

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 2023 Reading List of great read aloud books for children of all ages. You will find many new titles, repeat titles and a 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>

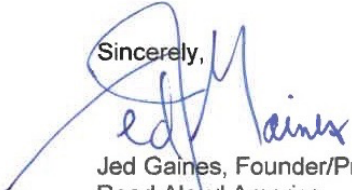
I hope that you find the list both a helpful guide of books to read aloud to the children in your lives and a resource when choosing a book to give as a gift.

To recommend a book for the 2023 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
Read Aloud America

Lists compiled by:

2022 Children's Choice Book Awards List
Amazon.com Best Children's Books
Jed Gaines, Founder/President, Read Aloud America
www.whatdowedoallday.com
Barnes and Noble Best Children's Books

Jessie O'Neill-Prest, Kihei Elementary School
Joanne Laird, RAA Program Director
Larry Laird, RAA Operations Director
Scholastic Books
Newbery Award Books List

The books chosen for the 2023 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

Whose Toes Are Those?	Asim, Jabari
Ten, Nine, Eight	Bang, Molly
Doggies	Boynton, Sandra
My Very First Book of Shapes	Carle, Eric
Oh So Kind	Cho, Joy
The Neighborhood Mother Goose	Crews, Nina
Global Babies	Global Fund for Children
Little Boat	Gomi, Taro
Black & White	Hoban, Tana
Counting Kisses	Katz, Karen
Go Baby! Go Dog!	Kennedy, Anne
Black Bird Yellow Sun	Light, Steve
Making Faces	Magnusson, Molly
The Story of You	Mayes, Dr. Linda
Little Poems for Tiny Ears	Oliver, Lin
My Very First Mother Goose	Opie, Iona
Higher! Higher!	Patricelli, Leslie
Big, Little	Patricelli, Leslie
Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young	Prelutsky, Jaci
Haiku Baby	Snyder, Betsy
Toddler Two	Suen, Anastasia
Peekaboo Feelings	Thom, Winnie
Little You	VanCamp, Richard
I Love My Beautiful Hair	Wentt, Elissa
Here's a Little Poem	Yolen, Jane

READ-ALOUDS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN – KINDERGARTEN

Daniel's Good Day	Archer, Micha
One Word from Sophia	Averbeck, Jim
Max's Words	Banks, Kate
If You Find a Rock	Christian, Peggy
Take Away the A	Escoffier, Michael
Hector and Hummingbird	Frith, Nicholas John
Zombies Don't Eat Veggies	Lacera, Megan
Take a Hike Miles and Spike	Long, Ethan
Squeak, Rumble, Whomp! Whomp!	Marsalis, Wynton
Thank You, Omu!	Mora, Oge
Bear Came Along	Morris, Richard T.
Betty's Burgled Bakery	Nichole, Travis
A Family is a Family is a Family	O'Leary, Sara
Benji, the Bad Day, and Me	Pla, Sally J.
Froodle	Portis, Antoinette
Now	Portis, Antoinette
Nerp!	Reul, Sarah Lynne
Nothing Rhymes with Orange	Rex, Adam
The Word Collector	Reynolds, Peter
The Great Dictionary Caper	Sierra, Judy
Teddy & Co.	Voigt, Cynthia
Sumo Joe	Wenjen, Mia
The Whole Wide World and Me	Yuly, Toni

