

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

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|---|-----------------------|
| 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

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|---|-------------------------|
| 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

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|---|------------------------|
| 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

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|---|------------------------|
| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |