

Read Aloud America



2010 Reading Lists



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Dear Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, and all who read to children:

Here is the new Read Aloud America 2010 Reading List of great read aloud books for children of all ages. You will find many new titles and some all-time favorites. I hope that you find the list both a helpful guide of books to read aloud to the children in your lives and a resource when choosing a book to give as a gift.

My sincere thank you to the committee members who read over 100 books. To recommend a book for the 2010 reading list, the committee choose books that have:

- Excellent read-aloud appeal
- Variety of male/female main characters, genres, and popular authors
- Strong development of characters, plot, themes, and subtle moral (character-building) messages, and
- Age group appropriateness.

The committee members and I are interested in your feedback. Please feel free to email me at read@readaloudamerica.org with your comments as well as your own recommended read-aloud favorites. To obtain copies of previous Recommended Reading Lists (1998-1999, 2000-2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009), please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the address below and enclose \$.75 postage for each list requested.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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READ-ALOUDS FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

All of Baby Nose and Toes	Adler, Victoria
The Little House	Burton, Virginia Lee
Sweet Dreams, Maisy	Cousins, Lucy
Nobunny's Perfect	Dewdney, Anna
Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes	Fox, Mem
In My Pond	Gillingham, Sara
Spot's Snowy Day	Hill, Eric
Freight Train Trip!	Hill, Susanna Leonard
1, 2, 3: A Child's First Counting Book	Jay, Alison
Superhero Me!	Katz, Karen
Crashing and Splashing	Lester, Alison
My Little Monkey	Magsamen, Sandra
What's on my Head?	Miller, Margaret
The Birthday Box	Patricelli, Leslie
Curious Baby Music Play	Rey, H. A.
Spoon	Rosenthal, Amy Krouse
Three Little Kittens	Ross, Tony
Good Egg	Saltzburg, Barney
Little Blue Truck	Schertle, Alice
Gallop!	Seder, Rufus Butler
Peek-A-Boo WHO?	Taback, Simms
Sharing Time	Verdick, Elizabeth
The Pigeon Wants a Puppy	Willems, Mo
One Weighs a Ton	Yoon, Salina

READ-ALOUDS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

A Sleepy Little Alphabet	Sierra, Judy
Sheep in a Jeep	Apple, Margot
Little Gorilla	Bornstein, Ruth
Biscuit's Walk in the Wood	Capucilli, Alyssa Satin
Have You Seen My Cat?	Carle, Eric
Maisy Goes to PreSchool	Cousins, Lucy
Llama Llama Misses Mama	Dewdney, Anna
Pat the Beastie	Dreshcer, Henrik
Wynken, Blynken, and Nod	Field, Eugene W.
Marley Goes to School	Grogan, John
Katie Loves the Kittens	Himmelman, John
Beddy-Bye Baby	Katz, Karen
My Big Rig	London, Jonathan
My First Mother Goose	McCue, Lisa
Move!	Page, Robin
Amelia Bedelia's First Day of School	Parish, Herman
Little Oink	Rosenthal, Amy Krouse
The Stars Will Still Shine	Rylant, Cynthia
Open the Barn Door	Santoro, Chris
What Do People Do All Day?	Scarry, Richard
Skippyjon Jones, Lost in Spice	Schachner, Judy
Truckery Rhymes	Scietska, Jon
Olivia Leaps!	Shaw, Natalie
Elephants Cannot Dance	Willems, Mo

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES K – A
READ-ALOUDS FOR KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 1

The Hair of Zoe Fleefenbacher Goes to School	Anderson, Laurie Halse
Beware of Boys	Blundell, Tony
The Curious Garden	Brown, Peter
Cork and Fuzz: Finders Keepers	Chaconas, Dori
Don't Need Friends	Crimi, Carolyn
Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy	Davis, Jacky
My First Fairy Tales	dePaola, Tomie
I Love You More	Duksta, Laura
Hello Baby!	Fox, Mem
The No Good Do Good Pirates	Kraft, Jim
Tugga-Tugga Tugboat	Lewis, Kevin
Otis	Long, Loren
Gooney Bird Is Absurd	Lowry, Lois
George and Martha: One More Time	Marshall, James
The Paper Bag Princess	Munsch, Robert
Zen Ties	Muth, John J.
Dewey, There's a Cat in the Library	Myron, Vicki
Fancy Nancy: Explorer Extraordinaire!	O'Connor, Jane
Miles and Miles of Reptiles	Rabe, Tish
We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Rosen, Michael
Little Oink	Rosenthal, Amy Krouse
The Gecko Who Wanted to Be Different	Saurer, Dorothy Sarna
My Big Dog	Stevens, Janet

