

CHRISTIAN JUNIOR FICTION

Here are some suggested authors of books and series cataloged in the Junior Fiction section who write from a Christian perspective. Generally, these were selected because they were published by a “Christian” publisher, such as Bethany House. These books and series cover a variety of genres (humor, romance, historical fiction, science fiction and fantasy, and others). I’d suggest this be used mainly as a source list of “suggestions” for patrons who want “Christian fiction” and not as an authoritative list of such material. [Gary Crew, April 11, 2005]

- Archer, C. The *Christy* fiction series. [From the covers: “Based upon Catherine Marshall’s bestseller *Christy*, this series contains expanded adventures filled with romance, intrigue and excitement.” Christy Huddleston goes to teach children in a primitive Smoky Mountain town in the early 1900s. Ages 10 – 14. Found on JF paperback shelves under author’s name.]
- Byrd, Sandra. The *Make a Wish* series. [Girls’ friendship stories. Ages 8 – 12. Found on JF paperback shelves under author’s name.]
- Elmer, Robert. The *Young Underground* series. [Historical drama set mostly in the 1940s, during or just after World War II. Ages 8 – 13. Found on JF paperback shelves under author’s name.]
- Hutchins, Paul. The *Sugar Creek Gang* series. [Boys’ adventure/friendship stories. Ages 9 – 13. Found in JF series row, spinner # 11, under the series title.]
- Jackson, Dave & Neta. The *Trailblazer* series. [Historical tales set in varying time periods, and often based on the lives of Christian leaders or missionaries. Ages 8 – 13. Found on JF paperback shelves under author’s name.]
- Johnson, Lois Walfrid. The *Riverboat Adventures* series, the *Adventures in the Northwoods* series, the *Viking Quest* series. [Historical adventures in a variety of time periods. Ages 10 -14. All found on JF paperback shelves under author’s name.]
- Leppard, Lois Gladys. The *Mandie* series. [Historical adventures. Ages 9 – 12. Found in JF series row, spinner # 11, under the series title.]
- Lewis, Beverly. The *Cul-de-Sac Kids* series. [Family/neighborhood humorous tales for younger readers. Ages 7 – 10. Found on JF paperback shelves under author’s name.]
- McCusker, Paul. The *Passages* series. [Fantasy about a boy transported to an alternate world to help its inhabitants. Ages 10 – 14. Found on JF paperback shelves under author’s name.]
- Mackall, Dandi Daley. The *Winnie the Horse Gentler* series. [Horse stories, about a young girl with a special way with horses. Ages 9 – 12. Found in JF series row, spinner # 7, under the series title.]
- Morris, Gilbert. The *Dixie Morris Animal Adventures* series. [Animal mysteries and adventures. Dixie Morris goes to live with her aunt, who is a doctor for the animals of the Royal Circus. Ages 8 – 13. Found on JF paperback shelves under author’s name.]
- Murphy, Elspeth Campbell. The *Three Cousins Detectives* series. [Mystery/detective cases for three cousins. Ages 7 – 10. Found in JF series row, spinner # 4, under the series title.]

- Myers, Bill. The *Incredible Worlds of Wally McDoogle* series, the *Bloodhounds, Inc.* series, the *McGee and Me* series, the *Forbidden Doors* series. [Mostly humor and mysteries series. All approximates ages 8 – 13. The first two series are found in the JF series row, spinner # 5, under the series titles; the latter two are found on JF paperback shelves under author's name.]
- Oke, Janette. The *Janette Oke's Animal Friends* series. [Animal tales. Ages 9 – 12. Found on JF paperback shelves under author's name.]
- Peretti, Frank E. The *Cooper Kids Adventure* series. [Fantasy adventure series. Ages 9 – 13. Found on JF paperback shelves under author's name.]
- Richardson, Arleta. The *Grandma's Attic* series. [American history. Ages 9 – 12. Some are found in JF series row, spinner # 11, under the series title; others are found on the JF hardcover shelves under author's name.]
- Rue, Nancy N. The *Christian Heritage* series (the *Williamsburg Years*). [Historical fiction with Revolutionary War as setting. Ages 9 – 13. Found on JF paperback shelves under author's name.]
- Schulte, Elaine L. The *Twelve Candles Club* series. [Girls' mystery and friendship series. Ages 9 – 12. Found on JF paperback shelves under author's name.]
- Simpson Levene, Nancy. The *Alex* series. [Girl's family/friendship tales. Ages 8 – 12. Found on JF paperback shelves under author's name.]
- Snelling, Lauraine. The *Golden Filly* series, the *High Hurdles* series. [Horse stories. Ages 10 -14. Found on JF paperback shelves under author's name.]
- Stahl, Hilda. The *Best Friends* series, the *Prairie Family (Sadie Rose)* adventures, the *Elizabeth Gail* series. [The *Best Friends* books are friendship/social consciousness books set in contemporary times; the *Elizabeth Gail* stories are girls' mysteries; and the *Sadie Rose* tales are adventures set in pioneer Nebraska during settlement days. All are for ages 9 – 12. Found on JF paperback shelves under author's name.]
- Sumpolec, Sarah Anne. The *Becoming Beka* series. [A contemporary school/coming-of-age series about Beka, who deals with how to hold on to her faith in her daily life. Ages 10 – 14. Found on paperback shelves under author's name.]

Here are a few books which examine some aspect of the Christian life, or of a particular group of Christians; these are generally released by a publisher not specifically "Christian". All are found on the Hardcover shelves under the author's name.

- Durrant, Lydia. *The Sun, the Rain, and the Apple Seed: A Novel of Johnny Appleseed* (2003). In the 1790s, an eccentric young man nicknamed Johnny Appleseed feels called by God to travel through the American West planting apple seeds.
- Gilson, Jamie. *Stink Alley* (2002). Historical novel about a twelve-year-old orphan girl who lives with the Puritans in Holland in 1614.
- Kelly, Nancy. *The Whispering Rod: A Tale of Old Massachusetts* (2001). In 1659, fourteen-year-old Hannah Pryor is troubled by the persecution of Quakers by Puritan Boston's leading citizens, one of whom is her father, especially after learning of her deceased mother's friendship with a Quaker woman.
- Mills, Claudia. *Perfectly Chelsea* (2004). Nine-year-old Chelsea deals with her perfectionism, and with questions related to God and her religious beliefs.