

Read Alouds

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Title	Author	Excerpt	Summary/Additional Info	Grade Level
A Long Way from Chicago	Peck, Richard	Chapter 1	Start reading where Grandma Dowel is holding open house to view Cheatham's body. Read to end of chapter. In paperback: pp. 11-16.	Middle
A Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle, Madeleine	Chapter 7	Begin with Charles Wallace looking into the man's eyes hoping to find his father. In paperback: pp.125--132	Elementary/Middle
All about Sam	Lowry, Lois	Chapter 3	Sam thinks he understands the water cycle and flushes Anastasia's fish down the toilet.	Elementary
All Together, One at a Time	Konigsburg, E.L.	First short story	A boy visits his grandmother who will be seeing a meteor shower for the last time.	Elementary
Anastasia Krupnick	Lowry, Lois	pages 10--18	Anastasia writes a poem.	Middle
Baseball in April	Soto, Gary	The No Guitar Blues		
Because of Winn-Dixie	diCamillo, Kate	Chapters 1--3	It sets the mood and introduces India Opal and Winn-Dixie. It is short and funny.	Elementary/Middle
Birthday Surprises	Hurwitz, Johanna (ed.)		The story by Pam Conrad about the 'empty' wooden box given as a wedding present that really holds hope, compassion, etc.	
Blubber	Blume, Judy		The part where the kids made Linda eat a chocolate covered ant. The kids LOVE it.	Elementary/Middle
Bridge to Terabithia	Patterson, Katherine	Chapter 1	Begin reading where the children are eating lunch at their desk.	Elementary/Middle
Choose Your Own Adventures		Any adventure	In hardback: pp. 23--28.	Elementary/Middle
Classic Myths to Read Aloud	Russell, William F. (ed.)		0-517-58837-4	Middle
Classics to Read Aloud to Your Children	Russell, William F. (ed.)		0-517-55404-6	
Cody Unplugged	Duffy, Betsy	Chapter 7	Cody's swim trucks come undone while swimming and he gets the nickname "Swimming Bare."	Elementary
Don't Call Me Beanhead	Wojciechowski, Susan	Chapter 1	A worrier who has to get a parent to sign a 'flunking' paper.	Elementary
Don't Make Me Smile	Park, Barbara	Chapter 1		Elementary
Dovey Coe	Dowell, Frances O'Roark	first paragraph	Intriguing.	Middle
Freak the Mighty	Philbrick, Rodman	Chapter 7	Freak and Max go to the July 4th celebration.	Middle
Herbie Jones	Kline, Suzy	Chapter 1	Herbie tries to get a perfect spelling test.	Elementary
Hey! Listen to This!	Trelease, Jim		Read aloud stories from a variety of authors.	Elementary
Itchy Richard	Gilson, Jamie	Chapters 1--2		Elementary/Middle
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	Gantos, Jack	pp. 30-34	Jack swallows a key in class.	Elementary/Middle
Junie B. Jones and Her Big Fat Mouth	Park, Barbara	Chapters 1--3		Elementary
Marvin Redpost: Is He a Girl?	Sachar, Louis	Chapter 2	Marvin kisses his elbow and now may turn into a girl.	Elementary
Monster	Myers, Walter Dean	Prologue		Middle/High
More Classics to Read Aloud to Your Children	Russell, William F. (ed.)		0-517-88227-2	
			These are self-contained stories. Any can be read. Especially recommended: Chapter "The Radish Cure." This is about a girl who wouldn't take a bath.	
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle	MacDonald, Barbara Bard	Chapter 1		Elementary
My Life in Dog Years	Paulsen, Gary	Chapter: Cesar		Middle
Nasty Stinky Sneakers	Bunting, Eve	Chapters 1--2		Elementary

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Operation Dump the Chump	Park, Barbara	Chapter 1	A girl falls in the water with the dog leash wrapped around her and the water lily on her head.	Elementary
Pee Wee Scouts: Lucky Dog Days	Delton, Judy	Chapters 2 & 3	Publisher: Libraries Unlimited	Any
Quotation Index to Children's Literature	Axel-Lute, Melanie		"Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel"--Ramona asks how Mike used the bathroom.	Elementary
Ramona the Pest	Cleary, Beverly	pages 22--25	Read aloud stories from a variety of authors.	Middle
Read All About It	Trelease, Jim	Chapter 1	"Mrs. Gorf"	Elementary/Middle
Sideways Stories from Wayside School	Sachar, Louis	Tashkent & Save the Moon for Kerdie	Short stories.	Middle
Some of the Kinder Planets	Wynne-Jones, Tim	Chapter 2		Elementary
Soup	Peck, Robert	Chapter 6	"Meet Phil Steinkraus"	
Squeaky Wheel	Smith, Robert Kimmel	pp. 67-72	Fudge's first day of Kindergarten	Elementary/Middle
Superfudge	Blume, Judy		Peter comes home and finds that Dribble is missing.	Elementary/Middle
Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing	Blume, Judy	Chapter 1	It introduces the Herdman children who are notorious for their pra	Elementary
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Johnson, Barbara	Chapter 1		Middle
The Graduation of Jake Moon	Park, Barbara	Chapter 1	Byron gets his lips stuck to the car mirror when he tries to kiss himself.	Elementary/Middle
The Watsons go to Birmingham	Curtis, Christopher Paul	pages 1-3, 6-19	Students can identify with playing with matches and facing an enraged parent.	Elementary/Middle
The Watsons go to Birmingham	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Chapter: Nazi Parachutes		Elementary/Middle
The Watsons go to Birmingham	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Chapter 1	Conceal the fact the characters are not human.	Elementary
Three Terrible Twins	King-Smith, Dick	Chapter 1		Middle
Weasel	DeFelice, Cynthia	Chapters 1--2	The chapter where Willie uses a periscope to spy on the new family moving into Kyle's home, especially noting the girl who will be taking over Kyle's room.	Elementary
Wild Willie and King Kyle Detectives	Joosse, Barbara M.		Great read-aloud for Halloween.	Elementary/Middle
Young Monsters	Asimov, Isaac (ed.)	Goodbye Miss		