

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 2017 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 2017 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:

2016 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, Librarian, 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 2017 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

Doggies	Boynton, Sandra
Dear Zoo: A Lift the Flap Book	Campbell, Rod
Ten Tiny Toes	Church, Caroline
You Are My Sunshine	Davis, Jimmie
Princess Bedtime Stories (Storybook Collection)	Disney Book Group
Dr. Seuss's ABC	Dr. Seuss
The Itty-Bitty Kitty Rescue (Paw Patrol)	Golden Books
Who Hid It?	Gomi, Taro
I Love You To the Moon and Back	Hepworth, Amelia
Colors and Animals	Hill, Jasmine
Infants First Picture Book	Jones, Kenneth
Where Is the Baby's Belly Button?	Katz, Karen
The Toddler's Busy Book	Kuffner, Trish
The Wonderful Things You Will Be	Martin, Emily Winfield
Love You Forever	Munsch, Robert
If Animals Kissed Goodnight	Paul, Ann Whitford
First 100 Animals	Priddy, Roger
First 100 Words	Priddy, Roger
Numbers, Colors, Shapes (First 100)	Priddy, Roger
Red Truck, Yellow Bus-A Book of Colors	Scholastic Publishing
First Feelings-12 Stories for Toddlers	Simon, Mary Manz
One Little Piggy	Speedy Publishing
P is for Penguins Happy Flappy Feet	Speedy Publishing
Fuzzy Yellow Ducklings	Van Fleet, Matthew
Twinkle, Twinkle Time for Bed	Williams, Caroline

READ-ALOUDS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN – KINDERGARTEN

What It Is? A Just Ask Book	Arvetis, Chris
African Animal Facts for Kids	Bradley, Deborah
Biscuit Feeds the Pets	Capucilli, Alyssa
Last Stop on Market Street	DelaPena, Matt
Take Heart My Child	Earhardt, Ainsely
My Kindergarten Counting Book	Golden Books
Itty Bitty Kitty – Firehouse Fun	Holub, Joan
Pinkalicious – Fashion Fun	Kann, Victoria
123 Count with Me-Sesame Street	Kleinberg, Naomi
Goodnight, Little Monster	Leick, Bonnie
The Pirate of Kindergarten	Lyon, George Ella
Finding Winnie	Mattick, Lindsay
Guess How Much I Love You?	McBratney, Sam
Which Witch is Which?	Muntean, Michaela
If You Give A Mouse a Brownie	Numeroff, Laura
Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young	Prelutsky, Jack
A Ball for Daisy	Raschka, Chris
The Cookie Fiasco	Santat, Dan
The Stray Dog	Simont, Marc
Miss Bindergarten and the Very Wet Day	Slate, Joseph
The Night Before Kindergarten	Wing, Natasha
Learn to Read with Tug the Pup-A Book	Wood, Julie
How Do Dinosaurs Go to Sleep?	Yolen, Jane

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 1 – 2

Discovery Kids Readers – Dinosaurs	Amos, Jamie
Discovery Kids Readers – Sharks	Amos, Jamie
The Berenstain Bears and the Christmas Angel	Berenstain, Stan
Flat Stanley Midnight Ride of Flat Revere	Brown, Jeff
Cork and Fuzz Spring Cleaning	Chaconas, Dori
Sherman Swaps Shells	Clark, Jane
Bread N’ Butter – Private Rye	Cosmo, A.J.
The Monster That Ate My Socks	Cosmo, A. J.
Heidi Heckelbeck and the Big Mix Up	Coven, Wanda
Diary of a Worm – Nat the Gnat	Cronin, Doreen
Pete the Cat Saves Christmas	Dean, James
If You Want to See a Whale	Fogliano, Julie
Princess Posey, First Grader	Greene, Stephanie
The Best Seat in Second Grade	Kenah, Katharine
This Is Not My Hat	Klassen, Jon
Ready Freddy Gingerbread Jitters	Klein, Abby
Tacky and the Haunted Igloo	Lester, Helen
Amelia Bedelia Takes the Cake	Parish, Herman
My Parents Think I’m Sleeping	Prelutsky, Jack
First Grade Jitters	Quackenbush, Robert
Bruce the Moose and Bo	Rantes, Tina
Splat the Cat – The Big Helper	Scotton, Rob
Nate the Great – Where Are You?	Sharmat, Marjorie
Be Happy	Sheenan, Monica

