

Talk to your children's librarian for more recommendations of read-aloud chapter books... because the only thing better than a good read-aloud today is one that you can continue to hear tomorrow!

Milne, A.A. ***Winnie the Pooh*** (1926)

Join Pooh Bear in the warm, whimsical world of the Hundred Acre Woods with Christopher Robin and his friends.

Nilsson, Ulf. ***Detective Gordon: The First Case*** (2015)

Squirrel's nuts have been stolen! Never fear, Detective Gordon, the toad, and his new assistant, Buffy, the mouse, are on the case. A delightful mystery, translated from the Swedish.



Potter, Ellen. ***Piper Green and the Fairy Tree*** (2015)

Piper lives on Peek-a-Boo Island off the coast of Maine, and takes a lobster boat to school every morning. When second grade begins and everything seems different, how will Piper cope?

Stevenson, James. ***The Mud Flat Mystery*** (1997)

When a large box arrives for vacationing Duncan, the other Mud Flat animals cannot contain their curiosity.

Taylor, Sydney. ***All-of-a-Kind Family*** (1951)

A look into the daily life of five sisters in a warm and loving Jewish family in New York in the early 1900s.

Voake, Steve. ***Daisy Dawson is On Her Way*** (2008)

An encounter with a butterfly leaves Daisy suddenly able to understand the language of all animals! While using her new ability, will she be able to rescue Boom the dog from the dogcatcher?



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READ TO ME EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS



These early chapter books are a great introduction for 4 to 7 year olds who are just beginning to enjoy stories that last for more than one sitting. They have short chapters, simple illustrations, and are fast paced. Most books are a part of a series so that you can continue to enjoy your favorite characters!

Angleberger, Tom. ***Inspector Flytrap*** (2016)

Inspector Flytrap, the potted Venus Flytrap with a necktie, is wheeled around on a skateboard by his assistant Nina the Goat. This silly duo investigates "big deal" mysteries at an art museum, a cookie shop and a garden.

Atinuke. ***Anna Hibiscus*** (2010)

Anna Hibiscus lives in Africa in a big white house with her extended family. She enjoys playing with her cousins and really, really wants to visit her Canadian grandmother and see snow.

Bond, Michael. ***A Bear Called Paddington*** (1960)

Mr. and Mrs. Brown find a bear in the train station, who has come all the way from Peru. It's not long before Paddington learns about life in London, and loves marmalade.

Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy and Bean*** (2006)

Energetic tomboy Bean thinks she has nothing in common with Ivy, the quiet new girl next door, but a wonderful friendship takes hold.

Cameron, Ann. ***The Stories Julian Tells*** (1981)

In a warm African American family, a wise father plants seeds of understanding as successfully as he plants the family garden.



Cleary, Beverly. ***The Mouse and the Motorcycle*** (1965)
Ralph, a young mouse, makes friends with a boy and discovers the joys of motorcycling.



DiCamillo, Kate. ***Mercy Watson to the Rescue*** (2005)
Mercy is the beloved pet pig. Her penchant for “hot toast with a great deal of butter on it” leads her to a merry midnight chase before she saves the day!

Elliot, Rebecca. ***Eva’s Tree-top Festival*** (2015)
Eva Wingdale, a young owl, volunteers to organize the spring festival at school. Will she be able to do all that work without inviting her class mates to help?

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. ***My Father’s Dragon*** (1948)
Join young Elmer as he journeys to the Wild Island to rescue a baby dragon.

George, Kallie. ***Clover’s Luck*** (2015)
Clover accepts a volunteer position at a pet adoption agency unlike any other, and soon finds herself in a world of fairy horses, dragons with temperamental snouts, wizards, pesky princesses, and, unfortunately, wicked witches.

Grahame, Kenneth. ***Wind in the Willows*** (1980)
Mole ventures out with new friends: industrious and wise Badger, sensible and generous Rat, and dear old Toad, fun-loving and flighty.

Green, Poppy. ***A New Friend*** (2015)
Sophie Mouse and her friends learn the importance of friendship, and the danger of being judgmental when the new student in their class is a snake.

Hale, Shannon & Dean Hale.
The Princess in Black (2014)
Flouncy Princess Magnolia has a secret – when her glitter-stone ring signals an alarm, she transforms into the Princess in Black, solving mysteries and defeating scary monsters that threaten her kingdom.



Hanlon, Abby. ***Dory Fantasmagory*** (2014)
Dory, the youngest in her family, really wants to be included in her older siblings’ play. Her wild imagination brings home some crazy monsters, invented friends, and entertaining antics.

It is difficult to guess who most enjoys the experience of sharing books – the child who listens or the adult who is reading. Reading aloud is the best introduction to lifelong literacy that a child can have!

Hughes, Shirley. ***Digby O’Day in the Fast Lane*** (2014)
Best friends Digby and Percy enter the Didsworth Car Race, but they encounter problem after problem. Will they be able to beat Digby’s archenemy, the fancy Lou Ella?



Jenkins, Emily. ***The Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone called Plastic*** (2006)
A peek into the secret lives of three toys who are friends. What adventures will they have when they go into the wide world outside?

Lacey, Josh. ***The Dragonsitter*** (2015)
Eddie is taking care of his uncle's dragon while he is away; unfortunately, his uncle did not leave any instructions. How can young Eddie stop the dragon from devouring endless amounts of food and tearing up the neighborhood?

LeGuin, Ursula. ***Catwings*** (1988)
Why are Mrs. Jane Tabby’s four kittens born with wings? And where can they safely live?

Lindgren, Astrid. ***Pippi Longstocking*** (1950)
Spunky nine-year-old Pippi lives with her horse and her monkey at the edge of a Swedish village, and is a champion of fun!

MacDonald, Betty Bard. ***Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle*** (1947)
When kids misbehave it might be time for a visit from Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle, who magically cures kids of mysterious ailments like Won’t-put-away-toys-itis.

Medina, Juana. ***Juana and Lucas*** (2016)
Juana, a spunky young girl in Bogotá, Colombia loves playing fútbol and struggles learning English, until her family tells her that a special trip is planned to an English-speaking place. Sprinkled with Spanish words.

Blend one of these chapter books into your next batch of picture books to strengthen your child’s attention span and get them hooked on reading.