

Read Aloud America

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Reading List



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

Here is the new Read Aloud America 2018 Reading List of great read aloud books for children of all ages. You will find many new titles and some all-time favorites. You also might note that some of the books on this list appeared on previous annual reading lists, which date back to 1998. Please go to this link to view Reading Lists that we have compiled since 2010: <http://www.readaloudamerica.org/booklist.htm>

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.

To recommend a book for the 2018 reading list the following criteria was used:

- 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.

Read Aloud America is interested in your feedback. Please feel free to email me at: jedgaines@readaloudamerica.org with your comments as well as your own recommended read-aloud favorites.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jed Gaines

Jed Gaines, Founder/President
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Lists compiled by:
2017 Children's Choice Book Awards List
Amazon.com Best Children's Books
Jed Gaines, Founder/President, Read Aloud America
Good Reads
Scholastic Books

Jessie O'Neill-Prest, Kihei Elementary School
Joanne Laird, RAA Program Director
Larry Laird, RAA Operations Director
Barnes and Noble Best Children's Books
Newbery Award Books List

The books chosen for the 2018 book list reflect subjects, interests, genres, and cultures that are as diverse as the committee members and groups who chose them. Please review the subject matter and content before reading or suggesting books from the book list to family and friends.

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READ-ALOUDS FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Little Green Peas	Baker, Keith
I Love You Because You're You	Baker, Liz
Bounce, Bounce, Baby!	Bardaus, Anna
Can You Say Moo! Moo! Too?	Bardaus, Anna
First Look – At Home	Barrett, Laura
Cat's Colors	Cabrera, Jane
My Very First Book of Colors	Carle, Eric
Hands Off My Honey!	Chapman, Jane
You Are My Sunshine	Church, Caroline
Llama, Llama Nighty-night	Dewdney, Anna
Hugs and Kisses	Grobel, Roberta
Duck, Duck, Goose	Hills, Tad
A Color of His Own	Lionini, Leo
Guess How Much I Love You?	McBratney, Sam
What's This? What's That?	Pope, Elodie
Goodnight Gorilla	Rathmann, Peggy
Red Apple, Green Pear	Rookie Toddler
Little Owl's 1-2-3	Srnivasan, Divya
Dinosaur Roar!	Stickland, Paul
Grumpy Bird	Tankard, Jane
Bunny Cakes	Wells, Rosemary
Goodnight Moon	Wise Brown, Margaret
Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes	Wohnoutka
This Bug Needs a Boat!	Worth, Melanie
How Do Dinosaurs Count to Ten?	Yolen, Jane

READ-ALOUDS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN – KINDERGARTEN

Clifford's First School Day	Bridwell, Norman
Book! Book! Book!	Bruss, Deborah
Bear Wants More	Chapman, Jane
Big Bug	Cole, Henry
Apple, Banana, Cherry	Cowley, Joy
Llama, Llama and the Bully Goat	Dewdney, Anna
Catch That Cookie!	Durand, Hallie
Chu's Day	Gaiman, Neil
Billy Bully	Galan, Alvaro and Ana
Kindergarten Rules!	Hapka, Catherine
Bernice Gets Carried Away	Harrison, Hannah
Chickens to the Rescue	Himmelman, John
Countdown to Kindergarten	McGhee, Alison
I Stink!	McMullan, Kate
Dragons Love Tacos	Rubin, Adam
Construction	Sutton, Sally
Demolition	Sutton, Sally
Have You Seen My Duckling?	Tafari, Nancy
The Cow Loves Cookies	Wilson, Karma
Alphabet Adventure	Wood, Audrey
The Big Hungry Bear	Wood, Don and Audrey
Ellie	Wu, Mike
How Do Dinosaurs Go to Sleep?	Yolen, Jane

