



# Read- Aloud Booklist

## 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

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Studies show that children benefit from being read to even after they have learned to read themselves. By reading to your child you can introduce books and concepts from higher reading levels; besides, reading together is just fun! Try out some of the following titles to find books that you will enjoy reading as much as your child will.



**Place hold**

### My Father's Dragon

By Ruth Stiles Gannett

**Call #: JF Gannett**

When Elmer Elevator hears about the plight of an overworked and underappreciated baby dragon, he packs his knapsack and stows away on a ship bound for Wild Island. Nothing will stop Elmer from saving that dragon! This book from 1948 is the first in a charming three-part series.



**Place hold**

### Satch and Me

Dan Gutman

**Call #: JF Gutman**

Joe and his friend Flip go back in time to 1942 to see if Satchel Paige really was the fastest pitcher in baseball history. The *Baseball Card Adventure* series combines magic, history, and humor with the fun of baseball.



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### Stuart Little

E.B. White

**Call #: JF White**

When tiny Stuart is born, his family is shocked to see how much he resembles a mouse! With his family's loving support, he learns how to live in a world that is so much larger than he is, eventually leaving home to search for his dear friend, a bird who had been found wounded on the Little's windowsill.



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### Judy Moody

Megan McDonald

**Call #: JF McDonald**

Judy Moody does not have high hopes for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. What she does have, however, is plenty of attitude and individuality. This book is fun for any kid who's ever been in a bad mood or had a bad day but could laugh anyway.





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## **Beyond the Deepwoods**

Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell

**Call #:** JF Stewart

When 13-year-old Twig discovers that the Trolls who have raised him are not his original parents, he sets off on a journey to find out who he really is. Lots of adventures await in this first book of the *Edge Chronicles* series.



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## **Andy Shane and the Very Bossy Dolores Starbuckle**

Jennifer R. Jacobson

**Call #:** JE Jacobson

Andy Shane’s enjoyment of school is severely limited by a classmate, Dolores, who is constantly correcting, harassing, or tattling on him. Lucky for Andy, he’s got a grandmother who knows just what to do!



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## **The Chocolate Touch**

Patrick Catling

**Call #:** JF Catling

John Midas loves chocolate. So when he acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch to chocolate, what could be so bad?



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## **Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye**

Geronimo Stilton

**Call #:** JF Stilton

Geronimo’s day job is editing *The Rodent’s Gazette*, but he has a yen for adventure—which is satisfied when his sister, Thea, finds a treasure map. Fortunately for us, Geronimo keeps a diary of their exploits, so we can share in the fun! Book one of the *Geronimo Stilton* series.



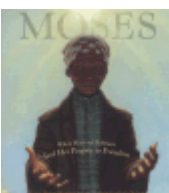
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## **Saving Sweetness**

Diane Stanley

**Call #:** JP Stanley

When Sweetness, the “ittiest, bittiest” orphan at mean Mrs. Sump’s orphanage runs away, it’s up to the Sherriff to find her. After “saving” her three times, only to have her run away again, he realizes the way to save her “fer good”.



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## **Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom**

Carole Boston Weatherford

**Call #:** JP Weatherford

In free verse poetry, this lovely book tells the amazing story of Harriet Tubman, who escaped slavery herself and then risked her life to go back nineteen more times to save others.





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## **Alvin Ho—Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things**

Lenore Look

**Call #: JF Look**

Alvin is just starting second grade, but he has never spoken in school. Will a special Show and Tell be the ticket to helping him win more friends?



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## **Little House in the Big Woods**

Laura Ingalls Wilder

**Call #: JF Wilder**

Laura's family lives on the edge of the Wisconsin frontier, and their closest neighbors are bears, deer, and wildcats! Life is exciting for Laura and her sister Mary, as they help Ma with chores and listen to Pa's stories. Book one in the *Little House on the Prairie* series.



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## **Jennifer Murdley's Toad**

Bruce Coville

**Call #: JF Coville**

When an ordinary 5<sup>th</sup> grader buys a magic toad, she sets off on a series of extraordinary adventures!



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## **The BFG**

Roald Dahl

**Call #: JF Dahl**

Kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.



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## **The Great Brain**

John D. Fitzgerald

**Call #: JF Fitzgerald**

The exploits of the Great Brain of Adenville, Utah are described by his younger brother, frequently the victim of the Great Brain's schemes for gaining prestige or money. Check out other Great Brain books.



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## **A Treasury of Princesses**

Shirley Climo

**Call #: J398.22 Cli**

Go beyond the Disney Princess! This book presents retellings of seldom-heard princess tales, featuring such heroines as White Jade, Gulnara, and Vasilisa the Frog Princess. A discussion of princess lore precedes each selection.





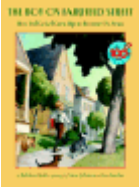
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## **The Clever Boy and the Terrible, Dangerous Animal**

Idries Shaw

**Call #: J398.22 Sha**

A Sufi teaching tale of a boy who visits another village and helps the townspeople deal with their fear of something that they have mistaken for a terrible, dangerous animal.



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## **The Boy on Fairfield Street: How Ted Geisel Grew Up to Become Dr. Seuss**

Kathleen Krull

**Call #: J92 Seuss**

“Once upon a time there lived a boy who feasted on books and was wild about animals.” Who knew he would grow up to become Dr. Seuss?