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

Here is the new Read Aloud America 2015 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 reviewed over 100 books. To recommend a book for the 2015 reading list, the committee choose 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, and
- Age group appropriateness.

The committee members and I are interested in your feedback. Please feel free to email me at: literacy@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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The books chosen for the 2015 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 Pre Kindergarten - Kindergarten

Dragons Love Tacos
Mr. Tiger Goes Wild
Harold and the Purple Crayon
Nighttime Ninja
The Day the Crayons Quit
Llama, Llama and the Bully Goat
Are You My Mother?
Owen
Penny and Her Marble
Twenty Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street
Froggy Goes to Hawaii
Chamella and the New Kids In Class
Dream Animals, A Bedtime Journey
Tap the Magic Tree
The Adventures of Gary and Harry
Sophie’s Squash
Six Dinner Sid
The Watermelon Seed
Steam Train, Dream Train
I’ll Save You Bobo!
Bear and Bee Too Busy
Midwinter Blood
Hello, My Name is Ruby
Baby Honu Saves the Day

Rubin, Adam
Brown, Peter
Cockett, Johnson
DaCosta, Barbara
Daywait, Drew
Dewdney, Anna
Eastman, P.D.
Henkes, Kevin
Henkes, Kevin
Lee, Mark
London, Jonathan
Long, Ethan
Martin, Emily Winfield
Matheson, Christine
Matsumoto, Lisa
Miller, Pat Zietlow
Moore, Inga
Pizzoli, Greg
Rinker, Sherri Duskey
Rosenthal, Ellen
Ruzzier, Sergio
Sedwick, Marcus
Stead, Phillip
Yee, Tammy

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READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 1 – 2

Nothing
Maile and the Huli Hula Chicken
Arthur, It's Only Rock and Roll
Little Malia's Big Poi Idea
The Year of the Fortune Cookie
Martina the Beautiful Cockroach
The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon
Bean Dog and Nugget: The Ball
The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County
Lilly's Big Day
Mustache Baby
My Lucky Day
Big Mean Mike
Library Lion
Pluto Visits Earth!
A House in the Woods
Cowboy Clyde and Dirty Dog
Fancy Nancy Bonjour
Junie Jones – Aloha-Ha-Ha
The Surf Rider
Homer
Wild About Books
The Hungry Pua`a and the Sweet Potato
A Big Guy Took My Ball!

Agee, Jon
Braffet, Mary
Brown, Marc
Calma, Jocelyn
Cheng, Andrea
Deedy, Carmen
Grey, Mini
Harper, Charise Maricle
Harrington, Janice
Henkes, Kevin
Heos, Bridget
Kasza, Keiko
Knudsen, Michelle
Knudsen, Michelle
Metzger, Steve
Moore, Inga
Mortensen, Lori
O'Connor, Jane
Park, Barbara
Rogo, Thomas
Rotner, Shelly
Sierra, Judy
Villanueva, Leonard
Willems, Mo
GOOD READS FOR GRADES 3 - 4

Are You There God? It’s Me Margaret Blume, Judy
Bad Kitty – Drawn to Trouble Bruel, Nick
Medusa Jones Collins, Ross
Walk Two Moons Creech, Sharon
Lemonade War Davies, Jacqueline
Flora of Ulysses DiCamillo, Kate
The Match Box Diary Fleischman, Paul
Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Fleming, Candance
Elementary School Funke, Cornelia
Igraine the Brave
Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Gifford, Peggy
Little Grahame, Kenneth
The Wind in the Willows

Just Grace and the Super Sleepover Harper, Charise Maricle
The Year of Billy Miller Henkes, Kevin
Remembering Mrs. Rossi Hest, Amy
Princess Pink and the Land of Fake: Jones, Noah Z.
Believe #1
Judy Moody Goes to College McDonald, Megan
Midnight for Charlie Bone Nimmo, Jenny
My Big Fat Zobie Goldfish: The Sequel O’Hara, Mo
Calvin Coconut: Hero of Hawai’i Salisbury, Graham
Bug In My Hair Shannon, David
Fergus Crane Stewart, Paul
Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote Tonatiuh, Duncan
Oggie Cooder Weeks, Sarah
GOOD READS FOR GRADES 5 - 6

The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp  
Appelt, Kathi

Peter and the Starcatchers  
Barry, Dave

The Wizard of Oz  
Baum, Frank L.

