

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 2024 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. Be sure to look at page 11 which has a list of 25 “Good Reads for Adults” that you might enjoy. On our revitalized website you can go to this link and scroll down to view Reading Lists that we have compiled since 2010: <https://readaloudamerica.org/how-to-encourage-kids-to-read-resources/>.

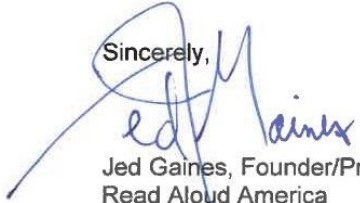
I hope that you find the list both a helpful guide of books to read aloud to the children in your lives and a resource when choosing a book to give as a gift.

To recommend a book for the 2024 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:

2023 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

<https://besspress.com/>

Joanne Laird, RAA Program Director

Larry Laird, RAA Operations Director

Scholastic Books

Newbery Award Books List

The books chosen for the 2024 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

The Going to Bed Book	Boynton, Sandra
Dear Zoo	Campbell, Rod
My First: I See You	Carle, Eric
Mirror & Me Feelings	Cottage Door Press
I'm So Glad You Were Born	Earhardt, Ainsley
There Is Baby	Fallon, Jimmy
Time for Bed	Fox, Mem
Where Is the Green Sheep?	Fox, Mem
Baby Touch and Feel: Cuddly Animals	Gardner, Charlie
I Love You to the Moon and Back	Hepworth, Amelia
Where's Spot?	Hill, Eric
Pat the Bunny	Kunhardt, Pat
Look Look!	Linenthal, Peter
Welcome Baby (Touch and Feel)	Little Hippo Books
Pat the Zoo	LV Studio
The Wonderful Things You Will Be	Martin, Emily
Guess How Much I Love You	McBratney, Sam
I Kissed the Baby!	Murphy, Mary
Dog's First Baby	Nelson, Natalie
See, Touch, Feel	Priddy, Roger
Oh, Baby, the Places You'll Go!	Rabe, Tish
Baby Beluga	Raffi
On the Night You Were Born	Tillman, Nancy
Baby, See the Colors!	Trukhan, Ekaterina
Read to Your Baby Every Day	Williams, Rachel

READ-ALOUDS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN – KINDERGARTEN

Never Let a Unicorn Wear a Tutu!	Alber, Diane
I Need a Hug	Blaby, Aaron
Clifford's First School Day	Bridwell, Norman
Albert Upside Down	Brown, Ian
The Little Butterfly that Could	Burach, Ross
Vroom Vroom Garbage Truck	Citro, Asia
The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!	Deedy, Carman Agra
May I Bring a Friend?	deRegniers, Beatrice
Cooking with the Grinch	Dr. Seuss
Orange Pear Apple Bear	Gravett, Emily
Say Hello!	Isadora, Rachel
The Big Cheese	John, Jory
Tacky the Penguin	Lester, Helen
Breathe	Magoon, Scott
May I Please Have a Cookie?	Morris, Jennifer
Patrick Picklbottom and the Penny Book	Mr. Jay
The Wonky Donkey	Smith, Craig
Thanks to All the Animals	Sockabasin, Allen
To Change a Planet	Soontornvat, Christina
Clive and His Babies	Spanyol, Jessica
Red Is Best	Stinson, Kathy
Is Everyone Ready for fun?	Thomas, Jan
Looking for Bongo	Velasquez, Eric

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 1 – 2

Cat On the Run #1	Blaby, Aaron
The Wild Robot	Brown, Peter
The Pink Umbrella	Callot, Amelia
Eerie Elementary	Chabert, Jack
The Last Firehawk (Series)	Charman, Katrina
Jabari Jumps	Cornwall, Gaia
Mercy Watson to the Rescue	DiCamillo, Kate
Owl Diaries (Series)	Elliott, Rebecca
Dragons In a Bag	Elliott, Zetta
I Can Do Hard Things	Garcia, Gabi
The Inflatables (Series)	Garrod, Beth
How Not to Start Third Grade	Hapka, Cathy
The Big Cheese	John, Jory
Children Who Dance in the Rain	Justice, Sandra
Shark Lady	Keating, Jess
Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business	Lee, Lyla
The Girls Who Make a Million Mistakes	Li, Brenda
What If You Had T-Rex Teeth?	Markle, Sandra
Never Stop Dreaming	Mills, Ellen
Dog Man: 20 Thousand Fleas Under the Sea	Pilkey, Dav
Mobs of Minecraft	Scholastic
Fujimini Adventure Series	Wacker, Eileen
Pokemon: Ready! Set! Evolve!	Whitehill, Simcha
Sneezy the Snowman	Wright, Maureen

