

# Read Aloud America



# 2011 Reading List



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

Here is the new Read Aloud America 2011 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 read over 100 books. To recommend a book for the 2011 reading list, the committee chose 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
- Age group appropriateness

The committee members and I are interested in your feedback. Please feel free to email me at [read@readaloudamerica.org](mailto:read@readaloudamerica.org) with your comments as well as your own recommended read-aloud favorites.

Sincerely,

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*The books chosen for the 2011 booklist reflect subjects, interests, genres and cultures that are as diverse as the committee members who chose them. Please review the subject matter and content before reading or suggesting to family and friends.*

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## READ-ALOUDS FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

<b>Things I Like</b>	Brown, Anthony
<b>Goodnight Moon</b>	Brown, Margaret Wise
<b>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</b>	Carle, Eric
<b>Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed</b>	Christelow, Eileen
<b>Jamberry</b>	Degen, Bruce
<b>Olivia's Opposites</b>	Falconer, Ian
<b>Banyard Banter</b>	Fleming, Denise
<b>Where is the Green Sheep?</b>	Fox, Mem
<b>Wow! Babies</b>	Gentieu, Penny
<b>Goodnight Owl</b>	Hutchins, Pat
<b>When the Elephant Walks</b>	Kasza, Keiko
<b>Counting Kisses</b>	Katz, Karen
<b>Crunch Munch</b>	London, Jonathan
<b>Wiggle Waggle</b>	London, Jonathan
<b>Bear of My Heart</b>	Moore, Margie
<b>I Kissed the Baby</b>	Murphy, Mary
<b>Wheels on the Bus</b>	Raffi
<b>Red Rhino</b>	Rogers, Alan
<b>Come Along Daisy</b>	Simmons, Jane
<b>And The Dish Ran Away With The Spoon</b>	Stevens, Janet
<b>Mama's Little Bears</b>	Tarufi, Nancy
<b>Will You Be My Friend</b>	Tarufi, Nancy
<b>Mouse's First Spring</b>	Thompsen, Lauren

## READ-ALOUDS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

<b>A Bit More Bert</b>	Ahlberg, Allan
<b>Can You Make Piggy Giggle</b>	Ashman, Linda
<b>My Mother Is Mine</b>	Bauer, Marion Dane
<b>Papa, Please Get the Moon For Me</b>	Carle, Eric
<b>Mrs. McTats and Her Houseful of Cats</b>	Capucilli, Alyssa Satin
<b>No More Kissing!</b>	Clark, Emma Chichester
<b>A Perfect Day For It</b>	Fearnley, Jan
<b>Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!</b>	Flemming, Denise
<b>The Magic Hat</b>	Fox, Mem
<b>Owen</b>	Henkes, Kevin
<b>Sheila Rae, The Brave</b>	Henkes, Kevin
<b>Peek! Thai Hide and Seek</b>	Ho, Mifong
<b>Farfalina &amp; Marcel</b>	Keller, Holly
<b>Swimmy</b>	Lionni, Leo
<b>Just Ducky</b>	Mallat, Kathy
<b>Oliver Finds His Way</b>	Root, Phyllis
<b>Russell the Sheep</b>	Scotton, Rob
<b>Sophie's Masterpiece: A Spider's Tale</b>	Spinelli, Eileen
<b>Minerva Louise and the Red Truck</b>	Stoeke, Janet Morgan
<b>Mouse's First Day of School</b>	Thompson, Lauren
<b>Snow Bears</b>	Waddell, Linda

## READ-ALOUDS FOR KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 1

<b>The Jolly Postman</b>	Ahlberg, Janet
<b>Madeline</b>	Bemelmans, Ludwig
<b>I Love the Rain</b>	Bridges, Margaret Park
<b>Little Malia’s Big Poi Idea</b>	Calma, Jocelyn
<b>Magic Moon Dreams</b>	Crowe, Ellie
<b>The Pout Pout Fish in the Big Big Dark</b>	Diesen, Deborah
<b>Corduroy</b>	Freeman, Don
<b>Chrysanthamum</b>	Henkes, Kevin
<b>Can’t Sleep Without Sheep</b>	Hill, Susanna Leonard
<b>The Little Brute Family</b>	Hoban, Russell
<b>Plenty Saimin</b>	Hutchins, Feng Feng
<b>The Dog Who Cried Wolf</b>	Kasza, Keiko
<b>The Story of Ferdinand</b>	Leaf, Munro
<b>Salamander Room</b>	Mazer, Anne
<b>Don’t Mention Pirates</b>	McConnell, Sarah
<b>If You Take a Mouse to School</b>	Numeroff, Laura Joffe
<b>Rhino, Rhino Sweet Potato</b>	Prose, Francine
<b>Splat the Cat</b>	Scotton, Rob
<b>Pete’s A Pizza</b>	Steig, William
<b>The Hungry Pua’a and the Sweet Sweet Potato</b>	Villanueva, Leonard
<b>Tutu Knows Best</b>	Wikoff, Lynne

## READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 2-3

<b>Kraken-Ka the Komodo Dragon</b>	Belknap, Jody Parry
<b>Miss Brooks Loves Books (and I Don't)</b>	Bottner, Barbara
<b>Pete and Pickles</b>	Breathed, Berkely
<b>Things My Teacher Likes To Say</b>	Brennan-Nelson, Denise
<b>Pua's Paniolo Parade</b>	Cotton, Jolie Jean
<b>The Boy Who Painted Dragons</b>	Demi
<b>Dinosaurs Love Underpants</b>	Freedman, Claire & Ben Court
<b>A is For Aloha</b>	Goldsberry, Uilani
<b>Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse</b>	Lionni, Leo
<b>Adventures of Frog and Toad</b>	Lobel, Arnold
<b>Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Things</b>	Look, Lenore
<b>Kaimi's First Round-up</b>	Loomis, Ilima
<b>Keli's Magic Stone</b>	Mama Annie
<b>How the B-52 Cockroach Learned to Fly</b>	Matsumoto, Lisa
<b>Heart of Cool</b>	McEwan, Jamie
<b>The Boy Who Was Raised By Librarians</b>	Morris, Carla
<b>Stone Soup</b>	Muth, John
<b>Dear Whiskers</b>	Nagda, Ann Whitehead
<b>The Amazing World of Stuart</b>	Pennypacker, Sara
<b>Flat Stanley: The Mount Rushmore Calamity</b>	Pennypacker, Sara
<b>Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye</b>	Stilton, Geronimo

## READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 4-5

<b>Frindle</b>	Clements, Andrew
<b>Winning Kicker</b>	Dygdard, Thomas
<b>The Whipping Boy</b>	Fleishman, Sid
<b>Ua Wehe 'Ia Ke Alaula: Breaking Chains The Story of Wendy Peltier</b>	Friesema, Wilma
<b>The Graveyard Book</b>	Gaiman, Neil
<b>Duke, A Great Hawaiian</b>	Hall, Sandra Kimberley
<b>Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series</b>	Kinney, Jeff
<b>From the Mixed-up files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</b>	Konigsburg, E.L.
<b>Gaurdians of Ga'hoole: #1 The Capture</b>	Lasky, Kathryn
<b>Strawberry Girl</b>	Lenski, Lois
<b>Comeback Kid Series: Safe at Home</b>	Lupica, Mike
<b>War Horse</b>	Morpurgo, Michael
<b>Fablehaven</b>	Mull, Brandon
<b>Hatchet</b>	Paulson, Gary
<b>The 39 Clues Series</b>	Riordan, Rick (Book 1)
<b>The Red Pyramid</b>	Riordan, Rick
<b>Capital Mysteries Series: A Spy in the White House</b>	Roy, Ron
<b>The Houdini Box</b>	Selznick, Brian
<b>Fourth Grade Rats</b>	Spinelli, Jerry
<b>Shredderman: Secret Identity</b>	Van Draanen, Wendelin

## READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 6-8

<b>True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</b>	Avi
<b>The Chocolate War</b>	Cormier, Robert
<b>A Gift of Magic</b>	Duncan, Lois
<b>The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game</b>	Feinstein, John
<b>The Liberation of Gabriel King</b>	Going, K.L.
<b>Cleopatra VII: Daughter of the Nile</b>	Gregory, Kristiana
<b>Weedflower</b>	Kadohata, Cynthia
<b>Uprising</b>	Haddix, Margaret Peterson
<b>A Swiftly Tilting Planet</b>	L'Engle, Madeline
<b>Hidden Talents</b>	Lubar, David
<b>Touching Spirit Bear</b>	Mikaelsen, Ben
<b>Daughter of Venice</b>	Napoli, Donna Jo
<b>Beowulf: a New Telling</b>	Nye, Robert
<b>Woods Runner</b>	Paulsen, Gary
<b>Eldest</b>	Paolini, Christopher
<b>Freak the Mighty</b>	Philbrick, Rodman
<b>The Lost Hero</b>	Riordan, Rick
<b>The Cabinet of Wonders: Kronos Chronicles</b>	Rutkoski, Marie
<b>The Wednesday Wars</b>	Schmidt, Gary D.
<b>The Wringer</b>	Spinelli, Jerry
<b>A Whole Nother Story</b>	Soup, Dr. Cuthbert

## READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 9-12

<b>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</b>	Adams, Douglas
<b>Speak</b>	Anderson, Laurie Halse
<b>The Hunger Games Series</b>	Collins, Suzanne
<b>The Madonnas of Leningrad</b>	Dean, Debra
<b>Little Brother</b>	Doctorow, Cory
<b>The Storyteller's Daughter</b>	Dokey, Cameron
<b>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</b>	Ford, Jamie
<b>The Luxe</b>	Godbersen, Anna
<b>An Abundance of Katherines</b>	Green, John
<b>Snow Falling on Cedars</b>	Guterson, David
<b>The Great Wide Sea</b>	Herlong, M.H.
<b>Stormbreaker</b>	Horowitz, Anthony
<b>The Giver</b>	Lowry, Lois
<b>Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West</b>	Maguire, Gregory
<b>Saturday</b>	McEwan, Ian
<b>Unwind</b>	Shusterman, Neal
<b>Peak</b>	Smith, Roland
<b>The Help</b>	Stockett, Kathryn
<b>Hey! Listen to This: Stories to Read Aloud</b>	Trelease, Jim
<b>The Space Between Us</b>	Umrigar, Thrity
<b>As It Is In Heaven</b>	Williams, Niall

## READ-ALOUDS FOR ADULTS

<b>Lords of Discipline</b>	Conroy, Pat
<b>Lazy B: Growing up on a Cattle Ranch in the American Southwest</b>	O'Connor, Sandra Day
<b>The DK Children's Cookbook</b>	Dean, Debra
<b>World Without End</b>	Follett, Ken
<b>The Game From Where I Stand</b>	Glanville, Doug
<b>The Confession</b>	Grisham, John
<b>A Hawaiian Life</b>	Kahumoku Jr., George
<b>The Soloist</b>	Lopez, Steve
<b>One Hundred Years of Solitude</b>	Marquez, Gabriel Garcia
<b>The Heart is a Lonely Hunter</b>	McCullers, Carson
<b>Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Super Athletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen</b>	McDougall, Christopher
<b>I, Alex Cross</b>	Patterson, James
<b>Winter Solstice</b>	Pilcher, Rosamunde
<b>The Measure of a Man</b>	Poitier, Sidney
<b>Julie and Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously</b>	Powell, Julie
<b>127 Hours: Between a Rock and a Hard Place</b>	Ralston, Aron
<b>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</b>	Skloot, Rebecca
<b>Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters</b>	Sullenberger, Capt. Chesley "Sully"
<b>Cutting For Stone</b>	Vergheze, Abraham
<b>The Monstrumologist</b>	Yancy, Rick

## AGELESS AND TIMELESS CLASSICS

<b>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</b>	Baum, Frank L.
<b>Wuthering Heights</b>	Bronte, Emily
<b>The Good Earth</b>	Buck, Pearl S.
<b>Henry Huggins</b>	Cleary, Beverly
<b>Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</b>	Coerr, Eleanor
<b>The Witches</b>	Dahl, Roald
<b>The Complete Sherlock Holmes</b>	Doyle, Arthur Conan
<b>The Little Prince</b>	de Saint-Exupery, Antoine
<b>Wacky Wednesday</b>	Dr. Suess
<b>The Count of Monte Christo</b>	Dumas, Alexander
<b>For Whom the Bell Tolls</b>	Hemingway, Ernest
<b>The Outsiders</b>	Hinton, S.E.
<b>Little House in the Big Woods</b>	Ingalls Wilder, Laura
<b>Dubliners</b>	Joyce, James
<b>Call of the Wild</b>	London, Jack
<b>The Secret of the Peaceful Warrior</b>	Millman, Dan
<b>Winnie the Pooh</b>	Milne, A.A.
<b>Guess How Much I Love You</b>	McBratney, Sam
<b>Beloved</b>	Morrison, Tony
<b>Catcher in the Rye</b>	Salinger, J.D.
<b>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</b>	Twain, Mark