

Read Aloud America



2012 Reading List

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Building Families of Lifetime Readers

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

Here is the new Read Aloud America 2012 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 2012 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 with your comments as well as your own recommended read-aloud favorites.

Sincerely,

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The books chosen for the 2012 book list 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 books from the book list to family and friends.

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READ-ALOUDS FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Treasure Hunt	Ahlberg, Allan
I'm Not Scared!	Allen, Jonathan
Muddy Paws	Butterfield, Moira & Simon Mendez
Dancing Feet!	Craig, Lindsey & Mark Brown
Gossie	Dunrea, Olivier
On the Day You Were Born	Frasier, Debra
Lilly's Chocolate Heart	Henkes, Kevin
Run, Mouse, Run!	Horacek, Petr
Hands Can	Hudson, Cheryl Willis
Tom's Tail	Jennings, Linda
Mommy Hugs	Katz, Karen
You Are My I Love You	Love, Maryann Cusimano
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	Martin, Bill Jr.
How Much is That Doggie in the Window	Merrill, Bob
Love You Forever	Munsch, Robert
Peak A Boo Happy Baby	Page, Claire
Bears on Chairs	Parenteau, Shirley
Just One More Swim	Pitcher, Caroline
Wheels on the Bus	Raffi
Ollie All Over	Roche, Denis
Won't You Be My Hugaroo?	Ryder, Joanne
The Monster at the End of this Book	Stone, Jon
I Udderly Love You	Toms, Kate

READ-ALOUDS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN - KINDERGARTEN

Emma's Rainy Day	Aardema, John
The Jolly Postman	Ahlberg, Janet
Roar of a Snore	Arnold, Marsha Diane
Big Words for Little People	Curtis, Jamie Lee & Laura Cornell
Too Many Monsters	Bunting, Eve
Children Make Terrible Pets	Brown, Peter
Click Clack 1, 2, 3	Cronin, Doreen
Bear in Underwear	Doodler, Todd
I'll Teach My Dog a Lot of Words	Firth, Michael
Hattie and the Fox	Fox, Mem
Little White Rabbit	Henkes, Kevin
Keoni's Special Gift	Lum, Dorinda
Where's My Sneaker?	Mayer, Mercer
If You Give a Pig a Pancake	Numeroff, Laura Joffe
Tom and Pippo Go for a Walk	Oxenbury, Helen
Good Night, Gorilla	Rathmann, Peggy
I Can Be Anything	Spinelli, Jerry
A Number of Dinosaurs	Stickland, Paul & Henrietta
I Love You, Little One	Tafari, Nancy
Knuffle Bunny Free	Willems, Mo
Silly Sally	Wood, Audrey
Dog Loves Books	Yates, Louise
How Do Dinosaurs Love Their Dogs?	Yolen, Jane & Mark Teague

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 1 -2

The Snowman	Briggs, Raymond
The Curious Garden	Brown, Peter
I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato	Child, Lauren
Titanicat	Crisp, Marty
Pulelehua and Mamaki	Crowl, Janice and Harinani Orme
Olivia Goes to Venice	Falconer, Ian
Roger the Jolly Pirate	Helquest, Brett
Julius, Baby of the World	Henkes, Kevin
The Secret Life of Walter Kitty	Hicks, Barbara Jean
Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores	Howe, James
A Beautiful Hawaiian Day	Kapono, Henry
Wonder Horse	McCully, Emily Arnold
Hungry Hyena	Mwenye, Hadithi
Mr. Miyataki's Marvelous Machine	Newsome, Tandy
Pili the 'Iwi Bird Flies Again	Omoto, Gail, Jan & Judy Dill
The Chicken Thief	Rodriguez, Beatrice
Calabash Cat	Rumford, James
Never Fear, Snake My Dear	Siegenthaler, Rolf
Skippyjon Jones	Schachner, Judy
Duck on a Bike	Shannon, David
A Sick Day for Amos McGee	Stead, Philip C.
13 Words	Snicket, Lemony
Kekoa and the Egg Mystery	Walls, Tia

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 3-4

The Penderwicks A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy	Birdsall, Jeanne
The Popcorn Book	de Paola, Tomie
Medusa Jones	Collins, Ross
The Great Hamster Massacre	Davies, Kate
Dexter the Tough	Haddix, Margaret Peterson
Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery	Howe, Deborah
Alvin Ho: Birthday Parties, Science Projects and Other Man-made Catastrophes	Look, Lenore
100 Days and 99 Nights	Madison, Alan
School! Adventures at the Harvey N. Trouble Elementary School	McMullan, Kate
The Sandman and the Turtles	Morpurgo, Michael
Eating Enchiladas	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds
Down Girl and Sit: Smarter Than Squirrels	Nolan, Lucy
Junie B., First Grader: Cheater Pants	Park, Barbara
Big Nate – In A Class By Himself	Pierce, Lincoln
Silent Music	Rumford, James
The Trouble with Fun	Sadler, Marilyn
Marvin Redpost Series	Sachar, Louis
Calvin Coconut: The Zippy Fix	Salisbury, Graham
Chocolate Fever	Smith, Robert Kimmel
My Life as a Book	Tashjian, Janet
Dragonbreath	Vernon, Ursula
The Loathsome Dragon	Wiesner, David and Kim Kahng

