

Read Aloud America



2016 Reading List

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

Here is the new Read Aloud America 2016 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.

My sincere thank you to the committee members who reviewed over 100 books. To recommend a book for the 2016 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: 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:

2015 Children's Choice Book Awards List
Amazon.com Best Children's Books
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Israel Chavez, Oahu Program Specialist

Hawaii State Library Selected Reading Lists
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 2016 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

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| Uncle in the Jungle | Adler, Sigal |
| The Going to Bed Book | Boynton, Sandra |
| Moo, Baa, La La La! | Boynton, Sandra |
| The Runaway Bunny | Brown, Margaret Wise |
| The Mixed Up Chameleon | Carle, Eric |
| Abigail and the Tropical Island Adventure | Carmi, Tali |
| I Already Know I Love You | Crystal, Billy |
| An Elephant Is on My House | Cummings, O.D.D. |
| Turtle Wish | Cyr, Murielle |
| The Pout-Pout Fish | Diesen, Deborah |
| Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You? | Dr. Seuss |
| Pink Tears | Goldberg, Hana |
| The Magic of Maxwell and His Tail | Kanefield, Maureen Stolar |
| Pete the Cat—I Love My White Shoes | Litwin, Eric |
| Dream Animals-A Bedtime Journey | Martin, Emily Winfield |
| Little Monster's Bedtime Book | Mayer, Mercer |
| Blueberries for Sal | McCloskey, Robert |
| A Pet Banana | Othen, Donald |
| Bruce the Moose and Lily | Rantes, Tina |
| I am a Bunny | Risom, Ole |
| I Love You Through and Through | Rossetti-Shustak, Bernadette |
| Little Blue Truck | Shertle, Alice |
| The Napping House | Wood, Audrey |
| The Unfriendly Dragon | Wyckoff, Brae |

READ-ALOUDS FOR PRE KINDERGARTEN – KINDERGARTEN

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|---|--------------------------|
| A Pet for Fly Guy | Arnold, Tedd |
| Duck, Duck, Moose | Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta |
| The Going to Bed Book | Boynton, Sandra |
| This Book Just Ate My Dog! | Byrne, Richard |
| Dear Zoo: A Lift the Flap Book | Campbell, Rod |
| The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse | Carle, Eric |
| Eva and Sadie and the Worst Hair Cut Ever | Cohen, Jeff |
| Don't Push the Button! | Cotter, Bill |
| The Day the Crayons Quit | Daywait, Drew |
| Llama, Llama, Gram and Grandpa | Dewdney, Anna |
| Rupert Can Dance | Feiffer, Julia |
| Stick and Stone | Ferry, Beth |
| Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast | Funk, Joseph |
| How Rocket Learned to Read | Hills, Tad |
| The Wonderful Things You Will Be | Martin, Emily Winfield |
| When A Dragon Moves In | Moore, Jodi |
| If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, Don't! | Parsley, Elise |
| The Adventures of Beekie | Santat, Don |
| What Pet Should I Get? | Schomann-McCann, Molly |
| The Good Dinosaur | Scollon, Bill |
| Ask Me | Waber, Bernard |
| The Pigeon Needs a Bath | Willems, Mo |
| Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs | Willems, Mo |

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 1 – 2

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| Ivan-The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall | Applegate, Katherine |
| The Princess and the Pony | Beaton, Kate |
| The Baby Tree | Blackall, Sophie |
| Peanut Butter and Cupcake | Border, Terry |
| Pop of the Bumpy Mummy | Cummings, Troy |
| The Day the Crayons Came Home | Daywait, Drew |
| Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons | Dean, James |
| Pete the Cat and the New Kid | Dean, James |
| The Magic Pillow | Demi, E. |
| Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Raccoon | DiCamillo, Kate |
| The 39-Story Treehouse | Griffiths, Andy |
| Princess In Black | Hale, Shannon |
| Dinosaur Dream | Nolan, Dennis |
| Fancy Nancy Series | O'Connor, Jane |
| Sparky | Offill, Jenny |
| How to Babysit a Grandma | Regan, Jean |
| Mr. Putter and Tabby Turn the Page | Rylant, Cynthia |
| Francis Dean Who Loves to Dance and Dance | Sif, Birgitta |
| Claude at the Beach | Smith, Alex |
| Binky the Space Cat | Spires, Ashley |
| Good Night, Good Knight | Thomas, Shelly |
| Diva and the Flea | Willems, Mo |
| Ruby's Wish | Yim, Shirin |
| The Whisper | Zagarenski, Pamela |