Strike Three, You’re Dead  
Berk, Josh

Summerland  
Chabon, Michael

No Talking  
Clements, Andrew

Artemis Fowl  
Colfer, Eoin

Elijah of Buxton  
Curtis, Christopher

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane  
DiCamillo, Kate

Better Nate Than Ever  
Federle, Tim

Stickman Odyssey, Book 2-The Wrath of Zozimos  
Ford, Christopher

New Kid  
Green, Tim

Fly By Night  
Hardinge, Frances

The Contract  
Jeter, Derek

Weedflower  
Kadohata, Cynthia

Ice Fall  
Kirby, Mathew

A Wrinkle In Time  
L’Engle, Madeline

Poems and Drawings  
Silverstein, Shel

Cryptid Hunters  
Smith, Roland

A Series of Unfortunate Events  
Snicket, Lemony

Bella at Midnight  
Stanley, Diane

Lockwood & Co.-The Screaming Staircase  
Stroud, Jonathan

Paper Boy  
Vawter, Vince

P. S. Be Eleven  
Williams-Garcia, Rita
GOOD READS FOR GRADES 7 - 8

The Islands at the End of the World
The Seer of Shadows
Doll Bones
Eighth Grade Bites: Chronicles of Vladimir Todd, Book 1
Al Capone Does My Shirts
Shelter (Mickey Bolitar Series)
The Ballad of Lucy Whipple
The Graveyard Book
Maggot Moon
The Ghost of Crutchfield Hall
Turtle in Paradise
The Thing About Luck
The Stonekeeper
Pineapples in Peril
Far Far Away
Cinder: Book One
Jade Green: A Ghost Story
Herbert's Wormhole
Akata Witch
Picture Me Gone
Lawless: Book I
Hokey Pokey
Moon Over the Manifest
The Floating Circus

Asian, Austin
Avi
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Nelson, Peter
Okorafor, Nnedi
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Vanderpool, Claire
Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn
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S.O.S. Titanic  Bunting, Eve
The Presence: A Ghost Story  Bunting, Eve
Clockwork Princess  Clare, Cassandra
Foundling  Cornish, D.M.
Never Cry Werewolf  Davis, Heather
The Ocean at the End of the Lane  Gaiman, Neil
The Fault in Our Stars  Green, John
Pride and Prejudice and Zombies  Hockensmith, Steve
You Are So Undead to Me  Jay, Stacey
Reformed Vampire Support Group  Jinks, Catherine
The Hypnotists  Korman, Gordon
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon  Lin, Grace
Pi in the Sky  Mass, Wendy
Wake  McMann, Lisa
Vampire Academy  Mead, Richelle
Allegiant  Roth, Veronica
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Three Times Lucky  Turnage, Sheila
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Robinson Crusoe
The Hundred Dresses
Diary of a Young Girl
For Whom the Bell Tolls
Across Five Aprils
Just So Stories
The Red Balloon
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
The Giver
Guess How Much I Love You?
Anne of Green Gables
Island of Blue Dolphins
The Yearling
The Complete Adventures of Curious George
Horton Hears a Who
Falling Up
The Red Pony
The Polar Express

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Baum, L. Frank
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Boule, Pierre
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Montgomery, L.M.
O'Dell, Scott
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan
Rey, H. A.
Seuss, Dr.
Silverstein, Shel
Steinbeck, John
VanAllsburg, Chris

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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
This Way to Books
Babies Need Books: Sharing the Joy of Books with Children from Birth to Six
Raising Lifelong Learners: A Parent's Guide
How to Get Your Child to Love Reading
Read to Me: Raising Kids Who Love to Read
Help Me, I Have a Teenager
Reading Magic
Books Kids Will Sit Still For
The Roller Coaster Years
Read it Aloud! A Parent’s Guide to Sharing Books
Straight Talk About Reading: How Parents Can Make a Difference During the Early Years
Endangered Minds
For Reading Out Loud!: A Guide for Sharing Books With Children
Reading Rules! Motivating Teens to Read
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The Read Aloud Handbook
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