

# Read Aloud America

# 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>

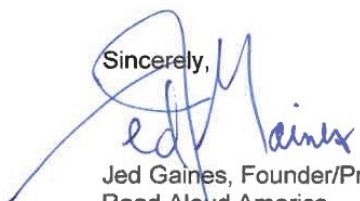
I hope that you find the list both a helpful guide of books to read aloud to the children in your lives and a resource when choosing a book to give as a gift.

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](mailto: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

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

# READ-ALOUDS FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN – KINDERGARTEN

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

## READ-ALOUDS FOR GRADES 1 – 2

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

## GOOD READS FOR GRADES 3 - 4

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

## GOOD READS FOR GRADE 5

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

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

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



## GOOD READS FOR GRADES 9 - 12

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

## GOOD READS FOR ADULTS

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

## GRAPHIC NOVELS (GN) – GRADES 1-5

<b>Last Kids on Earth Series</b>	Brallier, Max
<b>Powerpuff Girls GN Series</b>	Carolan, Sean
<b>Narwhal: Unicorn of the Seas</b>	Clanton, Ben
<b>Beware the Batman GN Series</b>	Cohen, Ivan
<b>Star Wars: Original Trilogy</b>	Ferrari, Slessandro
<b>Minecraft Series</b>	Graley, Sarah
<b>Best Friends</b>	Hale, Shannon
<b>Squish Brave New Pond GN</b>	Holm, Jennifer
<b>Babymouse GN Series</b>	Holm, Jennifer
<b>Diary of a Wimpy Kid GN Series</b>	Kinney, Jeff
<b>Click</b>	Miller, Kayla
<b>Dog Man and Cat Kid GN</b>	Pilkey, Dav
<b>Captain Underpants GN Series</b>	Pilkey, Dav
<b>Noise</b>	Raymundo, Kathleen
<b>Diary of a Roblox Noob</b>	Robloxia Kid
<b>Guts</b>	Telgemeier, Raina
<b>Smile</b>	Telgemeier, Raina
<b>Disney Fairies GN Series</b>	Various Authors
<b>Far Out Fairy Tales GN Series</b>	Various Authors
<b>Disney Junior GN Series</b>	Various Authors
<b>Diary of a Minecraft Zombie GN</b>	Various Authors
<b>My Little Pony Friends Forever</b>	Whitley, Jeremy
<b>Hilo GN Series GN Series</b>	Winick, Judd

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

NAME OF BOOK	AUTHOR	AGE LEVEL
Little Malia's Big Poi Idea	Calma, Joyce	1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>
Maile and the Huli Hula Chicken	Braffet, Mary	1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>
Cacy & Kiara and the Curse of the Ki`i	Chang, Roy	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>
Lord of the Deep	Salisbury, Graham	3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>
Island Fire	Neal, Toby	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>
Turtle in Paradise	Holm, Jennifer	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>
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-1 <sup>st</sup>
Keala Up a Tree	McLean, Patricia	K-1 <sup>st</sup>
The Bravest Opia	Kona, Juliette	K-1 <sup>st</sup>
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

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

## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

<b>Best Books for Kids Who (Think They) Hate to Read: 125 Books That Will Turn Any Child Into a Lifelong Reader</b>	Backes, Laura
<b>The Second Mountain</b>	Brooks, David
<b>Make Way for Reading--Great books for Kindergarten-grade 8</b>	Latimer, Karen
<b>The Toddler's Handbook</b>	Martin, Dayna
<b>The Read Aloud Handbook</b>	Trelease, Jim
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<a href="http://www.kidsbookseries.com">www.kidsbookseries.com</a>	Website
<a href="http://www.lindamoodbell.com">www.lindamoodbell.com</a>	Website
<a href="http://www.memfox.com">www.memfox.com</a>	Website
<a href="http://www.icanread.com">www.icanread.com</a>	Website
<a href="http://www.pbskids.org">www.pbskids.org</a>	Website
<a href="http://www.readaloudamerica.org">www.readaloudamerica.org</a>	Website
<a href="http://www.rif.org">www.rif.org</a>	Website
<a href="http://www.scholastic.com">www.scholastic.com</a>	Website
<a href="http://www.sesamestreet.org">www.sesamestreet.org</a>	Website
<a href="http://www.supersummary.com/reading-comprehension/guide/">www.supersummary.com/reading-comprehension/guide/</a>	Website
<a href="http://www.the-best-childrens-books.org">www.the-best-childrens-books.org</a>	Website
<a href="http://www.whatdowedoallday.com/books-for-kids">www.whatdowedoallday.com/books-for-kids</a>	Website
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