

Read Aloud America



2015 Reading List

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


Here is the new Read Aloud America 2015 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 reviewed over 100 books. To recommend a book for the 2015 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: literacy@readaloudamerica.org with your comments as well as your own recommended read-aloud favorites.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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2014 Children's Choice Book Awards List
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Newbery Award Books List

The books chosen for the 2015 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

I Love My Mommy	Andreae, Giles
Hurry! Hurry!	Bunting, Eve
Good for You! Toddler Rhymes	Calmenson, Stephanie
My Very First Book of Colors	Carle, Eric
Not That Tutu!	Colman, Michael Sinclair
Maisy's First Numbers	Cousins, Lucy
Freight Train	Crews, Donald
Little Hide and Seek-Things That Go	DK Publishing
The Everything Book	Fleming, Denise
Alphablock	Franceschelli, Christopher
Corduroy Goes to the Beach	Hennessy, B. G.
Rocket's Mighty Word	Hills, Tad
Baby Talk: First Words & Phrases	Hindley, Judy
Dive In!	Jones-Prince, April
Diggers Go	Light, Steve
Brown Bear, What Do You See?	Martin, Bill
Big and Little	Miller, Margaret
Get Ready, Baby	Miller, Margaret
All Fall Down	Oxenbury, Helen
Alphaprints: ABC	Priddy, Roger
Baby's A B C	Ricklen, Neil
Sophie's Busy Day	Sirett, Dawn
Put On Your Shoes	Stiles, Dan
Peek-a-Boo Who?	Taback, Simm

READ-ALOUDS FOR PRE KINDERGARTEN - KINDERGARTEN

Dragons Love Tacos	Rubin, Adam
Mr. Tiger Goes Wild	Brown, Peter
Harold and the Purple Crayon	Cockett, Johnson
Nighttime Ninja	DaCosta, Barbara
The Day the Crayons Quit	Daywait, Drew
Llama, Llama and the Bully Goat	Dewdney, Anna
Are You My Mother?	Eastman, P.D.
Owen	Henkes, Kevin
Penny and Her Marble	Henkes, Kevin
Twenty Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street	Lee, Mark
Froggy Goes to Hawaii	London, Jonathan
Chamella and the New Kids In Class	Long, Ethan
Dream Animals, A Bedtime Journey	Martin, Emily Winfield
Tap the Magic Tree	Matheson, Christine
The Adventures of Gary and Harry	Matsumoto, Lisa
Sophie's Squash	Miller, Pat Zietlow
Six Dinner Sid	Moore, Inga
The Watermelon Seed	Pizzoli, Greg
Steam Train, Dream Train	Rinker, Sherri Duskey
I'll Save You Bobo!	Rosenthal, Ellen
Bear and Bee Too Busy	Ruzzier, Sergio
Midwinter Blood	Sedwick, Marcus
Hello, My Name is Ruby	Stead, Phillip
Baby Honu Saves the Day	Yee, Tammy

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 1 – 2

Nothing	Agee, Jon
Maile and the Huli Hula Chicken	Braffet, Mary
Arthur, It's Only Rock and Roll	Brown, Marc
Little Malia's Big Poi Idea	Calma, Jocelyn
The Year of the Fortune Cookie	Cheng, Andrea
Martina the Beautiful Cockroach	Deedy, Carmen
The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon	Grey, Mini
Bean Dog and Nugget: The Ball	Harper, Charise Maricle
The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County	Harrington, Janice
Lilly's Big Day	Henkes, Kevin
Mustache Baby	Heos, Bridget
My Lucky Day	Kasza, Keiko
Big Mean Mike	Knudsen, Michelle
Library Lion	Knudsen, Michelle
Pluto Visits Earth!	Metzger, Steve
A House in the Woods	Moore, Inga
Cowboy Clyde and Dirty Dog	Mortensen, Lori
Fancy Nancy Bonjour	O'Connor, Jane
Junie Jones – Aloha-Ha-Ha	Park, Barbara
The Surf Rider	Rogo, Thomas
Homer	Rotner, Shelly
Wild About Books	Sierra, Judy
The Hungry Pua`a and the Sweet Potato	Villanueva, Leonard
A Big Guy Took My Ball!	Willems, Mo