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 3 - 4

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Blume, Judy
Bailey School Kids-Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots	Dadley, Debbie
The Big Friendly Giant	Dahl, Roald
Flora & Ulysses-The Illuminated Adventures	DiCamillo, Kate
Because of Winn Dixie	DiCamillo, Kate
Alien Encounter	Harper, Charise
Squish #1-Super Amoeba	Holm, Jennifer
Minecraft Ultimate Handbook	Kid, Steve
Diary of a Wimpy Kid-Double Down	Kinney, Jeff
Junie B. Jones – Aloha-ha-ha!	Park, Barbara
Big Nate – Revenge of the Cream Puffs	Pierce, Lincoln
Dog Man-From the Creator of Captain Underpants	Pilkey, Dav
Jigsaw Jones Case of the Runaway Dog	Preller, James
39 Clues – The Maze of Bones	Riordan, Rick
Dork Diaries 11 Tales from a Not-So-Friendly Frenemy	Russell, Rachel
Calvin Coconut-Hero of Hawaii	Salisbury, Graham
Pokemon Deluxe Essential Handbook	Scholastic
Thanksgiving at the Tappletons	Spinelli, Eileen
Goosebumps-Night of the Living Dummy	Stein, R. L.
The Hour of Magic	Stilton, Geronimo
Thea Stilton and the Tropical Treasure	Stilton, Geronimo
Olive the Other Reindeer	Walsh, Vivian
Hank Zipzer – Help Somebody Get Me Out of Fourth Grade!	Winkler, Henry

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 5 - 6

Brainwashed: Crime Travelers Spy School Mystery	Aertker, Paul
Mrs. Ravenbach's Way	Akers, William
The Night Gardner-A Scary Story	Auxier, Jonathan
Almost Home	Bauer, Joan
Strike Three, You're Dead	Berk, Josh
Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade	DeClements, Barthe
Ramie Nightingale	DiCamillo, Kate
The Boy – A Fifth Grade Anthology	Edwards, Jeff
Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja	Emerson, Marcus
The Day Fifth Grade Disappeared	Fields, Terri
Fortunately, the Milk	Gaiman, Neil
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Graberstein, Chris
Absolutely Almost	Graff, Lisa
The Princess and the Foal	Gregg, Stacy
Life of Zarf-The Trouble with Weasels	Harrell, Rob
Jeter Children-Change Up	Jeter, Derek
Fast Break	Lupica, Mike
Mark Banana Must Be a Ninja	MacGregor, Marcus
Story Thieves	Riley, James
Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard	Riordan, Rick
It's the First Day of School Forever	Stein, R. L.
The Menagerie	Sutherland, Tui

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 7 - 8

Middle School Magic	Bell, Braden
Doll Bones	Black, Holly
Trapped in a Video Game	Brady, Dustin
From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess	Cabot, Meg
Chicken Soup for the Soul-Middle School	Canfield, Jack
Inside Out and Back Again	Collins, Harper
Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust	Dauvillier, Loic
Discovery Girls Guide-All About Middle School	Discovery Girls
Out of My Mind	Draper, Sharon
Parvana's Journey	Ellis, Deborah
The Breadwinner	Ellis, Deborah
Mockingbird	Erskine, Kathryn
The Pranksters Club	Foster, J.C.
Theodore Boone – The Scandal	Grisham, John
Tyger, Tyger	Hamilton, Kersten
Semper Fido	London, C. Alexander
West Creek Middle School	Mills, Claudia
Agnes Parker-Keeping Cool in Middle School	O'Dell, Kathleen
A Long Walk to Water	Park, Linda Sue
The Ghost of Graylock	Poblocki, Dan
Middle School Millionaires	Robinson, Roderick
The Stolen Kingdom Fantasy	Rosenfeld, Ross
Diary of a Minecraft Wimpy Zombie	Steve, MC
Middle School-The Inside Story	Tobias, Cynthia