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 3 - 4

Willa the Wisp	Auxier, Jonathan
The Takeout	Badua, Tracy
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus (Series)	Bowling, Dusti
An Occasionally Happy Family	Burke, Cliff
Our Friend Hedgehog: A Place to Call Home	Castillo, Lauren
Zoey and Sassafras (Series)	Citro, Asia
The Magician's Boy	Cooper, Susan
How to Train Your Dragon	Cowell, Cressida
The Chicken Squad (Series)	Cronin, Doreen
Sophie Simon Solves Them All	Graff, Lisa
Princess in Black (Series)	Hale, Shannon
Tales of Bunjista Bunny	Himmelman, John
Magical Mix-Ups (Series)	Jonell, Lynne
Freddie Ramos Takes Off	Jules, Jacqueline
A Dragon Used to Live Here	LeBlanc, Annette
Ella Enchanted	Levine, Gail Carson
From the Desk of Zoe Washington	Marks, Janae
Nowhere Boy	Marsh, Katherine
West Meadow Detectives (Series)	O'Donnell, Liam
Phineas L. MacGuire Erupts!	O'Roark Dowell, Frances
Violet and Jobie in the Wild	Perkins, Lynne Rae
Roll With It (Series)	Sumner, Jamie
Squirrel on Stage	Vande Velde, Vivian
The Story of Diva and Flea	Willems, Mo
The Labors of Hercules Beal	Schmidt, Gary D.

GOOD READS FOR GRADE 5

Amari and the Night Brothers	Alston, B.B.
Return to Sender	Alvarez, Julia
Fuzzy	Angleberger, Tom
The Swallowtail Legacy (Series)	Bell, Michael
Book Scavenger	Bertman, Jennifer
The Blackbird Girls	Blankman, Anne
The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart	Burgis, Stephanie
The Serpent's Secret	DasGupta, Sayantani
The Patron Thief of Bread	Eagar, Lindsay
The Graveyard Book	Gaiman, Neil
Stand Up Yumi Chung!	Kim, Jessica
Goosechase	Kindl, Patrice
Ungifted (Series)	Korman, Gordon
Sorry for Your Loss	Levy, Joanne
Code Red	McCullough, Joy
All the Answers	Messner, Kate
Echo	Munoz Ryan, Pam
Hope in the Valley	Perkins, Mitali
The Golden Compass	Pullman, Phillip
This Is Just a Test	Rosenberg, Madelyn
How to Stay Invisible	Rudd, Maggy
Just Like That	Schmidt, Gary
Sisters of the Neversea	Smith, Cynthia
Flipped	VanDraanen, Wendelin
Sarah Weeks Save Me a Seat	Varadarajan, Gita

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

The Magnificent Mya Tibbs: Spirit Week Showdown	Allen, Crystal
Return to Sender	Alvarez, Julia
The House with Chicken Legs	Anderson, Sophie
Lions and Liara	Beasley, Kate
The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora	Cartaya, Pablo
The Rhino in Right Field	DeKeyser, Stacy
Wed Wabbit	Evans, Lissa
Refugee	Gratz, Alan
Mayday	Harrington, Karen
Slider	Hautman, Pete
The Night Diary	Hiranandani, Veera
The Crystal Ribbon	Lim, Celeste
Nowhere Boy	Marsh, Katherine
Train I Ride	Mosier, Paul
No Fixed Address	Nielsen, Susin
Julius Zebra	Northfield, Gary
Pony	Palacio, R. J.
Shadow on the Mountain	Preus, Margi
The Book of Dust	Pullman, Phillip
Boys Read: Funny Business	Scieszka, Jon
Wedgie and Gizo	Selfors, Suzanne
The Mechanical Mind of John Coggin	Teele, Elinor
Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom	Vivat, Booki
Harbor Me	Woodson, Jacqueline
Tangled Up in Luck	Wyatt, Merrill

GRAPHIC NOVELS

The Last Kids on Earth (Series)	Brallier, Max
Bird and Squirrel (Series)	Burks, James
Isla to Island	Castellanos, Alexis
Swim Team	Christmas, Johnnie
Rutabaga: The Adventure Chef	Colossal, Eric
Invisible	Diaz Gonzalez, Christina
X-Men (Series)	Ewing, Al
Freestyle	Galligan, Gale
Demon Slayer (Series)	Gotouge, Koyoharu
Zita the Space Girl (Series)	Haatke, Ben
Invincible Compendium (Series)	Kirkman, Robert
Surprisingly Sarah	Libenson, Terri
Baby Sitters Little Sister (Series)	Martin, Ann
Baby Sitters Club (Series)	Martin, Ann
Cat Kid (Series)	Pilkey, Dav
Disney Wish: The Deluxe Graphic Novel	Random House Disney
Percy Jackson and the Olympians	Riordan, Rick
Sidekicks	Santat, Dan
Phobe and Her Unicorn (Series)	Simpson, Dana
Tryout	Soontornvat, Christina
Lost in NYC	Spiegelman, Nadja
Wings of Fire (Series)	Sutherland, Tui
They Called Us Enemy	Takei, George
Hoops	Tavares, Matt
Hilo (Series)	Winick, Judd