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 3 - 4

Are You There God? It's Me Margaret	Blume, Judy
Bad Kitty – Drawn to Trouble	Bruel, Nick
Medusa Jones	Collins, Ross
Walk Two Moons	Creech, Sharon
Lemonade War	Davies, Jacqueline
Flora of Ulysses	DiCamillo, Kate
The Match Box Diary	Fleischman, Paul
Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School	Fleming, Candance
Igraine the Brave	Funke, Cornelia
Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little	Gifford, Peggy
The Wind in the Willows	Grahame, Kenneth
Just Grace and the Super Sleepover	Harper, Charise Maricle
The Year of Billy Miller	Henkes, Kevin
Remembering Mrs. Rossi	Hest, Amy
Princess Pink and the Land of Fake: Believe #1	Jones, Noah Z.
Judy Moody Goes to College	McDonald, Megan
Midnight for Charlie Bone	Nimmo, Jenny
My Big Fat Zobie Goldfish: The Sequel	O'Hara, Mo
Calvin Coconut: Hero of Hawai'i	Salisbury, Graham
Bug In My Hair	Shannon, David
Fergus Crane	Stewart, Paul
Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote	Tonatiuh, Duncan
Oggie Cooder	Weeks, Sarah

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 5 - 6

The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp	Appelt, Kathi
Peter and the Starcatchers	Barry, Dave
The Wizard of Oz	Baum, Frank L.
Strike Three, You're Dead	Berk, Josh
Summerland	Chabon, Michael
No Talking	Clements, Andrew
Artemis Fowl	Colfer, Eoin
Elijah of Buxton	Curtis, Christopher
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	DiCamillo, Kate
Better Nate Than Ever	Federle, Tim
Stickman Odyssey, Book 2-The Wrath of Zozimos	Ford, Christopher
New Kid	Green, Tim
Fly By Night	Hardinge, Frances
The Contract	Jeter, Derek
Weedflower	Kadohata, Cynthia
Ice Fall	Kirby, Mathew
A Wrinkle In Time	L'Engle, Madeline
Poems and Drawings	Silverstein, Shel
Cryptid Hunters	Smith, Roland
A Series of Unfortunate Events	Snicket, Lemony
Bella at Midnight	Stanley, Diane
Lockwood & Co.-The Screaming Staircase	Stroud, Jonathan
Paper Boy	Vawter, Vince
P. S. Be Eleven	Williams-Garcia, Rita

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 7 - 8

The Islands at the End of the World	Asian, Austin
The Seer of Shadows	Avi
Doll Bones	Black, Holly
Eighth Grade Bites: Chronicles of Vladimir Todd, Book 1	Brewer, Heather
Al Capone Does My Shirts	Choldenko, Gennifer
Shelter (Mickey Bolitar Series)	Coban, Harlan
The Ballad of Lucy Whipple	Cushman, Karen
The Graveyard Book	Gaiman, Neil
Maggot Moon	Gardner, Sally
The Ghost of Crutchfield Hall	Hahn, Mary Downing
Turtle in Paradise	Holm, Jennifer
The Thing About Luck	Kadohata, Cynthia
The Stonekeeper	Kibuishi, Kazu
Pineapples in Peril	Martin, Cheryl
Far Far Away	McNeal, Tom
Cinder: Book One	Meyer, Marissa
Jade Green: A Ghost Story	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds
Herbert's Wormhole	Nelson, Peter
Akata Witch	Okorafor, Nnedi
Picture Me Gone	Rosoff, Meg
Lawless: Book I	Salane, Jeffrey
Hokey Pokey	Spinelli, Jerry
Moon Over the Manifest	Vanderpool, Claire
The Floating Circus	Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 9 - 12

Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale	Black, Holly
S.O.S. Titanic	Bunting, Eve
The Presence: A Ghost Story	Bunting, Eve
Clockwork Princess	Clare, Cassandra
Foundling	Cornish, D.M.
Never Cry Werewolf	Davis, Heather
The Ocean at the End of the Lane	Gaiman, Neil
The Fault In Our Stars	Green, John
Pride and Prejudice and Zombies	Hockensmith, Steve
You Are So Undead to Me	Jay, Stacey
Reformed Vampire Support Group	Jinks, Catherine
The Hypnotists	Korman, Gordon
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Lin, Grace
Pi In the Sky	Mass, Wendy
Wake	McMann, Lisa
Vampire Academy	Mead, Richelle
Allegiant	Roth, Veronica
Eleanor and Park	Rowell, Rinbow
Splendors and Glooms	Schlitz, Laura Amy
Dream-Maker's Magic	Shinn, Sharon
Shiver	Stiefvater, Maggie
Three Times Lucky	Turnage, Sheila
Navigating Early	Vanderpool, Clare
The 5th Wave	Yancey, Richard and Rick