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 5-6

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda	Angleberger, Tom
The Name of this Book Is Secret	Bosch, Pseudonymous
The Sisters Grim: The Fairy Tale Detectives	Buckley, Michael
Benjamin Pratt & the Keepers of the School: We the Children	Clements, Andrew
Lunch Money	Clements, Andrew
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	DiCamillo, Kate
White Crane	Fussell, Sandy & Rhian James
Belly Up	Gibbs, Stuart
Among the Hidden	Haddix, Margaret Peterson
Scat	Hiaasen, Carl
A Million Shades of Gray	Kadohata, Cynthia
Savvy	Law, Ingrid
Scumble	Law, Ingrid
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Lin, Grace
Kensuke's Kingdom	Morpurgo, Michael
The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts	Peck, Richard
Throne of Fire	Riordan, Rick
Elephant Run	Smith, Roland B.
Blue Comet	Wells, Rosemary
The Secret Life of Ms. Finkleman	Winters, Ben H.
The Incurable Children of Ashton Place	Wood, Maryrose
Not One Damsel in Distress: World Folktales for Strong Girls	Yolen, Jane

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 7-8

Go Figure! A Totally Cool Book About Numbers	Ball, Johnny
The Hunger Games Series	Collins, Suzanne
Half Magic	Eager, Edward
The Bread Winner	Ellis, Deborah
Dark Life	Falls, Kat
A Tale Dark and Grimm	Gidwitz, Adam
Theodore Boone: The Abduction	Grisham, John
Hoot	Hiaasen, Carl
The Last Best Days of Summer	Hobbs, Valerie
The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place	Konigsburg, E.L.
No More Dead Dogs	Korman, Gordon
Curse of the Blue Tattoo	Meyer, L.A.
Trash	Mulligan, Andy
Eragon Series: Brisingr	Paolini, Christopher
Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life	Patterson, James w/ Chris Tebbetts
Harris and Me	Paulsen, Gary
The Last Book in the Universe	Philbrick, Rodman
Esperanza Rising	Ryan, Pam Munoz
The Card Turner	Sachar, Louis
Storm Runners	Smith, Roland
Love, Stargirl	Spinelli, Jerry
The Mysterious Benedict Society	Stewart, Trenton Lee
Surviving the Applewhites	Tolan, Stephanie S.

READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 9-12

Ship Breaker	Bacigalupi, Paolo
The Maze Runner	Dashner, James
The Elements: A Visual Exploration of Every Known Atom in the Universe	Gray, Theodore
Hurricane Dancers: The First Caribbean Pirate Shipwreck	Engle, Margarita
House of the Scorpion	Farmer, Nancy
The Magicians	Grossman, Lev
Star Island	Hiaasen, Carl
The Dark Game: True Spy Stories	Janeczko, Paul
Flappers Series: Vixen	Larkin, Jillian
I Am Number Four	Lore, Pittacus
The Unidentified	Mariz, Rae
Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard	Murray, Liz
The Boy Who Couldn't Sleep and Never Had To	Pierson, D.C.
True Grit	Portis, Charles
Small Gods	Pratchett, Terry
The Kid	Sapphire
Revolver	Sedgwick, Marcus
The Lucky One	Sparks, Nicholas
The Help	Stockett, Kathryn
Leviathan	Westerfeld, Scott
Empty	Weyn, Suzanne
The Curse of the Wendigo	Yancey, Richard

READ-ALOUDS FOR ADULTS

One Summer	Baldacci, David
The Lace Reader	Barry, Brunonia
Year of Wonders	Brooks, Geraldine
My Losing Season	Conroy, Pat
The Great Santini	Conroy, Pat
Room	Donoghue, Emma
The 19th Wife	Ebershoff, David
Red Queen	Gregory, Philippa
Water For Elephants	Gruen, Sara
Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption	Hillenbrand, Laura
Not Me	Lavigne, Michael
Anshu: Dark Sorrow	Kono, Juliet S.
In the Garden of Beasts	Larson, Erik
The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris	McCullough, David
The Paris Wife	McLain, Paula
Across the Universe	Revis, Beth
The Deseasing of America's Children: Exposing the ADHD Fiasco and Empowering Parents to Take Back Control	Rosemond, John
London	Rutherford, Edward
The Happiness Project	Rubin, Gretchen
The Kalahari Typing School for Men	Smith, Alexander McCall
The Art of Racing in the Rain	Stein, Garth
Cutting for Stone	Vergheese, Abraham

AGELESS AND TIMELESS CLASSICS

Mr. Popper's Penguins	Atwater, Richard & Florence
Superfudge	Blume, Judy
The Good Earth	Buck, Pearl S.
Heroes, Gods and Monsters of Greek Myths	Evslin, Bernard
The Princess Bride	Goldman, William
Read Aloud Poems for Young People	Hale, Gloria
The Outsiders	Hinton, S.E.
Whistle for Willie	Keats, Ezra Jack
A Separate Peace	Knowles, John
The Owl and the Pussycat	Lear, Edward
White Fang	London, Jack
Make Way For Ducklings	McCloskey, Robert
Anne of Green Gables	Montgomery, L.M.
The Westing Game	Raskin, Ellen
Curious George	Rey, H.A.
Catcher in the Rye	Salinger, J.D.
The Giving Tree	Silverstein, Shel
Caps for Sale: A Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys And Their Monkey Business	Slobodkina, Esphyr
Dr. De Soto	Steig, William
The Hobbit	Tolkien, J.R.R.
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Twain, Mark
Millions of Cats	Gag, Wanda

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

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, Esmé 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

Nurture the Nature: Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Unique Core Personality

Gurian, Michael

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

Raising Readers

National Council of Teachers of English

Great Books for Boys: More Than 600 Books for Boys 2 to 14

Odean, Kathleen

Great Books for Girls: More Than 600 Books for Recommended Books for Girls Ages 3-14

Odean, Kathleen

The Read Aloud Handbook

Trelease, Jim

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www.guysread.com

Mem Fox web site

www.memfox.com