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 1 – 2

Scribble Stones	Alber, Diane
X Marks the Spot	Brereton, Libby
Today is Monday	Carle, Eric
Oh No! My Dinosaur Wants a Bath!	Comet, J.E.
Big Egg	Coxe, Molly
Unicorn Diaries (series)	Elliott, Rebecca
Inspiring Stories for Amazing Boys	Green, Emily
Dear Girl: You are Amazing	Green, Emily
Wake Up Sun!	Harrison, David
Ducks In Muck	Haskins, Lori
Itty Bitty Kitty: Firehouse Fun!	Holub, Joan
See You Later, Alligator	Hopgood, Sally
Pete the Cat: Too Cool for School	John, Jory
Dragon Egg	Loehr, Mallory
Horse/Buggy – Dance, Dance, Dance!	Long, Ethan
The Princess and the Unicorn	Luzzader, A.M.
A Box Can Be Many Things	Rau, Dana Meachen
Gus Gets Mad	Remkiewicz, Frank
Let's Play in the Forest While the Wolf is Not Around	Rueda, Claudia
David Smells!	Shannon, David
Frogs in Space	Starr, Lisette
How to Catch a Mermaid	Wallace, Adam
Noodles – I Love Rainy Days!	Wilhelm, Hans
I Like Bugs	Wise Brown, Margaret

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 3 - 4

Fly Guy Presents (a series)	Arnold, Tedd
Armadillo Rodeo	Brett, Jan
Black Panther: Into the Heartlands	Brown, Roseanne
The Chicken Squad (a series)	Cronin, Doreen
The Notebook of Doom (a series)	Cummings, Troy
26 Fairmount Avenue	DePaola, Tommie
Locomotive	Floca, Brian
My Weird School (a series)	Gutman, Dan
Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores	Howe, James
Swamp Angel	Isaacs, Anne
Coyote Tales	King, Thomas
If You Decide to Go to the Moon	McNulty, Faith
Juana and Lucas	Medina, Juana
Leon the Extraordinary	Nicholas, Jamar
Thunder Rose	Nolen, Jerdine
Kat Kong	Pilkey, Dav
Shrek	Steig, William
Geronimo Stilton (a series)	Stilton, Geromino
I Survived (a series)	Tarshis, Lauren
Three Little Wolves & the Big Bad Pig	Trivizas, Eugene
The Dragon Masters (a series)	West, Tracey
Hurricane	Wiesner, David
City of Dragons	Yogis, Jaimal

GOOD READS FOR GRADE 5

Amari and the Night Brothers (a series)	Alston, B. B.
Crenshaw	Applegate, Katherine
Crown	Barnes, Derrick
Brixton Brothers Mysterious Cases (a series)	Barnett, Mac
The Swallowtail Legacy (a series)	Bell, Michael D.
Future Hero: Race to Fire Mountain	Blackwood, Remi
An Occasionally Happy Family	Burke, Cliff
The Serpent's Secret (a series)	DasGupta, Sayantani
Under the Egg	Fitzgerald, Laura Marx
Catching a Story Fish	Harrington, Janice
Bound for Home	Hashimoto, Meika
Heroes Guide to Saving Your Kingdom (a series)	Healy, Christopher
White Fox	Jiatong, Chen
Heaven	Johnson, Angela
The Grand Plan to Fix Everything	Krishnaswami, Uma
The Toothpaste Millionaire	Merrill, Jean
The Best Man	Peck, Richard
Mananaland	Ryan, Pam Munoz
Sisters of the Neversea	Smith, Cynthia
Wringer	Spinelli, Jerry
Crash	Spinelli, Jerry
Ways to Make Sunshine	Watson, Renee
Sarah Weeks Save Me a Seat	Weeks, Sarah
Front Desk	Yang, Kelly
Room to Dream	Yang, Kelly

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 6-7-8 (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess	Cabot, Meg
Ava & Carol Detective Agency (a series)	Chase, Emily
The Lonely Ghost	Ford, Mike
Shadow Jumper	Forster, J. M.
Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise	Gemeinhart, Dan
Allies	Gratz, Alan
Attack of the Black Rectangles	King, A.S.
Borders	King, Thomas
The Fort	Korman, Gordon
The Beekeeper of Aleppo	Lefteri, Christy
Escape from East Berlin	Marino, Andy
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl	McAnulty, Stacy
The Stars Beneath Our Feet	Moore, David Barclay
An Elephant in the Garden	Morpurgo, Michael
A Long Walk to Water	Park, Linda Sue
Middle School-the Worst Years of My Life (a series)	Patterson, James
The Girl in the Castle	Patterson, James
Middle School Millionaires	Robinson, Roderick
Fallout	Sheinkin, Steve
Winterkill	Skrypuch, Marsha
I Have a Bad Feeling About This	Strand, Jess
Beyond the Bright Sea	Wolk, Lauren
Pippa Park Raises Her Game	Yun, Erin
The Book Thief	Zusak, Marcus