How Do Dinosaurs Love their Dogs? Yolen, Jane

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 2-3

A Visitor for Bear	Becker, Bonny
Beware of the Frog	Bee, William
Freckle Juice	Blume, Judy
Flawed Dogs	Breathed, Berkeley
Redwoods	Chin, Jason
Extra Credit	Clements, Andrew
The Unfinished Angel	Creech, Sharon
Martina the Beautiful Cockroach	Deedy, Carmen Agra
Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle	Dennis, Brian
Bird	Elliott, Zetta
Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp	Fleming, Denise
A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever	Frazee, Martha
Goose and Duck	George, Jean Craighead
Garmann's Summer	Hole, Stian
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days	Kinney, Jeff
Crow Call	Lowry, Lois
Sort it Out!	Mariconda, Barbara
Little Critter: The Fall Festival	Mayer, Mercer
The Hinky-Pink	McDonald, Megan
Listen to the Wind	Mortenson, Greg
Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet	Salisbury, Graham
Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City	Schulman, Janet
How I Learned Geography	Shulevitz, Uri

The House in the Night

Swanson, Susan Marie

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 4-5

Fever

Anderson, Laurie Halse

The Underneath

Appelt, Kathi

Murder at Midnight

Avi

Masterpiece

Broach, Elise

A River or Words

Bryant, Jen

No Talking

Clements, Andrew

The Misadventures of Maude March

Coulombis, Audrey

Toby Alone

de Fombelle, Timothee

The Magician's Elephant

DiCamillo, Kate

**The Miraculous Journey of Edward
Tulane**

DiCamillo, Kate

The London Eye Mystery

Dowd, Siobhan

**The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop
Elementary School**

Fleming, Candace

Leo and the Lesser Lion

Forrester, Sandra

Odd and the Frost Giants

Gaiman, Neil

Savvy

Law, Ingrid

Million Dollar Throw

Lupica, Mike

Missing Sisters

Maguire, Gregory

The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.

Messner, Kate

Gentle Ben

Morey, Walt

A Season of Gifts

Peck, Richard

Night Fires

Stanley, George Edward

When You Reach Me

Stead, Rebecca

Distant Waves

Weyn, Suzanne

Someone Named Eva

Wolf, Joan M.

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 6-8

Speak

Anderson, Laurie Halse

Fever

Anderson, Laurie Halse

Al Capone Shines my Shoes

Choldenko, Gennifer

Waiting for Normal

Connor, Leslie

Elijah of Buxton

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Interworld

Gaiman, Neil

Olive's Ocean

Henkes, Kevin

Scat

Hiaasen, Carl

Do Not Pass Go

Hill, Kirkpatrick

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate

Kelly, Jacqueline

Comeback Kids

Lupica, Mike

Jellicoe Road

Marchetta, Melina

The Mozart Question

Morpurgo, Michael

Faith, Hope, and Ivy June

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

The Day of the Pelican

Paterson, Katherine

The Last Olympian

Riordan, Rick

The Georges and the Jewels

Smiley, Jane

Stargirl

Spinelli, Jerry

Dani Noir

Suma, Nova Ren

The Doom Machine

Teague, Mark

Moribito: Guardian of the Spirit

Uehashi, Nahoko

Tadpole

White, Ruth

**Belle Prater's Boy & The Search for
Belle Prater**

White, Ruth

After Tupac & D. Foster

Woodson, Jacqueline

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 9-12

The Savage	Almond, David
The Boy Who Dared	Bartoletti, Susan Campbell
Going Bovine	Bray, Libba
Graceling	Cashore, Kristen
The Books of Pellinor	Croggon, Alison
Bog Child	Dowd, Siobhan
Invisible Man	Ellison, Ralph
Beautiful Creatures	Garcia, Kami & Margaret Stohl
Sun and Moon, Ice and Snow	George, Jessica
Forest Born	Hale, Shannon
The Book of Jude	Heuston, Kimberly
Ghostgirl	Hurley, Tonya
Hattie Big Sky	Larson, Kirby
Guardian	Lester, Julius
The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks	Lockhart, E.
Cybele's Secret	Marillier, Juliet
Curse of the Blue Tattoo	Meyer, L. A.
What Now?	Patchett, Ann
Nation	Pratchett, Terry
Here Lies Arthur	Reeve, Philip
Shiver	Stiefvater, Maggie
The Good Thief	Tinti, Hannah
Remembering Raquel	Vande Velde, Vivian
Leviathan	Westerfield, Scott

