

Read Aloud America

2019 Reading List



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

Here is the new Read Aloud America 2019 Reading List of great read aloud books for children of all ages. You will find many new titles and a new list of Graphic Novels. 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>

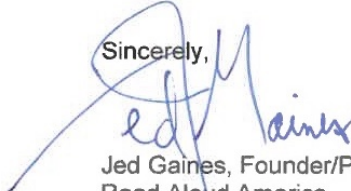
I hope that you find the list both a helpful guide of books to read aloud to the children in your lives and a resource when choosing a book to give as a gift.

To recommend a book for the 2019 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, Founder/President
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Lists compiled by:
2018 Children's Choice Book Awards List
Amazon.com Best Children's Books
Jed Gaines, Founder/President, Read Aloud America
Perma Bound Graphic Novels & Library Editions
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 2019 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

The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Carle, Eric
Let's Go to the Firehouse	Cartwheel Books
Penguinaut!	Colleen, Marci
Touch, Think, Learn Opposites	Deneux, Xavier
Llama Llama Loves to Read	Dewdney, Anna
Baby Touch and Feel Animals	DK
Ten Little Night Stars	Gruelle, Deb
Sleepyheads	Howatt, Sandra
Pat the Bunny	Kunhardt, Dorothy
Welcome Little One	Magsamen, Sandra
Whooo Loves You?	Magsamen, Sandra
Are You My Cuddle Bunny?	Magsamen, Sandra
Itsy-Bitsy I Love You!	Magsamen, Sandra
Polar Bear Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?	Martin, Bill
The Wonderful Things You Will Be	Martin, Emily
Whose Feet?	Melissa and Doug
Baby Faces	Merritt, Kate
If Animals Kissed Good Night	Paul, Ann Whitford
Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site	Rinker, Sherri Duskey
You Are My Baby: Ocean	Siminovich, Laura
Babies in the Forest	Swift, Ginger
On the Night You Were Born	Tillman, Nancy
The Pigeon Finds a Hotdog	Willems, Mo
Welcome	Willems, Mo

READ-ALOUDS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN – KINDERGARTEN

Please Mr. Panda	Antony, Steve
Pig the Star	Blabey, Aaron
The Greedy Python	Carle, Eric
But Excuse Me, That is My Book!	Child, Lauren
Try a Little Kindness	Cole, Henry
Pete the Cat 12 Groovy Days of Christmas	Dean, James
Pete the Kitty and the Groovy Playdate	Dean, James
Last Stop on Market Street	Dela Pena, Matt
The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors	Dewalt, Drew
The Day the Crayons Came Home	Dewalt, Drew
Pout Pout Fish and the Bully Bully Shark	Diesen, Deborah
The Three Little Fish and the Big, Bad Shark	Geist, Ken
Chicken In Mittens	Lehrhaupt, Adam
I See a Cat	Meisel, Paul
Go Otto Go	Milgrim, David
The Book with No Pictures	Novak, BJ
If you Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, Don't	Parsley, Elise
Elf in the House	Pauquette, Ammi Joan
Creepy Pair of Underwear	Reynolds, Aaron
Dragons Love Tacos 2	Rubin, Adam
Duck on a Tractor	Shannon, David
Interrupting Chicken	Stein, David Erza
Bear Can't Sleep	Wilson, Karma

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 1 – 2

Fly Guy and the Alienzz	Arnold, Tedd
Purrmaids: Search for the Memicorn	Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta
Magic Puppy: A Forest Charm	Bentley, Sue
Lucy’s Magic Snow Globe	Booth, Anne
Zoe’s Rescue Zoo Series	Cobb, Amelia
Spaghetti with the Yeti	Guillian, Adam
Princess in Black and the Science Fair Scare	Hale, Shannon
Come Home Already	John, Jory
Do Frogs Drink Hot Chocolate?	Kaner, Etta
Pinkalicious The Royal Tea Party	Kann, Victoria
American Girl-A Girl Named Misty	Lyons, Kelly Starling
The Wish Tree	Maclear, Kyo
I Am Jim Henson	Meltzer, Brad
The Gingerbread Man Loose at School	Murray, Laura
Who Would Win Series	Palotta, Jerry
Dog Man Series	Pilkey, Dav
Twisted Fairytales, The Ninjabread Man	Ross, Steward
The Wish Fairy-Too Many Cats!	Scott, Lisa Ann
Splat the Cat On with the Show	Scotton, Rob
Charlie and Mouse	Snyder, Laura
Pokemon Alola Chapter Books	Various Authors
National Geographic Biographies	Various Authors
The Boxcar Children Adventures	Warner, Gertrude
My New Friend is So Fun!	Willems, Mo