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 1 – 2

Surf's Up!	Alexander, Kwame
Fly Guy Presents Sharks	Arnold, Tedd
Fly Guy Presents Firefighters	Arnold, Tedd
Not Norman	Bennett, Kelly
The Wacky World of Living Things	Berger, Melvin
Narwhal, Unicorn of the Sea	Clanton, Ben
Pete the Cat Too Cool for School	Dean, James
The Pout Pout Fish Goes to School	Diesen, Deborah
Mother Bruce	Higgins, Ryan
Ready Freddy-Ninja Worrier	Klein, Abby
Swimmy	Lionmi, Leo
What If You Had an Animal Nose?	Markle, Sandra
I Spy A School Bus	Marzollo, Jane
I Am Martin Luther King, Jr.	Meltzer, Brad
Magic Tree House High Tide In Hawaii	Osborne, Mary Pope
How Full Is Your Bucket for Kids	Rath, Tom
National Geographic Pandas	Schreiber, Anne
National Geographic Volcanoes	Schreiber, Anne
Ninja Red Riding Hood	Schwartz, Corey Rosen
Splat the Cat-The Big Helper	Scotton, Rob
Scaredy Squirrel	Watt, Melanie
Anna's Best Friends	Webster, Christy
The Pigeon Wants a Puppy!	Wilems, Mo
National Geographic Dinosaurs	Zoehfeld, Kathleen

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 3 - 4

The Bad Guys	Blabey, Aaron
Bad Kitty Drawn to Trouble	Bruel, Nick
The Story of Ruby Bridges	Coles, Robert
A Dance Like Starlight	Dempsey, Kristy
How to Be Cool in the Third Grade	Duffey, Betsy
Winter's Tale	Hatkoff, Isabella
Bunnicula	Howe, Deborah and James
Dragon Masters	Howells, Graham
Pink is for Blobfish	Keating, Jess
Bindi Irwin's Wild Life	Klein, Emily
National Geographic Kids-Whales	Marsh, Laura
Stink the Incredible Shrinking Kid	McDonald, Megan
I Am Martin Luther King, Jr.	Norwich, Grace
Nancy Clancy Super Sleuth	O'Connor, Janet
Who Would Win? Lion vs. Tiger	Pallotta, Jerry
Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets	Pilkey, Dav
Lego Nexo Knights Double Trouble	Scholastic
Fourth Grade Rats	Spinelli, Jerry
Third Grade Angels	Spinelli, Jerry
National Geographic Kids-Robots	Stewart, Melissa
I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic	Tarshis, Lauren
Hamster Princess	Vernon, Ursula
Secret Coders	Yang, Gene Luen

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 5 - 6

The One and Only Ivan	Applegate, Katherine
The Last Kids on Earth	Brallier, Max
Star Wars Jedi Academy	Brown, Jeffrey
Bailey's Story-A Dog's Purpose	Cameron, W. Bruce
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	DiCamillo, Kate
Ramie Nightingale	DiCamillo, Kate
Cleo Edison Oliver, Playground Millionaire	Frazier, Sundae
National Geographic Kids-Everything Volcanoes and Earthquakes	Furgang, Kathy
Time Shifters	Grine, Chris
Ugly	Hoge, Robert
Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere	Lamana, Julie
Audacity Jones to the Rescue	Larson, Kirby
The Long Shot	Lupica, Mike
Blast Back-The Titanic	Ohlin, Nancy
Fooled You-Fakes and Hoaxes	Pascoe, Elaine
House of Robots	Patterson, James
Bayou Magic	Rhodes, Jewel Parker
Towers Falling	Rhodes, Jewell Parker
Sideways Stories from Wayside School	Sachar, Louis
Einstein Anderson Science Geek-The Hurricane Hoax	Simon, Seymour
I Survived the Attached of September 11, 2001	Tarshis, Laura
The Orphan of Ellis Island	Woodruff, Elvira

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 7 - 8

The Crossover	Alexander, Kwame
Nine, Ten	Baskin, Nora Raleigh
El Deafo	Bell, Cece
Doll Bones	Black, Holly
From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess	Cabot, Meg
Awkward	Chmakova, Svetlana
The City of Ember	Duprau, Jeanne
Fortune Falls	Goebel, Jenny
Hoot	Hiassen, Carl
Pay It Forward	Hyde, Catherine Ryan
Roller Girl	Jamieson, Victoria
Amulet: The Stonekeeper	Kibuishi, Kazu
OCDaniel	King, Wesley
Public School Superhero	Patterson, James
Big Nate and Friends	Peirce, Lincoln
Kane Chronicles-The Red Pyramid	Riordan, Rick
Dork Diaries	Russell, Rachel Renee
Kyle Finds Her Way	Salom, Susie
Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie	Sonnenblick, Jordan
I Have a Bad Feeling About This	Strand, Jeff
My Life as a Book	Tashjian, Janet
Drama	Telgemeir, Raina
Smile	Telgemeir, Raina
Frazzled	Vivat, Booki

