald Dahl)
- 4) *Green Eggs and Ham* (Dr. Seuss)
- 5) *Tales of a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Nothing* (Judy Blume)
- 6) *D'Aulaires' Greek Myths* (Ingri d'Aulaire & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire )
- 7) *The Wheel on the School* (Meindert Dejong)
- 8) *The Egypt Game* (Zilpha Keatley Snyder)
- 9) *Theater Shoes* (Noel Streatfeild)
- 10) *My Side of the Mountain* (Jean Craighead George)
- 11) *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* (E. L. Konigsburg)
- 12) *Charlotte's Web* (E. B. White)

### **Chapter 2**

- 1) *Tuck Everlasting* (Natalie Babbitt)

### **Chapter 3**

- 1) *The Golden Goblet* (Eloise Jarvis McGraw)
- 2) *The Empty Pot* (Demi)
- 3) *The Chronicles of Narnia* (C. S. Lewis)
- 4) *Misty of Chincoteague* (Marguerite Henry)
- 5) *Vanity Fair* (W. M. Thackeray)

### **Chapter 4**

- 1) *A Wrinkle in Time* (Madeleine L'Engle)
- 2) *The Westing Game* (Ellen Raskin)

- 3) *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* (Salman Rushdie)
- 4) *Five Children and It* (E. Nesbit)
- 5) *The Princess Bride* (William Goldman)

### **Chapter 5**

- 1) *Treasure Island* (Robert Louis Stevenson)

### **Chapter 10**

- 1) *The Search for Delicious* (Natalie Babbitt)
- 2) *Blueberries for Sal* (Robert McCloskey)
- 3) *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch* (Jean Lee Latham)
- 4) *Oz series* (L. Frank Baum)

### **Chapter 12**

- 1) *The Little Grey Men* (BB)

### **Chapter 14**

- 1) *The Borrowers* (Mary Norton)

### **Chapter 24**

- 1) *Johnny Tremain* (Esther Forbes)

### **Chapter 27**

- 1) *The Hobbit* (J. R. R. Tolkien)
- 2) *Danny, the Champion of the World* (Roald Dahl)
- 3) *The BFG* (Roald Dahl)

### **Chapter 29**

- 1) *Number the Stars* (Lois Lowry)

### **Chapter 34**

- 1) *The 21 Balloons* (William Pene Dubois)
- 2) *Anna Karenina* (Leo Tolstoy)

### **Chapter 38**

- 1) *Heidi* (Johanna Spyri)

### **Chapter 39**

- 1) *The Giver* (Lois Lowry)
- 2) *The Golden Compass* (Philip Pullman)
- 3) *Lord of the Flies* (William Golding)
- 4) *The Catcher in the Rye* (J. D. Salinger)
- 5) *A Separate Peace* (John Knowles)
- 6) *The Things They Carried* (Tim O'Brien)
- 7) *David Copperfield* (Charles Dickens)
- 8) *Middlesex* (Jeffrey Eugenides)

## **Chapter 40**

- 1) *The Pushcart War* (Jean Merrill)

## **Epilogue**

- 1) *Where the Red Fern Grows* (Wilson Rawls)