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 3 - 4

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|---|------------------------|
| Crenshaw | Applegate, Katherine |
| Mr. Popper's Penguins | Atwater, Richard |
| Peter Pan | Barrie, J.M. |
| Ramona Quimby | Cleary, Beverly |
| Kali's Story—An Orphaned Polar Bear | Curtis, Jennifer |
| Leroy Ninkers Saddles Up | DiCamillo, Kate |
| Igraine the Brave | Funke, Cornelia |
| Space Case | Gibbs, Stuart |
| Miss Weirdest School #3 | Gutman, Dan |
| Dory Fantasmagory | Hanlon, Abby |
| Ice Dogs | Johnson, Terry Lynn |
| The Phantom Tollbooth | Juster, Norton |
| Diary of a Wimpy Kid—Old School | Kinney, Jeff |
| The Glorkian Warrior Delivers a Pizza | Kochaika, James |
| Alvin Ho – Allergic to Girls.... | Look, Lenore |
| Island of Shipwrecks—The Unwanteds | McMann, Lisa |
| Tuesday Tucks Me In—Loyal Bond | Montalvan, Luis Carlos |
| The Borrowers | Norton, Mary |
| Timmy Failure: Sanitized..... | Pastis, Stephan |
| Treasure Hunters – Danger Down the Nile | Patterson, James |
| Dork Diaries---Tales of a Not So Fabulous Life | Russell, Rachel |
| The Boxcar Children | Warner, Gertrude |
| The Incurrible Children of Ashton Place | Wood, Maryrose |

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 5 - 6

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| The Crossover | Alexander, Kwame |
| EI Deafo | Bell, Cece |
| The War That Saved My Life | Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker |
| Shakespeare's Secret | Broach, Elise |
| Flora and Ulysses | DiCamillo, Kate |
| Absolutely Truly | Frederick, Heather Vogel |
| Lost Boy | Green, Tim |
| The Fourteenth Gold Fish | Holm, Jennifer |
| Fish In a Tree | Hunt, Lynda Mullaly |
| Hit and Miss | Jeter, Derek |
| The Mark of the Dragonfly | Johnson, Jaleigh |
| Seven Wonders, Book 4 | Lerangis, Peter |
| A Snicker of Magic | Lloyd, Natalie |
| The Only Game | Lupica, Mike |
| Rain Reign | Martin, Ann |
| The Greenglass House | Milford, Kate |
| Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard | Riordan, Rick |
| Percy Jackson – Greek Gods | Riordan, Rick |
| Saving Kubul Corner | Senzai, N.H. |
| The Dumbest Idea Ever! | Smith, Jeff |
| The Ghost, White House, and Me | St. George, Judith |
| The Last Wild | Torday, Piers |
| Brown Girl Dreaming | Woodson, Jacqueline |

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 7 - 8

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| The Islands At the End of the World | Asian, Austin |
| The Finisher | Baldacci, Dave |
| The Thing About Jellyfish | Benjamin, Ali |
| Code Talker—Novel About Navajo Marines | Bruchac, Joseph |
| Just a Drop of Water | Cerra, Kerry O'Malley |
| Al Capone Does My Shirts | Choldenko, Gennifer |
| Things Hoped For | Clements, Andres |
| The Hunger Games Series | Collins, Suzanne |
| Sarah's Key | DeRosnay, Tatiana |
| Michael Vey 4: Hunt for Jade Dragon | Evans, Richard Paul |
| Dragonrider | Funke, Cynthia |
| Dead End in Norvelt | Gantos, Jack |
| Journey to Star Wars: The Force Awakens | Gray, Claudia |
| The Fault In Our Stars | Green, John |
| Theodore Boone—The Fugitive | Grisham, John |
| Warrior Cats | Hunter, Erin |
| Under A Painted Sky | Lee, Stacey |
| Rush Revere and the First Patriots | Limbaugh, Rush |
| We Were Liars | Lockhard, E. |
| Refuge (Relentless Book 2) | Lynch, Karen |
| Jade Green: A Ghost Story | Naylor, Phyliss Reynolds |
| The Boundless | Oppel, Kenneth |
| The Witch of Blackbird Pond | Speare, Elizabeth George |
| Revolution (The Sixties Trilogy) | Wiles, Deborah |

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 9 - 12

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| The Girls at the Center of the World | Asian, Austin |
| The Boy in the Striped Pajamas | Boyne, John |
| The Martian Chronicles | Bradbury, Ray |
| The Selection Series | Cass, Kiera |
| Clockwork Princess-The Infernal Devices | Clare, Cassandra |
| My Mother's Ring | Cornell, Dana Fitzwater |
| Raise the Titanic | Cussler, Clive |
| All the Light We Cannot See | Doerr, Anthony |
| The Hounds of the Baskervilles | Doyle, Arthur Conan |
| The Family Romanov | Fleming, Candace |
| The Carnival at Bray | Foley, Jessie Ann |
| Looking for Alaska | Green, John |
| The Nightengale | Hannah, Kristin |
| I'll Give You the Sun | Nelson, Jandy |
| Big Mouth and Ugly Girl | Oates, Joyce Carol |
| Here Lies Arthur | Reeve, Phillip |
| Bone Gap | Ruby, Laura |
| Fans of the Impossible Life | Scelsa, Kate |
| Challenger Deep | Shusterman, Neal |
| Grasshopper Jungle | Smith, Andrew |
| Curveball, the Year I Lost My Grip | Sonnenblick, Jordan |
| Surviving the Applewhites | Tolan, Stephanie |
| The French Teacher | Walker, William |
| I Am Malala | Yousafzai, Malala |

