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2020 Reading List

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

Here is the new Read Aloud America 2020 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 2020 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:

2019 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 2020 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

Dinosaur Dance	Boynton, Sandra
Bunny Rabbit Show!	Boynton, Sandra
Letters from Maisy	Cousins, Lucy
Llama Llama YUM YUM YUM!	Dewdney, Anna
Smile Pout Pout Fish	Diesen, Deborah
My First Toddler Coloring Book	Emelyanova, Tanya
Your Baby's First Word Will Be DADA	Fallon, Jimmy
Corduroy	Freeman, Don
Sleepyheads	Howatt, Sandra
The Wonderful Things You Will Be	Martin, Emily Whitfield
ABC Dance-Animal Alphabet	Moyle, Sabrina
Goodnight Baboon	Moyle, Sabrina
20 First Words in 20 Languages	Odd Dot
We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Oxenbury, Helen
If Animals Kissed Goodnight	Paul, Ann Whitford
A Kissing Hand for Chester Raccoon	Penn, Audrey
Who Will You Be?	Pippins, Andrea
I Love You Baby	Pixton, Amy
Indestructibles: Things That GO!	Pixton, Amy
Indestructibles: Beach Baby	Pixton, Amy
Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young	Prelutsky, Jack
All the World	Scanlon, Liz Garton
The Babies and Doggies Book	Schindel, John
Digger, Dozer, Dumper	Vestergaard, David
Goodnight Kitchen?	Wu, Sammie

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READ-ALOUDS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN – KINDERGARTEN

Perfect	Amato, Max
Little Penguin Stays Awake	Bentley, Tadgh
Pig the Pug-Fibber!!	Blabey, Aaron
The Grouchy Ladybug	Carle, Eric
The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors	Daywalt, Drew
Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party	Dean, Kimberly and James
Llama Llama Mess, Mess, Mess	Dewdney, Anna
Fancy Nancy Tie Your Shoes!	Disney Learning Books
Misunderstood Shark, Friends Don't Eat Friends!	Dyckman, Arne
Three Little Superpigs	Evans, Claire
Clark the Shark books	Hale, Bruce
There's Only One You	Heling, Kathryn
Mother Goose Bruce	Higgins, Ryan
I'm a Narwhal	Loehr, Mallory
Alma and How She Got Her Name	Martinez-Neal, Juan
It's Okay to Make Mistakes	Parr, Todd
Skippyjon Jones	Schachner, Judy
Lego: Rock Hunter!	Scholastic Books
A Sick Day for Amos McGee	Stead, Philip
The Legend of Spookley the Square Pumpkin	Troiano, Joe
My Friend Is Sad	Willems, Mo
The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!	Willems, Mo
How Do Dinosaurs Stay Safe?	Yolen, Jane

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READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 1 – 2

Ada Twist Scientist	Beaty, Andrea
My Teacher is a Monster. No I Am Not!!	Brown, Peter
Sisters & Champions, Story of Venus and Serena Williams	Bryant, Howard
Unicorn and Yeti: A Good Team	Burnell, Heather Ayris
Anna and Elsa – All Hail the Queen	David, Erica
Pout Pout Fish Cleans Up the Ocean	Diesen, Deborah
Laugh Out Loud A+ Jokes for Kids	Elliott, Rob
Yasmin the Superhero	Faruqi, Saadia
Let's Play Crabby!	Fenske, Jonathan
Press Start book series	Flintham, Thomas
The Bad Seed	John, Jory
Ready, Freddy Book series	Klein, Abby
Diary of a Pug – Pug Blasts Off!	May, Kyla
I Am Sonia Sotomayor	Meltzer, Brad
The Puppy Place book series	Miles, Ellen
National Geographic Kids – Weird and Wacky Animals	National Geographic
Who Would Win-Dinosaur Rumble	Pallotta, Jerry
Dog Man-For Whom the Bell Rolls	Pilkey, Dav
How Full Is Your Bucket? for Kids	Rath, Tom
The Three Ninja Pigs	Schwartz, Corey
Second Grade, Here I Come!	Steinberg, D.J.
Geronimo Stilton-The Hawaiian Heist	Stilton, Geronimo
How to Catch a Unicorn	Wallace, Adam
Scaredy Squirrel books	Watt, Melanie

