

# Family Sunday Book List

## September 2021 Theme: Fall Into Place

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### FOR CHILDREN

#### **Leif and The Fall**

By Allison Sweet Grant

Leif is a leaf. A worried leaf. It is autumn and Leif is afraid to fall. "All leaves fall in the fall," say the other leaves. But Leif is determined to find a different way down. With his friend Laurel, he uses the resources around him to create a net, a kite, and a parachute in hopes of softening his landing. What will happen when a gust of wind pulls Leif from his branch? In a culture that prizes achievement, kids are often afraid to fail—not realizing that some of the very ideas that don't work are steps along the path to ones that will.

#### **Luke and Lottie. Fall is Here!**

By Ruth Wielcockz

Fall is here! Luke and Lottie are playing outside. They find a hedgehog building a nest in the leaves. They decide to help the little hedgehog get ready for winter. What a nice way to spend a fall day! A cheerful and simple story about the fall for toddlers ages 30 months and up, with a focus on the child's world.

#### **Summer Green to Autumn Gold**

By Mia Posada

Yellow and red, orange and brown—fall is full of colour! This picture book, written and illustrated by Mia Posada, beautifully explains why leaves change colour in fall. It highlights both the eye-catching colours of the season and the science behind them. The book also offers additional scientific details for curious readers, as well as suggested further reading and links to hands-on activities.

### FOR TWEENS

#### **Heartwood Hotel**

By Kallie George

When Mona the mouse stumbles across the wondrous world of the Heartwood Hotel in the middle of a storm, she desperately hopes the staff will let her stay. As it turns out, Mona is precisely the maid they need at the grandest hotel in Fernwood Forest, where animals come from far and wide for safety, luxury and comfort. But it's not all acorn soufflé and soft, moss-lined beds. Danger lurks nearby, and as it approaches Mona has to use all her wits to protect the place she's come to love.

#### **Applesauce Weather**

By Helen Frost

When the first apple falls from the tree, Faith and Peter know that it's applesauce weather, even though Peter is getting a little old for such things. Uncle Arthur should be here to tell his stories, with a twinkle in his eye as he spins tales about how he lost a finger. But this is the first year without Aunt Lucy, and when Uncle Arthur arrives there's no twinkle to be found, and no stories waiting to be told. Faith is certain, though, that with a little love and patience, she and Peter might finally learn the truth about that missing finger.

#### **The Mulberry Tree**

By Alison Rushby

Is the eerie tree beside their bucolic cottage really a threat to ten-year-old Immy? Legend and hearsay give way to a creepy series of events in this captivating mystery. Immy and her family have run away from their storm cloud of problems to a tiny village in Cambridgeshire, England. They find an adorable thatched cottage to begin a new life in but their new home comes with one downside: in the backyard, there is an ancient, dark and fierce-looking mulberry tree that has ceased bearing any fruit. There's a legend that the towering tree steals away girls who live in the cottage on the eve of their eleventh birthday. Of course, Immy thinks this is all ridiculous. But then she starts to hear a strange song in her head...

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#### **In The Darkest Part Of The Forest**

By Holly Black

In the woods is a glass coffin. It rests on the ground, and in it sleeps a boy with horns on his head and ears as pointed as knives. Hazel and her brother Ben live in Fairfold, where humans and the Folk exist side by side. Since they were children, Hazel and Ben have been telling each other stories about the boy in the glass coffin: that he is a prince and they are valiant knights. They pretended their prince would be different from the other faeries, the ones who made cruel bargains, lurked in the shadows of trees, and doomed tourists. But as Hazel grows up she puts aside those stories. Hazel knows the horned boy will never wake. Until one day, he does... As the world turns upside down, Hazel has to become the knight she once pretended to be.

#### **Through The Woods**

By Emily Carroll

These are fairy tales gone seriously wrong, where you can travel to "Our Neighbor's House" though coming back might be a problem. Find yourself a young bride in a house that holds a terrible secret in "A Lady's Hands Are Cold." You might try to figure out what is haunting "My Friend Janna," or discover that your brother's fiancée may not be what she seems in "The Nesting Place." Of course you must also revisit the horror of "His Face All Red."

#### **Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children**

By Ransom Riggs

A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. It all waits to be discovered in this unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience. As our story opens, a horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. They may have been quarantined on a deserted island for good reason. And somehow, impossible though it seems, they may still be alive.