




READ ALOUD BOOKLIST

4th-6th GRADES

Updated by Heidi Tice 5/11

Check out this list of books to read aloud with a child! There is something here for everyone!

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PETER AND THE STARCATCHERS

By Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

Call #: JF Barry

Orphan boy Peter befriends Molly, whose mission is to guard a trunk of magical stardust from a pirate and the natives of a remote island. First in a series.



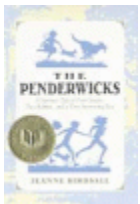
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LET'S PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED

By Jim Benton

Call #: JF Benton

Jamie Kelly describes her life, including her attempts to triumph over her nemesis, the beautiful and popular Angeline. First in a series.



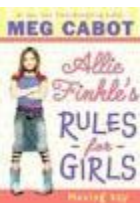
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THE PENDERWICKS

By Jeanne Birdsall

Call #: JF Birdsall

Four lovable sisters share summer vacation adventures with a lonely boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. First in a trilogy.



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MOVING DAY

By Meg Cabot

Call #: JF Cabot

Allie Finkle keeps rules for everything written in a private book. Her world is turned upside-down when her family has to move. First in a series.



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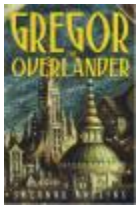
NO TALKING

By Andrew Clements

Call #: JF Clements

The noisy 5th grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud 5th grade girls to a “no talking” contest.





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GREGOR THE OVERLANDER

By Suzanne Collins

Call #: JF Collins

When Gregor, 11, and his 2-year-old sister are pulled into an underground world, they trigger a battle involving men, bats, rats, and cockroaches. First in a series.



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ELIJAH OF BUXTON

By Christopher Paul Curtis

Call #: JF Curtis

In 1859, 11-year-old Elijah, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, a haven for slaves fleeing the American south, tries to bring to justice a lying, thieving preacher.



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THE BFG

By Roald Dahl

Call #: JF Dahl

The BFG—Big Friendly Giant—kidnaps Sophie from the orphanage and takes her to Giantland where she tries to end the loathsome activities of nine evil giants.



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BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE

By Kate DiCamillo

Call #: JF DiCamillo

10-year-old India Opal Buloni is the lonely new kid in town, but wonderful things start to happen when she adopts a big ugly dog named Winn-Dixie.



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HALF MAGIC

By Edward Eager

Call #: JF Eager

Four children's dull summer in the city changes to a series of fantastic adventures when double-wishing on an ancient coin. First in a series.



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THE GREAT BRAIN

By John Dennis Fitzgerald

Call #: JF Fitzgerald

The biggest con artist of the West is only 10! J.D. tells of growing up in Utah with a scheming older brother known as "The Great Brain." First in a series.



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THE RUINS OF GORLAN

By John Flanagan

Call #: JF Flanagan

Rejected by the battleschool, Will becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger. First in a series.





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THE WHIPPING BOY

By Sid Fleischman

Call #: JF Fleischman

A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they accidentally trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.



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IGRAINE THE BRAVE

By Cornelia Funke

Call #: JF Funke

12-year-old Igraine wants to be a knight and has an opportunity to show her bravery when the castle is attacked by a neighbor bent on stealing their singing magic books.



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MY FATHER'S DRAGON

By Ruth Stiles Gannett

Call #: JF Gannett

A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island. First in a trilogy.



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AMONG THE HIDDEN

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

Call #: JF Haddix

A law limits a family to only two children, so Luke lives in isolation and fear, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. First in a series.



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THE GOOSE GIRL

By Shannon Hale

Call #: YF Hale

On her way to marry a prince she has never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed and must become a goose girl to survive. First in a series.



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THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH

By Norman Juster

Call #: JF Juster

A little boy can see nothing of interest in the world about him until one day he is magically transported to the Land of Expectations and other exciting places.



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THE VIEW FROM SATURDAY

By E.L. Konigsburg

Call #: JF Konigsburg

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and are chosen to represent their 6th grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.





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NO MORE DEAD DOGS

By Gordon Korman

Call #: JF Korman

Football hero Wallace must attend play rehearsals for detention. In spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins suggesting improvements.



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SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT

By Derek Landy

Call #: JF Landy

When 12-year-old Stephanie inherits her weird uncle's estate, she joins forces with Skulduggery Pleasant, a skeleton mage, to save the world from the Faceless Ones.



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SAVVY

By Ingrid Law

Call #: JF Law

Mibs' 13th birthday has revealed her "savvy"—a magical power unique to each member of her family—just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.



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A TALE OF TWO CASTLES

By Gail Carson Levine

Call #: JF Levine

12-year-old Elodie journeys to Two Castles in hopes of studying acting but instead becomes apprentice to a dragon, who teaches her to be observant and use reasoning.



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THE BOYS START THE WAR

By Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Call #: JF Naylor

Disgusted that a family with 3 girls moves into the house across the river, 9-year-old Wally and his 3 brothers declare a practical joke war on them. First in a series.



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DOGTAG SUMMER

By Elizabeth Partridge

Call #: JF Partridge

In 1980, Tracy, a Vietnam adoptee, finds a dog tag and a picture which bring up painful memories for her and her Vietnam veteran father.



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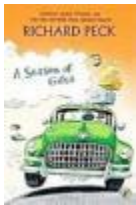
LAWN BOY

By Gary Paulsen

Call #: JF Paulsen

Things get out of hand for a 12-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.





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A SEASON OF GIFTS

By Richard Peck

Call #: JF Peck

Recently moved to an Illinois town in 1958, 12-year-old Bob Barnhart and his family receive surprising gifts from larger-than-life neighbor, Mrs. Dowdel. Part of a series.



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THE LIGHTNING THIEF

By Rick Riordan

Call #: YF Riordan

Percy Jackson, discovering that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, meets other demigod kids as he begins a quest to save the world. First in a series.



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THERE'S A BOY IN THE GIRLS' BATHROOM

By Louis Sachar

Call #: JF Sachar

An unmanageable, but lovable, 11-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit, too.



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LIZZIE BRIGHT AND THE BUCKMINSTER BOY

By Gary D. Schmidt

Call #: YF Schmidt

In 1911, Turner meets Lizzie, a girl from a poor island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers want to change into a tourist spot.



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EGGS

By Jerry Spinelli

Call #: JF Spinelli

Mourning his mother, 9-year-old David becomes friends with independent, quirky 13-year-old Primrose, as they help each other deal with what is missing in their lives.



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LITTLE HOUSE IN THE BIG WOODS

By Laura Ingalls Wilder

Call #: JF Wilder

The young Ingalls family has all kinds of fun, sweet, and hair-raising adventures while living in the big Wisconsin woods in the 1870s. First in a series.



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LOVE, RUBY LAVENDER

By Deborah Wiles

Call #: JF Wiles

When her grandmother goes to Hawaii for the summer, 9-year-old Ruby learns to survive on her own in Mississippi by writing letters and befriending chickens.