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 3 - 4

Magic Puppy-A Forest Charm	Bentley, Sue
Last Kids on Earth and the Cosmic Beyond	Brallier, Max
Max's Story	Cameron, W. Bruce
Louisiana's Way Home	DiCamillo, Kate
Andi Mack-Tomorrow Starts Today	Disney Books
The Third Mushroom	Holm, Jennifer
The Doughnut Fix	Janowitz, Janet
Sled Dog School	Johnson, Terry
Star Wars Jedi Academy-The Principal Strikes Back	Krosocka, Jarrett
The Year of the Dog	Lin, Grace
Lucky Luna	Lopez, Diana
American Girl-A Girl Named Misty	Lyons, Kelly
Baby Sitters Club Series	Martin, Ann
The Adventures of Robin Hood	Mattern, Joanne
The Hidden Witch	Ostertag, Molly
Escaping the Holocaust	Padowicz Julian
Ellie, Engineer	Pearce, Jackson
Jake the Fake Keeps It Real	Robinson, Craig
Dork Diaries Not So Happy Birthday	Russell, Rachel
What Was the Titanic?	Sabol, Stephanie
The Magic Storm	Simpson, Dana
Goosebumps Slappyworld	Stine, R.L.
I Survived the Attack of the Grizzlies	Tarshis, Lauren

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 5 - 6

Sprung: The Ghostkeeper's Journal	Asher, Japhet
Descendants: Treasures of the Isle of the Lost	De la Cruz, Melissa
Library on Wheels	Glenn, Sharlee
Absolutely Almost	Graff, Lisa
The Parker Inheritance	Johnson, Varian
Whatshisface	Korman, Gordon
No Truth Without Ruth	Krull, Kathleen
Whatever After: Two Peas in a Pod	Miynowski, Sarah
Twintuition Series	Mowry, Tia and Tamera
Riding Freedom	Munoz-Ryan, Pam
Weird but True!	National Geographic Kids
A Night Divided	Neilsen, Jennifer
Auggie and Me: Three Wonder Stories	Palacio, R.J.
Real Stories from My Time: The Boston Tea Party	Paley, Rebecca
Shadow House: The Gathering	Polocki, Dan
Sunny	Reynolds, Jason
Story Thieves: Worlds Apart	Riley, James
The Trials of Apollo Series	Riordan, Rick
Who Was Walt Disney?	Stewart, Whitney
Wings of Fire Series	Sutherland, Tui
Smile	Telgemeier, Raina
Soof	Weeks, Sarah
Hello Neighbor: Missing Pieces	West, Carly Anne
Way of the Warrior Kid	Willink, Jocko
The Way to Bea	Yeh, Kat

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 7 - 8

Granted	Anderson, John D.
The Button War	Avi
Greetings from Witness Protection!	Burt, Jake
Forever, Or A Long, Long Time	Carter Caela
Al Capone Throws Me a Curve	Choldeko, Gennifer
Class Action	Frank, Steven
The Island at the End of Everything	Hargrave, Kiran
The Night Diary	Hiranandani, Veera
Every Shiny Thing	Jensen, Cordella
Checked	Kadohata, Cynthia
Front Desk	Kang, Kelly
The Science of Breakable Things	Keller, Tae
To the Moon!!	Kluger, Jeffrey
The Problim Children	Lloyd, Natalie
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl	McAnulty, Stacy
Legends of the Lost Causes	McLelland, Brad
Breakout	Messner, Kate
Puddin'	Murphy, Julie
Hermes: Tales of the Trickster	O'Connor, George
Until Tomorrow, Mr. Marsworth	O'Connor, Sheila
Ghost Boys	Rhodes, Jewell
House of Dreams	Rosenberg, Liz
Betty Before X	Shabazz, Ilyasah
The Midnight Gang	Walliams, David

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 9 - 12

Children of Blood and Bone	Adeyemi, Tomi
Love, Hate and Other Filters	Ahmed, Sandra
Brazen	Bagieu, Penelope
A Girl Like That	Bhathena, Tanaz
Not If I Save You First	Carter, Ally
American Panda	Chao, Gloria
Little and Lion	Colbert, Brandy
Tyler Johnson Was Here	Coles, Jay
Because I Was a Girl	De la Cruz, Melissa
I Have Lost My Way	Forman, Gayle
Give Me Some Truth	Gansworth, Eric
Broken Beautiful Hearts	Garcia, Kami
A Few Red Drops	Hartfield, Claire
Too Shattered for Mending	Hoffmeister, Peter
The Librarian of Auschwitz	Iturbe, Antonio
Tradition	Keily, Brendan
Isle of Blood and Stone	Lucier, Makila
All the Wind in the World	Mabry, Samantha
Becoming	Obama, Michelle
Final Draft	Redgate, Riley
After the Shot Drops	Ribay, Randy
Live in Infamy	Richmond, Caroline Tung
Americanized	Saedi, Sara
Chasing King's Killer	Swanson, James