GRAPHIC NOVELS (GN) & MANGA(MN)

Mac B. Kid Spy Series (GN)	Barnett, Mac
Class Act (GN)	Craft, Jerry
The Witches-The Graphic Novel (GN)	Dahl, Roald
Invisible (GN)	Diaz Gonzales, Christina
Ninja Kid (GN)	Do, Ahn
Lemon Bird Can Help (GN)	Ganucheay, Paulina
Demon Slayer (a series) (MN)	Gotouge, Koyoharu
The Flamingo (GN)	Guojing (no first name)
My Hero Academia (a series) (MN)	Horikoshi, Kohei
Twins (GN)	Johnson, Varian
Apple Crush (GN)	Knisley, Lucy
Girl from the Sea (GN)	Knox Ostertag, Molly
Baby Sitters Little Sister (a series) (GN)	Martin, Ann
Minecraft (GN)	Monster, Sfe R.
Olympians Dionysos (a series) (GN)	O'Connor, George
One Piece (a series) (MN)	Oda, Eiichiro
Komi Can't Communicate (a series) (MN)	Oda, Tomohito
Frizzy (GN)	Ortega, Claribel
Twin Cities (GN)	Pimienta, Jose
Noise (GN)	Raymundo, Kathleen
Wings of Fire (Series)	Sutherland, Tui
Swan Lake-Quest for the Kingdoms (GN)	Terciero, Rey
The Runaway Princess (GN)	Troianowski, Johanm
Squished (GN)	Wagner Lloyd, Megan

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 9-12

Legacy of Orisha (a series)	Adeyemi, Tomi
The Inheritance Games (a series)	Barnes, Jennifer Lynn
She's Gone	Bell, David
The Stolen Heir	Black, Holly
Muted	Charles, Tami
Freedom Swimmer	Chim, Wai
The Skin I'm In	Flake, Sharon G.
Give Me Some Truth	Gansworth, Eric
Girl in Pieces	Glasgow, Kathleen
Bone Talk	Gourlay, Candy
Refugee	Gratz, Alan
Prisoner B-3087	Gratz, Alan
Let Me Hear a Rhyme	Jackson, Tiffany
The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali	Khan, Sabina
I Love You So Mochi	Kuhn, Sarah
Throne of Glass (a series)	Maas, Sarah
Shatter Me	Mafi, Tahereh
Everything Sad Is Untrue	Nayeri, Daniel
I Was Born for This	Oseman, Alice
Better Than the Movies	Painter, Lynn
Miles Morales	Reynolds, Jason
Simone Breaks All the Rules	Rigaud, Debbie
Dreamer Trilogy (a series)	Stiefvater, Maggie
The Hate You Give	Thomas, Angie

GOOD READS FOR ADULTS

The Hidden One	Castillo, Linda
The Stranger in the Lifeboat	Albom, Mitch
The 6:20 Man	Baldacci, David
Waves of Yesterday	Corcione, Joan & Michael
The Hero Code	Craven, Admiral William
A Childhood, The Biography of a Place	Crews, Harry
The Boys from Biloxi	Grisham, John
The Sparring Partners	Grisham, John
The Leopard is Loose	Harrison, Stephen
Hotel Nantucket	Hilderbrand, Erin
The Aloha Shirt	Hope, Dale
Nothing to Lose	Jance, J.A.
True, The Four Seasons of Jackie Robinson	Kennedy, Kostyra
Eat to Beat Disease	Li, William MD
Jacqueline in Paris	Mah, An
Three Sisters	Morris, Heather
The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man	Newman, Paul
Killing the Legends	O'Reilly & Dugan, Bill & Martin
22 Seconds-The Women's Murder Club	Patterson, James
One Last Chance	Siger, Jeffery
Portrait of an Unknown Woman	Silva, Daniel
The Last Green Valley	Sullivan, Mark
The Lincoln Highway	Towles, Armor
Lessons from the Edge	Yovanovitch, Marie