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 9 - 12

I'm With the Band	Brown, Melanie
Running Back	Camp, Emily
School for Vampires	Conlan, Quinn
High School DxD	Cook, Caleb
The Monster Files	Dean, Cate
The #Hackers	Ficklin, Sherry
High School Musical	Grace, N.B.
Ouran High School Host Club	Hatori, Bisco
High School Debut	Kawahara, Kazune
Forever	Marier, Eric
High School Boys	Marks, Melanie
Buffy-The High School Years	McDonald, Kel
Chasing Prophecy	Moser, James
Pretty Fear	Parker, Kitty
Surviving High School-A Novel	Pons, Lele
All's Fair in Love, War, and High School	Rallison, Janette
The School of Revenge	Richan, Michael
High School of the Dead	Sato, Daisuke
The Irregular at Magic High School	Satou, Tsutomu
The Rift	Stoll, J.T.
Minutes Before Sunset	Thompson, Shannon
Nuclear War Club-7 High School Students	Triani, Colt
The Running Dream	VanDraanen, Wendelin
Indisputable	Wilson, A.M.

GOOD READS FOR ADULTS

Paradise, Passion, Murder	Ambrose, Terry
This Was a Man	Archer, Jeffrey
A Man Called Ove	Backman, Fredrik
The Road to Character	Brooks, David
All the Light We Cannot See	Doerr, Anthony
The Mistletoe Secret	Evans, Richard Paul
Thank You for Being Late	Friedman, Thomas
A Painted House	Grisham, John
The Whistler	Grisham, John
Mr. Mercedes (Bill Hodges Trilogy)	Hawkins, Paula
Five Presidents	Hill, Clint
Benjamin Franklin	Isaacson, Walter
The Boys In the Boat	James, Daniel
A Hawai`ian Life, Volume 2	Kahumoku, George
When Breath Becomes Air	Kalanithi, Paul
For the Glory	Knox, Amanda
Lights Out	Koppel, Ted
Killing the Rising Sun	O'Reilly, Bill
Upstream	Oliver, Mary
The Chosen	Potok, Chaim
Our Kids	Putnam, Robert D.
Two By Two	Sparks, Nicholas
Light Between the Oceans	Stedman, J.L.
The Underground Railroad	Whitehead, Colson

AGELESS AND TIMELESS CLASSICS

Little Women	Alcott, Louisa May
Andersen's Fairy Tales	Andersen, Hans Christian
The Wizard of Oz	Baum, L. Frank
The Five Chinese Brothers	Bemelmans, Ludwig
Wuthering Heights	Bronte, Emily
Alice in Wonderland	Carroll, Lewis
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Coerr, Eleanor
James and the Giant Peach	Dahl, Roald
The Count of Monte Cristo	Dumas, Alexander
The Black Stallion	Farley, Walter
The Kon Tiki	Heyerdahl, Thor
The Story of My Life	Keller, Helen
The Jungle Book	Kipling, Rudyard
The Chronicles of Narnia	Lewis, C.S.
Sarah Plain and Tall	MacLachlan, Patricia
Bridge to Terebithia	Paterson, Katherine
Curious George	Rey, H.A.
Harry Potter Series	Rowling, J.K.
Where the Wild Things Are	Sendak, Maurice
Oh, The Places You will Go	Seuss, Dr.
The Cat in the Hat	Seuss, Dr.
Where the Sidewalk Ends	Silverstein, Shel
Heidi	Spyri, Johanna
Trumpet of the Swan	White, E.B.

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 Hawai`ian Nation	Allen, R. M. Keahi	Adult
Pua Polu-The Pretty Blue Hawai`ian 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
The Birthday Wish	Matsura, Ruth	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