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 9 - 12

I Will Always Write Back	Alifirenka, Caitlin
Speak	Anderson, Laurie
Nothing But the Truth	Avi
Code Talker	Bruchac, Joseph
Matched	Condie, Ally
The Maze Runner	Dashner, James
Unbecoming	Downham, Jenny
Tears of a Tiger	Draper, Sharon
The Fault in Our Stars	Green, John
Adrift	Griffin, Paul
Girl, Stolen	Henry, April
The Giver	Lowry, Lois
Cinder	Meyer, Marissa
All We Have Left	Mills, Wendy
The Big Dark	Philbrick, Rodman
Freak the Mighty	Philbrick, Rodman
I Am Princess X	Priest, Cherie
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children	Riggs, Ransom
Divergent	Roth, Veronica
Red American Women A-Z	Schatz, Kate
The Raven Boys	Stiefvater, Maggie
A Time to Dance	Venkatraman, Padma
My Name is Not Friday	Walter, Jon
I Am Malala	Yousafzai, Malala

GOOD READS FOR ADULTS

Paradise, Passion, Murder	Ambrose, Terry
The Cuban Affair	DeMille, Nelson
Being Mortal	Gawande, Atul
The Tipping Point	Gladwell, Malcolm
Turtles All the Way Down	Green, John
Camino Island	Grisham, John
A Painted House	Grisham, John
The Rooster Bar	Grisham, John
Empire of the Summer Moon	Gwynne, S.C.
From Sand and Ash	Harmon, Amy
Leonardo daVinci	Isaacson, Walter
Einstein	Isaacson, Walter
A Legend of Spies	LeCarre, John
The Last Lion	Manchester, William
The Hidden Village: A Story of Survival in WWII	Mathews, Imogen
The Greater Journey	McCullough, David
The Children Act	McEwan, Ian
Big Little Lies	Moriarty, Liane
Scalia Speaks	Scalia, Antonin
The Companies We Keep	Sigall, Bob
Follow the River	Thom, James Alexander
Guardians of Being	Tolle, Echart
The Glass Castle: A Memoir	Walls, Jeanette
Half Broke Horses	Walls, Jeanette

AGELESS AND TIMELESS CLASSICS

Aesop's Fables	Aesop
The Madeline Series	Bemelmans, Ludwig
The Five Chinese Brothers	Bemelmans, Ludwig
The Secret Garden	Burnett, Frances
Pinocchio	Collodi, Carlo
A Christmas Carol	Dickens, Charles
The Christmas Box	Evans, Richard
Little House in the Big Woods	Ingalls-Wilder, Laura
Dr. Doolittle Series	Lofting, Hugh
Make Way for Ducklings	McCloskey, Robert
Winnie the Pooh	Milne, A.A.
Gone With the Wind	Mitchell, Margaret
Island of the Blue Dolphins	O'Dell, Scott
Mr. Lincoln's Way	Polacco, Patricia
The Yearling	Rawlings, Marjorie
The Lorax	Seuss, Dr.
Falling Up	Silverstein, Shel
The Hobbit	Tolkein, J.R.
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	Twain, Mark
The Polar Express	VanAllsburg, Chris
Around the World in 80 Days	Wells, H.G.
The Happy Prince and Other Tales	Wilde, Oscar
Little House on the Prairie	Wilder, Laura Ingalls
The Velveteen Rabbit	Williams, Margery

HAWAIIANA FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS (BY AGE LEVEL)