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GOOD READS FOR GRADES 3 - 4

The Bad Guys in the Big Bad Wolf Set	Blaby, Aaron
Eerie Elementary series of books	Chabert, Jack
What Is the Constitution?	Demuth, Patricia
Toy Story 4: The Junior Novelization	Disney Pixar
My Weider School book series	Gutman, Dan
Diary of Wimpy Kid - Wrecking Ball	Kinney, Jeff
Lego Ninjago Brick Adventures	Lego
Everything Awesome About Dinosaurs	Lowery, Mike
Judy Moody and Friends-Searching for Stinkodon	McDonald, Megan
Whatever After: Spill the Beans	Mlynowski, Sarah
Minecraft Woodsword Chronicles: Into the Game!	Mojang
Captain Underpants book series	Pilkey, Dav
Dogman, For Whom the Bell Rolls	Pilkey, Dav
Pokemon Ash's Quest Guidebook	Pokemon International
Wayside School Gets a Little Strange	Sachar, Louis
Third Grade Angels	Spinelli, Jerry
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Spinelli, Jerry
The Island of Dragons	Stilton, Geronimo
Thea Stilton and the Phantom of the Orchestra	Stilton,Thea
Goosebumps Slappy World	Stine, R.L.
The Slime from the Black Lagoon	Tahler, Mike
I Survived series of books	Tarshis, Lauren
Mia Mayhem Learns to Fly	West, Kara

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GOOD READS FOR GRADE 5

Kit's Wilderness	Almond, David
The Forgotten Girl	Brown, India Hill
Toby's Story	Cameron, W. Bruce
I Am the Ice Worm	Easley, MaryAnn
The Ultimate Builders Guide in Minecraft	Futures Publishing
Allies	Gratz, Alan
The Big Game	Green, Tim
The Phantom Toll Booth	Juster, Norton
Level 13, A Slacker Novel	Korman, Gordon
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl	McAnulty, Stacy
The Light Princess	McDonald, George
Words on Fire	Nielsen, Jennifer
Bread and Roses,Too	Paterson, Katherine
Hatchet	Paulsen, Gary
Roblox Master Gamer's Guide	Pettman, Kevin
Wildfire	Philbrick, Rodman
Esperanza Rising	Ryan, Pam Munoz
Free Rein series of books	Scholastic
Year in Sports 2020	Scholastic
Peak	Smith, Roland
Baseball in April and Other Stories	Soto, Gary
Medal of Honor-Jack Montgomery	Spradin, Michael P.
Racing in the Rain	Stein, Garth
What Was the Age of Dinosaurs?	Stine, Megan
I Survived: The Attack of the Grizzlies	Tarshis, Lauren

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

The Poet X	Acevedo, Elizabeth
Crime Travelers: Brainwashed	Aertker, Paul
The Girl Who Drank the Moon	Barnhill, Kelly
The Last Kids on Earth-June's Wild Flight	Brallier, Max
Graceling	Cashore, Kristin
New Kid	Craft, Jerry
The Maze Runner	Dashner, James
The City of Ember	DuPrau, Jeannie
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise	Gemeinhart, Dan
Tyrannosaurus Wrecks	Gibbs, Stuart
Turtles All the Way Down	Green, John
Theodore Boone: The Scandal	Grisham, John
Best Friends	Hale, Shannon
Island Fire	Neal, Toby
Wish	O'Connor, Barbara
Middle School: Born to Rock	Patterson, James
Max Einstein-Rebel with a Cause	Patterson, James
PAX	Penneypacker, Sara
Where the Red Fern Grows	Rawls, Wilson
Stargirl	Spinelli, Jerry
Moon Over Manifest	Vanderpool, Claire
Legend of the Star Runner	Wagner, J. I.
They Mystery of Craven Manor	Wodhams, Joy
The Book Thief	Zusak, Markus

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GOOD READS FOR GRADES 9 - 12

Shout	Anderson, Laurie
The Girl Who Looked Beyond the Stars	Anne, L. B.
Mindfulness for Teens	Battistin, Jennie
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	Boyne, John
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants	Brashares, Ann
The Amber Project	Chaney, J. N.
The Girl Who Dared to Think	Forrest, Bella
They Went Left	Hessey, Monica
Hey, Kiddo	Krosoczka, Jarett
Daughter of the Pirate King	Levenseller, Tricia
The Unknown	Lynne, J.W.
Where the World Ends	McCaughrean, Geraldine
Where the Crawdads Sing	Owens, Delia
Winterdance	Paulsen, Gary
Harley Quinn: Breaking Glass	Pugh, Steve
The Book of Dust	Pullman, Phillip
Sorcery of Thorns	Rogerson, Margaret
Fangirl	Rowell, Rainbow
Girl Out of Water	Silverman, Laura
The 57 Bus	Slater, Dashka
The Finest Hour	Touglas, Michael
The Running Dream	VanDraanen, Wendelin
White Rose	Wilson, Kip
The Fifth Wave	Yancey, Rick