GOOD READS FOR ADULTS

The Next Person You Meet in Heaven	Albom, Mitch
Heads You Win	Archer, Jeffrey
The Tuscan Child	Bowen, Rhy
Bad Blood-Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Start Up	Carreyrou, John
The President is Missing	Clinton, Bill and James Patterson
The Woman in the Window	Finn, A.J.
The Reckoning	Grisham, John
The Nightingale, A Novel	Hannah, Kristin
The Great Alone	Hannah, Kristin
Robin	Itzkoff, Dave
The Good Neighbor: Life and Works of Fred Rogers	King, Maxwell
The Outsiders: A Novel	King, Stephen
Playing with the Enemy	Moore, Gary W.
The Tattooist of Auschwitz	Morris, Heather
Little Fires Everywhere	Ng, Celeste
Fly Girls	O'Brien, Keith
Becoming	Obama, Michelle
Where the Crawdads Sing	Owens, Delia
Kingdom of the Blind	Penny, Louise
The Other Woman	Silva, Daniel
Beneath a Scarlet Sky	Sullivan, Mark
Guardians of Being	Tolle, Echart
Indianapolis	Vincent, Lynn and Sara Vladic
Educated	Westover, Tara

GRAPHIC NOVELS (GN) – GRADES 1-5

CatStronauts GN Series	Brockington, Drew
Little Tales in the Jungle GN	Brremaud, Frederick
Powerpuff Girls GN Series	Carolan, Sean
Narwhal: Unicorn of the Seas	Clanton, Ben
Beware the Batman GN Series	Cohen, Ivan
DC Super Friends GN Series	Fisch, Solly
Princess in Black GN	Hale, Shannon
Squish Brave New Pond GN	Holm, Jennifer
Babymouse GN Series	Holm, Jennifer
Diary of a Wimpy Kid GN Series	Kinney, Jeff
Pokemon Adventures GN	Kusaka, Hidenori
Dog Man and Cat Kid GN	Pilkey, Dav
Captain Underpants GN Series	Pilkey, Dav
The Ninjabread Man GN	Ross, Stewart
Trolls GN Series	Scheidt, Dave
Geronimo Stilton GN Series	Stilton, Gernonimo
Babysitters Club GN Series	Telgemeier, Raina
Smile GN	Telgemeier, Raina
Disney Fairies GN Series	Various Authors
Far Out Fairy Tales GN Series	Various Authors
Disney Junior GN Series	Various Authors
Diary of a Minecraft Zombie GN	Various Authors
My Little Pony Friends Forever	Whitley, Jeremy
Hilo GN Series GN Series	Winick, Judd

HAWAI`IANA FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS (BY AGE/GRADE LEVEL)

NAME OF BOOK	AUTHOR	AGE LEVEL
Kekoa and the Egg Mystery	Walls, Tia	1 st -2 nd
The Magical Journey from Hawai`i	McBarnett, Gil	1 st -2 nd
Calvin Coconut: Hero of Hawai`i	Salisbury, Graham	3 rd -4 th
Island Fire	Neal, Toby	7 th -8 th
Ukuleles Undercover	Martin, Chery	7 th -8 th
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
A Hawai`ian Life Volume II	Kahumoku, George Jr.	Adult
Barefoot Boy in the Mango Tree	Moniz, Wayne	Adult
Honolulu	Brennert, Alan	Adult
Molokai	Brennert, Alan	Adult
Iz: Voice of the People	Carroll, Rich	Adult
Rolling Down to Old Maui	Nevius, Kimo	Adult
Short Stories about Hawai`i	Maui Writers Ink	Adult
The Companies We Keep	Sigall, Bob	Adult
Limu the Blue Turtle	Armitage, Kimo	K-1 st
Mouse and Mongoose	Ho, Elizabeth	K-1 st
Baby Honu's Incredible Journey	Yee, Tammy	K-1 st
Aloha Shirt Colors (Board Book)	Sueda, Kelly	T-PK
Gecko One and Gecko Two	Murakami, John	T-PK
Hina	Ahuli`i, Gabriela	T-PK
Ladder to the Moon	Soetoro-Ng, Maya	T-PK

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	Ehrmantraut, Brenda	0-3
Night Catch	Ehrmantraut, 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