GOOD READS FOR ADULTS

A Short Guide to a Long Life	Agus, David
The Aviator's Wife	Benjamin, Melanie
Palisades Park	Brennert, Alan
The Boys in the Boat	Brown, Daniel James
One Nation-What We Can Do to Save America's Future	Carson, Ben
Wooden: A Coach's Life	Davis, Seth
All the Light We Cannot See	Doerr, Anthony
The Tipping Point	Gladwell, Michael
Under the Wide and Starry Sky	Horan, Nancy
Ordinary Grace	Krueger, William Kent
Thou Shall Prosper	Lapin, Rabbi Daniel
The Invention of Wings	Monk-Kidd, Sue
Getting Life	Morton, Michael
Fire Beach	Neal, Toby
A Tale for the Time Being	Ozeki, Ruth
Drowning Ruth: A Novel	Schwarz, Christine
The Goldfinch-A Novel	Tartt, Donna
Nora Webster: A Novel	Toibin, Colm
Guardians of Being	Tolle, Eckart
How Children Succeed	Tough, Paul
The Paying Guests	Waters, Sarah
The Right Stuff	Wolfe, Tom
The Storied Life of A.J. Firky	Zevin, Gabrielle
The Seat of the Soul	Zukav, Gary

AGELESS AND TIMELESS CLASSICS

Little Women	Alcott, Louisa May
Andersens's Fairy Tales	Andersen, Hans Christian
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	Baum, L. Frank
Madeline	Bemelmans, Ludwig
The Bridge Over the River Kwai	Boulle, Pierre
The Incredible Journey	Burnford, Sheila
Robinson Crusoe	Defoe, Daniel
The Hundred Dresses	Estes, Eleanor
Diary of a Young Girl	Franke, Anne
For Whom the Bell Tolls	Hemingway, Ernest
Across Five Aprils	Hunt, Irene
Just So Stories	Kipling, Rudyard
The Red Balloon	Lamorisse, Albert
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	Lewis, C.S.
The Giver	Lowry, Lois
Guess How Much I Love You?	McBratney, Sam
Anne of Green Gables	Montgomery, L.M.
Island of Blue Dolphins	O'Dell, Scott
The Yearling	Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan
The Complete Adventures of Curious George	Rey, H. A.
Horton Hears a Who	Seuss, Dr.
Falling Up	Silverstein, Shel
The Red Pony	Steinbeck, John
The Polar Express	VanAllsburg, Chris

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
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
The Power of Reading	Krashen, Stephen
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 website	www.memfox.com
Read Aloud America website	www.readaloudamerica.org
Reading Is Fundamental website	www.rif.org

HAWAIIANA FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS (BY GRADE LEVEL)

Little Kahuna and da Menehune (3/4)	Aki, Tom
Limu: The Blue Turtle (PK/Kinder)	Armitage, Kimo
Akuna Hawaii: Hawaiian Gods and Their Stories (7/8)	Armitage, Kimo
1-2-3 Saiman in Hawaii (Inf/Todd)	Beach House Publishing
Diving for Fun in Hawaii (Inf/Todd)	Bosgra, Johann
Honolulu (Adult)	Brennert, Alan
Molokai (Adult)	Brennert, Alan
Goodnight Hawaiian (Inf/Todd)	Carolan, Dr.
Hawaii's Spooky Tales Series (Adult)	Carroll, Rick
Plumeria Princess & Tutu's Magic Ukulele (1/2)	Dubowski, Cathy East
Kamehameha: The Rise of a King (5/6)	Eyre, David Kawika
White Rainbow, Black Curse (5/6)	Eyre, David Kawika
Surf's Up for Kimo (1/2)	Germain, Kerry
A is for Aloha (PK/Kinder)	Goldberry, U'ilani
The Descendants (Adult)	Hemmings, Kauai Hart
A Hawaiian Life (Adult)	Kahoumoku, George Jr.
Froggy Goes to Hawaii (PK/Kinder)	London, Jonathan
Ukuleles Undercover (7/8)	Martin, Cheryl
Pele and the Rivers of Fire (3/4)	Nordenstrom, Michael
Calvin Coconut: The Zippy Fix (3/4)	Salisbury, Graham
Under the Blood Red Sun (5/6)	Salisbury, Graham
Blue Skin of the Sea (7/8)	Salisbury, Graham
Night of the Howling Dog (7/8)	Salisbury, Graham
Ladder to the Moon (1/2)	Soetoro-Ng, Maya