NAME OF BOOK	AUTHOR	AGE LEVEL
Paradise, Passion, Murder--10 Tales of Mystery from Hawaii (Proceeds from the sales of this book benefit Read Aloud America)	Ambrose, Terry + 9 authors	Adult
Onipa`a-Five Days in the History of the Hawaiian Nation	Allen, R. M. Keahi	Adult
Pua Polu-The Pretty Blue Hawaiian Flower	Beamer, Nona	0-8
Best of Hawai`i's Best Spooky Tales	Carroll, Rich	10-Adult
`Twas the Night Before Christmas in Hawai`i	Clement, Moore	0-8
Eddie Aikau-Hawai`ian Hero	Coleman, Stuart	10-Adult
Stories of Life in Old Hawai`i	Curtis, Caroline	10-Adult
Stories of Old Hawai`i	Kakulu, Roy	Adult
Pele-Goddess of Hawai`i's Volcanoes	Kane, Herb	Adult
Hanahana-An Oral History of Hawai`i's Working People	Kodama, Michi	Adult
Island Toes	Lozano, Christin	0-8
Goodnight Gecko	McBarnet, Gil	0-8
Blood Orchids	Neal, Toby	Adult
Pele and the River of Fire	Nordenstrom, Michael	0-8
Mele the Crab Finds the Way Out	Omoto, Gail	0-8
Daughters of Fire	Peek, Tom	10-Adult
Hawai`i Island Legends, Pele....	Pukui, Mary	10-Adult
Tales of the Menehune	Pukui, Mary	10-Adult
The Water of Kane and Other Legends	Pukui, Mary	10-Adult
Hush Little Keiki	Vukovich, Kim	0-8
How the Ant Family Came to Hawai`i	Yardley, Maili	0-8

BOOK LIST FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

NAME OF BOOK	AUTHOR	AGE LEVEL
Count Down 'Till Daddy Comes Home	Ayyar, Kristin	0-9
Dear Baby, I'm Watcher Over You	Casey, Carol	0-3
Nanna Upstairs, Nanna Downstairs	dePaolo, Tomi	0-8
Hope Weavers	Enrmantraut, Brenda	0-3
Night Catch	Enrmantraut, Brenda	0-9
Camo Cuddles	Keene, Barbara	10+
You Are Never Far Away	Krstowiak, Jan	0-3
My Sailor Dad	Mackenzie, Ross	0-9
Lily Hates Goodbyes	Marier, Jerilyn	0-3
Soldier Mom	Mead, Alice	10+
The Feel Good Book	Parr, Todd	0-9
American Hero Books: My Mommy Is A Marine	Reese, Alia	0-9
While You Are Away	Spinelli, Eileen	0-9
My Daddy Is a Soldier	Stratford, Anne	0-9
Trader Wooly and the Ghost in the Colonel's Jeep	Townsend, Tom	10+
The Kiss Box	Verberg, Bonnie	0-9
Atomic Ace-He's Just My Dad	Weigel, Jeff	0-9
Over There	Williams, Dorinda	0-9
Home Again	Williams, Dorinda	0-9
Timmy and the Storm	Yosick, Jeff	0-9

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
Reading Magic	Fox, Mem
Your Kid's a Brat and It's All Your Fault	Glickman, Elsie
The Toddler's Busy Book	Kuffner, Trish
Make Way for Reading--Great books for Kindergarten-grade 8	Latimer, Karen
The Toddler's Handbook	Martin, Dayna
The Read Aloud Handbook	Trelease, Jim
ABC Mouse website	www.abcmouse.com
Childrens Books Guide website	www.childrensbooksguide.com
Guys Read website	www.guysread.com
Kidsbook Series website	www.kidsbookseries.com
Linda Mood Bell website	www.lindamoodbell.com
Mem Fox website	www.memfox.com
I Can Read website	www.icanread.com
Pbs kids website	www.pbskids.org
Read Aloud America website	www.readaloudamerica.org
Reading Is Fundamental website	www.rif.org
Scholastic website	www.scholastic.com
Sesame Street website	www.sesamestreet.org
Ultimate Guide to Reading Comprehension website	www.supersummary.com/reading-comprehension.guide/
The Best Children's Books website	www.the-best-childrens-books.org
What Do We Do All Day website	www.whatdowedoallday.com/books-for-kids
Zulily Best Children's Books list website	www.zulily.com