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

NAME OF BOOK	AUTHOR	AGE LEVEL
1-2-3 Saimin In Hawai`i	Beach House Pub	T-PK
Baby's First ABC in Hawai`i	Ellis, Greg	T-PK
Down at the Beach	Meckle, Jamie	T-PK
A Fishy Alphabet	Hayashi, Leslie	K-1st
A is for Aloha	Goldsberry, U`ilani	K-1st
Baby Honu's Incredible Journey	Yee, Tammy	K-1st
Hoku	McBarnett, Gil	2 nd -3 rd
Maka-The Magic Music Maker	Scott, Shannon	2 nd -3 rd
On Vacation with Tutu	Wikoff, Lynn	2 nd -3 rd
Turtle in Paradise	Holm, Jennifer	Upper grades
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Lin, Grace	Upper grades
Uncle Kawaiola's Dream	Pellegrino, Victor	Upper grades
Casy & Kiara and the Curse of the Ki`i	Chang, Roy	Upper grades
Aloha Rodeo	Woolman, David	Adult
Barefoot Boy in the Mango Tree	Moniz, Wayne	Adult
Paradise, Passion, Murder	Various Authors	Adult
Aia He Kaheka	Bruno, Makela	Olelo
Hauahine Meheanu	Kamakau, Samuel	Olelo
Kai	Ebeie, Mora	Olelo
Lauka`ie`ie	Racoma, Robin	Olelo
Na Keiki Elima	Wilson, William	Olelo

BOOK LIST FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

NAME OF BOOK	AUTHOR	AGE LEVEL
I'll Lend You My Daddy: A Deployment Book for Kids Ages 4-8	King, Becky	1 st -2 nd
Brave for My Family	Whetstone, Davidson	1 st -2 nd
Home Again	Williams, Dorinda	1 st -2 nd
Timmy and the Storm	Yosick, Jeff	1 st -2 nd
My Daddy Sleeps Everywhere	Franklin, Jesse	2 nd -3 rd
What Should Danny Do?	Levy, Adir	2 nd -3 rd
H is for Honor: A Military Family Alphabet	Scillian, Devin	3 rd -4 th
Married to the Military	Leyva, Meredith	Adult
You Are Not Alone	McDonald, Jen	Adult
Modern Military Spouse	Tamm, Lauren	Adult
Night Catch	Ehrmantraut, Brenda	K-1 st
The Adventures of a Military Brat	Gomez, Johanna	K-1 st
Hero Mom	Hardin, Melanie	K-1 st
Hero Dad	Hardin, Melanie	K-1 st
Buddy, the Soldier Bear	Joy, Marie	K-1 st
The Invisible String	Karst, Patrice	K-1 st
Daddy's Boots	Linhart, Sandra	K-1 st
Lily Says Goodbye	Marler, Jerilyn	K-1 st
A Paper Hug	Skolmoski, Stephanie	K-1 st

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Best Books for Kids Who (Think They) Hate to Read

Teaching Visual Literacy: Using Comic Books, Graphic Novels to develop Comprehension and Thinking Skills

The Toddler's Handbook

Make Way for Readers

The Read Aloud Handbook

<https://www.themeasuredmom.com>

www.abcmouse.com

www.childrensbooksguide.com

www.kidsbookseries.com

www.lindamoodbell.com

www.memfox.com

www.icanread.com

www.pbskids.org

www.readaloudamerica.org

www.rif.org

www.scholastic.com

www.sesamestreet.org

www.the-best-childrens-books.org

www.whatdowedoallday.com/books-for-kids

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/>

Backes, Laura

Frey, Nancy & Fisher, Douglas

Martin, Dayna

Sierra, Judy

Trelease, Jim

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