The Read-Aloud Family

Making Meaningful and Lasting Connections with Your Kids
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The Burgess Animal Book for Children by Thornton Burgess
The Burgess Bird Book for Children by Thornton Burgess
The Burgess Seashore Book for Children by Thornton Burgess
A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams
Chicken Soup with Rice: A Book of Months by Maurice Sendak
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Daisy Comes Home by Jan Brett
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A House Is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman, illustrated by Betty Fraser
How to Make a Cherry Pie and See the U.S.A. by Marjorie Priceman
How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World by Marjorie Priceman
I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen
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Julia’s House for Lost Creatures by Ben Hatke
The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco
King Hugo’s Huge Ego by Chris VanDusen
The Lady of Guadalupe by Tomie dePaola
Last Stop on Market Street by Matt De La Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson
A Leaf Can Be by Laura Purdie Salas, illustrated by Violeta Dabija
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The Library by Sarah Stewart, illustrated by David Small
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edited by Doug Mauss, illustrated by Sergio Cariello

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
by Mark Twain

The Angel Knew Papa and the Dog
by Douglas Kaine McKelvey

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by Noel Streatfeild

The Bark of the Bog Owl
by Jonathan Rogers

Because of Winn-Dixie
by Kate DiCamillo

Blue Birds
by Caroline Starr Rose

By the Great Horn Spoon
by Sid Fleischman

By the Shores of Silver Lake
by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Caddie Woodlawn
by Carol Ryrie Brink

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
by Roald Dahl

Charlotte’s Web
by E. B. White, illustrated by Garth Williams,

Cilla Lee-Jenkins: Future Author Extraordinaire
by Susan Tan, illustrated by Dana Wulfekotte

The Dreamer
by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Edge of Extinction: The Ark Plan
by Laura Martin

Ember Falls
by S. D. Smith, illustrated by Zach Franzen

Ember Rising
by S. D. Smith, illustrated by Zach Franzen

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat
by Lynne Jonell, illustrated by Jonathan Bean
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Egermeier's Bible Story Book
by Elise Egermeier, illustrated by Clive Upton

Esperanza Rising
by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Fablehaven by Brandon Mull

The Family Under the Bridge
by Natalie Savage Carlson, illustrated by Garth Williams

Farmer Boy
by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear by Lindsay Mattick, illustrated by Sophie Blackall

Five Children and It
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Frindle by Andrew Clements

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by Elizabeth Enright

The Green Ember by S. D. Smith, illustrated by Zach Franzen

Half Magic
by Edward Eager, illustrated by N. M. Bodecker

Happy Little Family
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Heidi by Johanna Spyri

Henry and the Chalk Dragon
by Jennifer Trafton

Henry Huggins
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The Hidden Gallery
by Maryrose Wood

The Horse and His Boy
by C. S. Lewis

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by Caroline Starr Rose

Johnny Tremain
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Justin Morgan Had a Horse
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Knight's Castle
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Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
On the Banks of Plum Creek by Laura Ingalls Wilder
On to Oregon! by Honore Morrow
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Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes by Jonathan Auxier
A Poem for Peter, A: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Steve Johnson
Poppy by Avi
The Prairie Thief by Melissa Wiley
Prince Caspian by C. S. Lewis
The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit
Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary
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Redwall by Brian Jacques
Return to Gone-Away by Elizabeth Enright
The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus by Jen Bryant, illustrated by Melissa Sweet
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The Saturdays by Elizabeth Enright
The Search for Delicious by Natalie Babbitt
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
The Secret of the Swamp King by Jonathan Rogers
The Secret School by Avi
Seven-Day Magic by Edward Eager
The Silver Chair by C. S. Lewis
Some Writer!: The Story of E. B. White by Melissa Sweet
Starry River of the Sky by Grace Lin
Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper
Stuart Little by E. B. White, illustrated Garth Williams
Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan
Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome
Swiss Family Robinson by Johann D. Wyss
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The Thirteen Clocks
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The Time Garden
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Trumpet of the Swan
by E. B. White
Tuck Everlasting
by Natalie Babbitt
Understood Betsy
by Dorothy Canfield Fisher
The Unmapped Sea
by Maryrose Wood
The Unseen Guest
by Maryrose Wood
The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street
by Karina Yan Glaser
The Voyage of the Dawn Treader
by C. S. Lewis
The Way of the Wilderking
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The Hunger Games
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Inside Out and Back Again
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Let the Circle Be Unbroken
  by Mildred Taylor
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On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness
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Out of the Dust
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River Secrets
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  by C. S. Lewis
The Sherwood Ring
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  by Linda Sue Park
Sit-In
  by Andrea Pinkney, illustrated by Brian Pinkney
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The Two Towers by J.R.R. Tolkien
Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian’s Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive by Laura Hillenbrand
The Warden and the Wolf King by Andrew Peterson
The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
The Way Things Work Now by David Macaulay
The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
Wingfeather Tales edited by Andrew Wonder by R. J. Palacio
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle
You Learn by Living: Eleven Keys to a More Fulfilling Life by Eleanor Roosevelt
RECOMMENDED RESOURCES
FOR PARENTS

The Book Whisperer by Donalyn Miller
Books Children Love by Elizabeth Wilson
Caught Up in a Story: Fostering a Storyformed Life of Great books & Imagination with your Children by Sarah Clarkson
For the Children’s Sake: Foundations of Education for Home and School by Susan Schaeffer Macaulay
Give Your Child the World: Raising Globally Minded Kids One Book at a Time by Jamie C. Martin
Honey for a Child’s Heart by Gladys Hunt
Honey for a Teen’s Heart by Gladys Hunt and Barbara Hampton
The Pleasures of Reading in an Age of Distraction by Alan Jacobs
Raising Kids Who Read by Dr. Daniel Willingham
The Read-Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease
Read for the Heart by Sarah Clarkson
Reading in the Wild by Donalyn Miller
Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud to Our Children Will Change Their Lives Forever by Mem Fox and Judy Horacek
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*The Reading Promise* by Alice Ozma

*A Sense of Wonder* by Katherine Paterson *Note: Katherine Paterson's various essay collections are currently out of print, and therefore, difficult to find. If you’d like to hunt them down anyway, *The Invisible Child* (Dutton, 2001) contains a few essays from *A Sense of Wonder* and a few new essays as well.*
READING ALOUD NEVER GROWS OLD

You will never regret reading aloud to your kids. Connecting deeply with your family can be difficult in our busy, technology-driven society. Reading aloud is one of the best ways to be fully present with your children, even after they can read themselves. In The Read-Aloud Family, you will find the inspiration you need to start a read-aloud movement in your own home.

Discover how to:

• Prepare your kids for academic success through reading to them
• Develop empathy and compassion in your kids through books
• Find time to read aloud in the midst of school, sports, and dinner dishes
• Choose books across a variety of sibling interests and ages
• Make reading aloud the best part of your family’s day

The Read-Aloud Family also offers age-appropriate book lists from infancy through adolescence. From a toddler’s wonder to a teenager’s resistance, you will discover practical strategies to make reading aloud a meaningful family ritual. Because reading aloud not only has the power to change your family—it has the power to change the world.

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