

Read-Aloud Chapter Books for Younger Children **for children through 3rd grade**

Remember to choose a story that you will also enjoy

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken: Surrounded by villains of the first order, brave Bonnie and gentle cousin Sylvia conquer all obstacles in this Victorian melodrama.

Poppy by Avi: Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Oax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks: A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him.

Double Fudge by Judy Blume: His younger brother's obsession with money and the discovery of long-lost cousins Flora and Fauna provide many embarrassing moments for twelve-year-old Peter.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary: A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell: Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.

Understood Betsy by Dorothy Canfield Fisher: Timid and small for her age, nine-year-old Elizabeth Ann discovers her own abilities and gains a new perception of the world around her when she goes to live with relatives on a farm in Vermont.

Love That Dog by Sharon Creech: A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.

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Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo: Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo: After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

The Miraculous journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo: Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo: The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Kenny & the Dragon by Tony DiTerlizzi: Book-loving Kenny the rabbit has few friends in his farming community, so when one, bookstore owner George, is sent to kill another, gentle dragon Grahame, Kenny must find a way to prevent their battle while satisfying the dragon-crazed townspeople.

Pure Dead Magic by Deb Gliori: When their father is kidnapped and danger looms, the Strega-Borgia children, their mysterious new nanny, and a giant tarantula use magic and actual trips through the Internet to bring peace to their Scottish castle.

The Big Nap: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko by Bruce Hale: Someone is turning the students at Emerson Hickey Elementary into zombies, and it's up to fourth-grade private eye Chet Gecko to find out who.

Bunnicula by Deborah and James Howe: Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

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Regarding the Fountain : a tale, in letters, of Liars and Leaks by Kate Klise: When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine: In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things by Lenore Look: A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.

Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry: A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

The Gold Threaded Dress by Carolyn Marsden: When Oy and her Thai American family move to a new neighborhood, her third-grade classmates tease and exclude her because she is different.

Winnie-the-Pooh by A. A. Milne: The adventures of Christopher Robin and his friends in which Pooh Bear uses a balloon to get honey, Piglet meets a Heffalump, and Eeyore has a birthday.

Surviving Brick Johnson by Laurie Myers: Afraid of getting maimed for making fun of Brick, the husky new kid in his fifth-grade class, Nick decides that even his baseball collection will not protect him so he signs up for karate class, despite his little brother's reassurances that Brick is not a bully.

Soup by Robert Newton Peck: The adventures and misadventures of two boys growing up in a small Vermont town.

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Clementine by Sara Pennypacker: While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Gooseberry Park by Cynthia Rylant: When a storm separates Stumpy the squirrel from her newborn babies, her animal friends come to the rescue.

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein: A young boy grows to manhood and old age experiencing the love and generosity of a tree which gives to him without thought of return.

Farmer Boy by Laura Ingalls Wilder: At the end of the nineteenth century, nine-year-old Almanzo lives with his family on a big farm in New York State where he raises his own two calves, helps cut ice and shear sheep, and longs for the day he can have his own colt.

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