GOOD READS FOR GRADES 9-12

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian	Alexie, Sherman
The Handmaid's Tale	Atwood, Margaret
The Winners	Backman, Fredrik
Six of Crows	Bardugo, Leigh
Shadow and Bone – A Trilogy	Bardugo, Leigh
The Inheritance Games	Barnes, Jennifer Lynn
Messenger: The Legend of Muhammad Ali	Bernardin, Marc
The House on Mango Street	Cisneros, Sandra
Where You See Yourself	Forrest, Claire
Almost American Girl	Ha, Robin
My Contrary Mary	Hand, Cynthia
Seraphina	Hartman, Rachel
Aurora Rising (Series)	Kaufmann, Amie
Just a Hat	Khubliar, S.
Star Splitter	Kirby, Matthew
Loki	Lee, Mackenzi
The Downstairs Girl	Lee, Stacey
Pirate Queen: The Legend of Grace O'Malley	Lee, Tony
Inaugural Ballers	Maraniss, Andrew
Tithe – A Modern Faerie Tale	McElderry, Margaret
Dissenter on the Bench	Ortiz, Victoria
A Door in the Dark	Reintgen, Scott
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children	Riggs, Ransom
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe	Saenz, Benjamin
Breathe and Count Back from Ten	Sylvester, Natalia

GOOD READS FOR ADULTS

The Edge	Baldacci, David
The Paris Assignment	Bowen, Rhys
How to Know a Person	Brooks, David
The Soldier's Truth	Chrisinger, David
Astor: The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune	Cooper, Anderson
Reckoning	Coulter, Catherine
Blood Lines	DeMille, Nelson and Alex
Iwo, 26 Charlie	Deutermann, P.T.
Lessons in Chemistry	Garmus, Bonnie
The Water: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder	Grann, David
The Exchange	Grisham, John
The Sun Does Shine	Hinton, Anthony
The Blessing of the Lost Girls	Jance, J.A.
Daughter of the Dawn	Kummerow, Marion
Homecoming	Morton, Kate
Killing the Witches: The Horror of Salem, Massachusetts	O'Reilly, Bill & Dugard, Martin
Alex Cross Must Die	Patterson, James
Women's Murder Club: Midnight	Patterson, James
A Velocity of Being, Letters to a Young Reader	Popova, Maria
Why We Love Baseball	Posnanski, Joe
The Diamond Eye	Quinn, Kate
The Huntress	Quinn, Kate
The Wishing Game	Shaffer, Meg
Great Circle	Shipstead, Maggie
Good Night, Irene	Urrea, Luis Alberto

HAWAIIANA FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS (BY AGE/GRADE LEVEL/LANGUAGE)

NAME OF BOOK	AUTHOR	AGE LEVEL
Maui Slows the Sun	Armitage, Kimo	2nd-3rd
A Coconut Named Bob	Weaver, Austin	2nd-3rd
The Musubi Man's New Friend	Takayama, Sandi	2nd-3rd
He Puke No Na Pepe Hawai'i Baby Book	Brattin, Paige	Adult
Hiaaka Battles the Wind	Ahuli'i Gabrielle	K-1st
We Are Water Protectors	Lindstrom, Carole	K-1st
Ordinary Ohana	Cataluna, Lee	K-1st
Uncle's Magic Thrownet	Yamashita, Todd	K-1st
Tutu Makes a Lei	Torres Kahele, Kuana	K-1st
Maile the Mano	Tokuda, Courtnie	K-1st
Noa the Puhi Learns to Let Go	Omoto, Gail	K-1st
Holu the He'e Stands Up!	Omoto, Gail	K-1st
The Perfect Pet in Hawai'i	Tablason, Jamie	K-1st
No ka `Ilio Mo`o	Avelino, Kawehi	Olelo
`O Kaina Ke Kumu Koa	Kaiwai`ae`a, Kulamanu	Olelo
No Ka `Elepaio Kolohe	Kruger, Malia	Olelo
E `Ai I Kekahi, E Kapi I Kekahi	Andrews, Lili'now	Olelo
No Punia me ka Lua Ula	Wilson, William	Olelo
Aia he Kaheka/There's a Tide Pool	Bruno-Kidani, Makela	Olelo
`Ai`ai	Napoleon, Kawika	Olelo
Hina	Ahuli'i, Gabrielle	T-PK
Hush Little Keiki	Vukovich, Kim	T-PK
Keiki Shark	Meckel Tabalason, Jamie	T-PK

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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