GOOD READS FOR ADULTS

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|---|-----------------------|
| The Magic Strings of Frankie Pesto | Albom, Mitch |
| The Clifton Chronicles | Archer, Jeffrey |
| The Guns at Last Light | Atkinson, Rick |
| The Target | Baldacci, Dave |
| How to Talk to Children About Art | Barbe-Gall, Francoise |
| The Road to Character | Brooks, David |
| The Boys in the Boat | Brown, Daniel James |
| Don't Sweat the Small Stuff | Carlson, Richard |
| Being Mortal | Gawande, Atul |
| Our Souls at Night | Haruf, Kent |
| The Girl on the Train | Hawkins, Paula |
| Waiting to Be Heard | Knox, Amanda |
| Dead Wake-The Last Crossing of the Lusitania | Larson, Erik |
| Rosemary, The Hidden Kennedy Daughter | Larson, Kate |
| Go Set a Watchman | Lee, Harper |
| The Wright Brothers | McCullough, David |
| Everything I Never Told You | Ng, Celeste |
| Killing Patton | O'Reilly, Bill |
| It Worked for Me | Powell, Colin |
| Parent Babble | Rosemond, John |
| The Four Agreements | Ruiz, Don Miguel |
| Guardians of Being | Tolle, Eckhart |
| The Martian | Weir, Andy |
| Stoner | Williams, John |

AGELESS AND TIMELESS CLASSICS

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| Pride and Prejudice | Austen, Jane |
| A Bear Called Paddington | Bond, Michael |
| Goodnight Moon | Brown, Margaret Wise |
| The Very Hungry Caterpillar | Carle, Eric |
| Charlie and the Chocolate Factory | Dahl, Roald |
| Lord of the Flies | Golding, William |
| The Wind in the Willows | Grahame, Kenneth |
| Chrysanthemum | Henkes, Kevin |
| Rip Van Winkle | Irving, Washington |
| To Kill A Mockingbird | Lee, Harper |
| The Borrowers Series | Norton, Mary |
| The Tale of Peter Rabbit | Potter, Beatrix |
| Where the Red Fern Grown | Rawls, Wilson |
| The Catcher in the Rye | Salinger, J.D. |
| Oh, the Places You Will Go! | Seuss, Dr. |
| The Cat in the Hat | Seuss, Dr. |
| The Giving Tree | Silverstein, Shel |
| Caps for Sale | Slobodkina, Esphyr |
| Of Mice and Men | Steinbeck, John |
| The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn | Twain, Mark |
| Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day | Viorst, Judith |
| Charlotte's Web | White, E.B. |
| The Velveteen Rabbit | Williams, Margery |
| The Swiss Family Robinson | Wyss, J.R. |

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 |
| Can You Catch a Coqui Frog? | Arina, Vera | 0-8 |
| What's My Name in Hawai`i? | Bonner, Louise | 8+ |
| Keiki's First Word Book | Bowen, Lance | 0-6 |
| Honolulu | Brennert, Alan | Adult |
| Molokai | Brennert, Alan | Adult |
| Pele and Poli`ahu: A Tale of Fire and Ice | Collins, Malia | 10+ |
| My Dog Has Flies-Poetry for Hawaii Kids | Cowing, Sue | 8-12 |
| Surfer of the Century | Crowe, Elizabeth | 10+ |
| New Friends for Nai`a | Grove-Velasquez, Kate | 0-6 |
| Plenty Saimin | Hutchins, Feng Feng | 0-8 |
| A Hawaiian Life | Kahumoku, George Jr. | Adult |
| Maui and His Magical Deeds | Kajiyama, Kats | 8+ |
| The Royal Waker-Upper | Masters, Elaine | 0-8 |
| The Lei Crime Series | Neal, Toby | Adult |
| Ten Little Children-Umi Keiki li`ili`i | Omoto, Garrett | 0-6 |
| The Red Headed Hawaiian | Puana, Rudy | Adult |
| Calvin Coconut – Hawaii Hero | Salisbury, Graham | 8-12 |
| Night of the Howling Dog | Salisbury, Graham | 8+ |
| The Last Princess-Story of Princess Ka`iulani of Hawaii | Stanley, Fay | 10+ |
| The Hungry Pua`a and the Sweet, Sweet Potato | Villanueva, Leonard | 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

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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 |
| 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 |