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GOOD READS FOR ADULTS

Finding Chika	Albom, Mitch
Bankers Wife	Alger, Cristina
Long Road To Mercy	Baldacci, David
Long Range	Box, C.J.
Daughters of Moloka`i	Brennert, Alan
The Water Dancer	Coates, Ta-Nehisi
American Dirt	Cummins, Jeanine
The Deserter	De Mille, Nelson
Noel Street	Evans, Richard
The Guardians	Grisham, John
The A List	Jance, J.A.
The Last Castle	Kiernan, Denise
The Pioneers	McCullough, David
Make Your Bed	McRaven, Admiral William H.
Playing With The Enemy	Moore, Gary W.
Freckles: A Memoir of Growing Up Wild In Hawaii	Neal, Toby
When We Believe In Mermaids	O'Neal, Barbara
The Dutch House	Patchett, Ann
The Secret Letter	Rix, Debbie
The New Girl	Silva, Daniel
Every Breath	Sparks, Nicholas
The Nickle Boys	Whitehead, Colson
Before We Were Yours	Wingate, Lisa
Aloha Cowboy	Wolman, David and Smith, Julian

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GRAPHIC NOVELS (GN) – GRADES 1-5

Last Kids on Earth Series	Brallier, Max
Powerpuff Girls GN Series	Carolan, Sean
Narwhal: Unicorn of the Seas	Clanton, Ben
Beware the Batman GN Series	Cohen, Ivan
Star Wars: Original Trilogy	Ferrari, Slessandro
Minecraft Series	Graley, Sarah
Best Friends	Hale, Shannon
Squish Brave New Pond GN	Holm, Jennifer
Babymouse GN Series	Holm, Jennifer
Diary of a Wimpy Kid GN Series	Kinney, Jeff
Click	Miller,Kayla
Dog Man and Cat Kid GN	Pilkey, Dav
Captain Underpants GN Series	Pilkey, Dav
Noise	Raymundo, Kathleen
Diary of a Roblox Noob	Robloxia Kid
Guts	Telgemeier, Raina
Smile	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

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

NAME OF BOOK	AUTHOR	AGE LEVEL
Little Malia's Big Poi Idea	Calma, Joyce	1st-2nd
Maile and the Huli Hula Chicken	Braffet, Mary	1st-2nd
Cacy & Kiara and the Curse of the Ki`i	Chang, Roy	3rd-5th
Lord of the Deep	Salisbury, Graham	3rd-5th
Island Fire	Neal, Toby	7th-8th
Turtle in Paradise	Holm, Jennifer	7th-8th
A Hawai`ian Life Volume 1 & 2	Kahumoku, George Jr.	Adult
Honolulu	Brennert, Alan	Adult
Moloka`i	Brennert, Alan	Adult
Daughter of Molokai	Brennert, Alan	Adult
Freckled	Neal,Toby	Adult
Limu the Blue Turtle	Armitage, Kimo	K-1st
Keala Up a Tree	McLean, Patricia	K-1st
The Bravest Opia	Kona, Juliette	K-1st
Harry Potter a me Ka`a pohaku Akeakamai	Smith, R. Keao`me	Olelo
Lauka`ie`ie	Racoma, Robin	Olelo
`O Kaina Ke Kuma Koa	Kawaiaea, Kulamanu	Olelo
No Ke Anila	Dameg, Kaulana	Olelo
Hawaiian Ocean Lullaby	Greenway, Beth	T-PK
Hina	Ahuli`I, Gabriella	T-PK
Twinkle Twinkle Small Hoku	Tsong, Jing	T-PK

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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	1st-2nd
Brave for My Family	Whetstone, Davidson	1st-2nd
Home Again	Williams, Dorinda	1st-2nd
Timmy and the Storm	Yosick, Jeff	1st-2nd
My Daddy Sleeps Everywhere	Franklin, Jesse	2nd-3rd
What Should Danny Do?	Levy, Adir	2nd-3rd
H is for Honor: A Military Family Alphabet	Scillian, Devin	3rd-4th
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-1st
The Adventures of a Military Brat	Gomez, Johanna	K-1st
Hero Mom	Hardin, Melanie	K-1st
Hero Dad	Hardin, Melanie	K-1st
Buddy, the Soldier Bear	Joy, Marie	K-1st
The Invisible String	Karst, Patrice	K-1st
Daddy's Boots	Linhart, Sandra	K-1st
Lily Says Goodbye	Marler, Jerilyn	K-1st
A Paper Hug	Skolmoski, Stephanie	K-1st

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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
The Second Mountain	Brooks, David
Make Way for Reading--Great books for Kindergarten-grade 8	Latimer, Karen
The Toddler's Handbook	Martin, Dayna
The Read Aloud Handbook	Trelease, Jim
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