ADULTS

Have a Little Faith	Albom, Mitch
Things I Overheard While Talking to Myself	Alda, Alan
True Blue	Baldacci, David
The Diving Bell and The Butterfly	Bauby, Jean-Dominique
The School of Essential Ingredients	Bauermeister, Erica
Makeovers at the Beauty Counter of Happiness	Beckerman, Ilene
The Uncommon Reader	Bennett, Alan
Golden Boy	Booth, Martin
Honolulu	Brennert, Alan
So Brave, Young and Handsome	Enger, Leif
Grace	Evans, Richard Paul
Outlander (series)	Gabaldon, Diana
The Associate	Grisham, John
Let the Great World Spin	McCann, Colum
The Passport	Muller, Herta
Little Bird of Heaven	Oates, Joyce Carol
Crazy for the Storm	Ollestad, Norman
Still Life	Penny, Louise
Handle with Care	Picoult, Jodi
Empire Falls	Russo, Richard
Highest Duty	Sullenberger, Chesley
Half Broke Horses: A True Life Novel	Walls, Jeannette
Audition	Walters, Barbara
The Story of Edgar Sawtelle	Wroblewski, David

AGELESS AND TIMELESS CLASSICS

Little Women	Alcott, Louisa May
Pride and Prejudice	Austen, Jane
Fahrenheit 451	Bradbury, Ray
Goodnight Moon	Brown, Margaret Wise
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Carle, Eric
Lord of the Flies	Golding, William
Wind in the Willows	Graham, Kenneth
Rip Van Winkle	Irving, Washington
From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	Konigsburg, E. L.
The Story of Ferdinand	Leaf, Munro
To Kill a Mockingbird	Lee, Harper
The Chronicles of Narnia	Lewis, C. S.
Gone with the Wind	Mitchell, Margaret
The Borrowers	Norton, Mary
Island of the Blue Dolphins	O'Dell, Scott
Where the Wild Things Are	Sendak, Maurice
The Giving Tree	Silverstein, Shel
Caps for Sale	Slobodkina, Esphyr
Call it Courage	Sperry, Armstrong
Heidi	Spyri, Johanna
Of Mice and Men	Steinbeck, John
The Time Machine	Wells, H. G.
The Age of Innocence	Wharton, Edith
The Trumpet of the Swan	White, E. B.

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Best Books for Kids Who (Think They) Hate to Read: 125 Books That Will Turn Any Child Into a Lifelong Reader	Backes, Laura
This Way to Books	Bauer, Caroline
Babies Need Books: Sharing the Joy of Books with Children from Birth to Six	Butler, Dorothy
Raising Lifelong Learners: A Parent's Guide	Calkins, Lucy McCormick
How to Get Your Child to Love Reading	Codell, Esme Raji
The Power of Reading	Crashen, Stephen
Read to Me: Raising Kids Who Love to Read	Cullinan, Bernice
Help Me, I Have a Teenager	Drake, Annie
Reading Magic	Fox, Mem
Books Kids Will Sit Still For	Freeman, Judy
The Roller Coaster Years	Giannetti, Charlene
Read it Aloud! A Parent's Guide to Sharing Books	Haas, Laurie Joy & Monty Haas
Straight Talk About Reading: How Parents Can Make a Difference During the Early Years	Hall, Susan & Louisa Moats
Endangered Minds	Healy, Jane M.
For Reading Out Loud!: A Guide for Sharing Books With Children	Kimmel, Margaret Mary
Reading Rules! Motivating Teens to Read	Knowles, Elizabeth & Martha Smith
Raising Readers	Nat'l Council of Teachers of English
Great Books for Boys: More Than 600 Books for Boys 2 to 14	Odean, Kathleen
Great Books for Girls: More Than 600 Recommended Books for Girls Ages 3-14	Odean, Kathleen
The Read Aloud Handbook	Trelease, Jim
Guys Read web site	www.guysread.com
Mem Fox web site	www.memfox.com
Read Aloud America web site	www.readaloudamerica.org
Reading Is Fundamental web site	www.rif.org