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This is a list of 75 fun read-aloud books that can be enjoyed by children who are a variety of ages. Most of the books are picture books, but there are some illustrated short chapter book series as well. There is a photo of the cover of each book and a brief description. I feel like the picture books will work best for ages 3-8 years old. Children up to 10 years old will probably enjoy the chapter books.

I own a few of these books. Most of them I check out from my public library. They are also available on Amazon.com as new, used or kindle books.

This list is meant to be a guide. We all have different needs, tastes and interests. Please review the books on this list and make sure they are a good fit for the children you will be reading to. **You are the best person to decide which books will provide an enjoyable reading experience for the children you love!**

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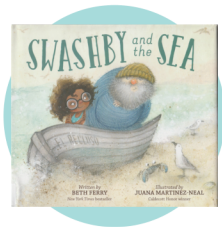
Friendship



Rescue and Jessica: A Life Changing Friendship by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes This is a beautiful and touching book based on a true story about a girl named Jessica and her service dog, Rescue. Jessica's legs were badly hurt and eventually they both have to be amputated. Rescue helps her learn how to live her new life. This is a story about being brave, doing hard things, having courage, love and friendship.



Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev This is such a cute story on how to be a good friend and include everyone! The pet club doesn't allow elephants, skunks and a variety of other animals so some children start their own pet club that welcomes everyone and their pets, even if the pets are a little unusual.



Swashby and the Sea by Beth Ferry Captain Swashby loves his quiet life by the sea. All that changes when some new neighbors move in next door. Swashby tries to get rid of the neighbors, but with some help from the sea and messages in the sand he finds friendship instead.

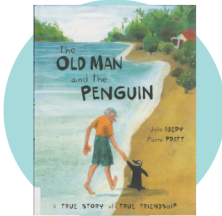


Phoebe Dupree Is Coming to Tea by Linda Ashman Abby thinks her friend Phoebe Dupree is perfect! She's smart and good at everything. Abby invites Phoebe to come to her house for tea and wants to make sure everything is perfect, just like her friend. Things don't go as planned and more than one disaster happens. Abby learns things don't have to be perfect to have fun with a friend like Phoebe Dupree.

Friendship



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The Old Man And A Penguin by Julie Abery

Joao found a little penguin while walking near his home in Brazil. The penguin was covered in sticky oil and was close to death. Joao cleaned him, fed him and helped him return to good health. He tried to take him back to the sea, but his new friend didn't want to leave. Joao named him Dindim. Eventually Dindim did leave, but every year he returns at the same time to see his friend Joao. A beautiful tale of friendship based on a true story.



The Witching's Wish by Lu Fraser

Little Witching lives alone and wants a friend more than anything. She goes looking for a secret ingredient for a spell from her magic book and ends up meeting a little girl named Lily. This is a beautiful, sweet, magical story about friendship.



Butterflies On The First Day Of School by Annie Silvestro

Rosie can't wait to start kindergarten, but the night before her tummy starts to hurt. She's nervous the next morning. Her mom tells her she has butterflies in her stomach and tells her she will feel better. She meets a new friend on the bus and some butterflies come out of her mouth. As she makes more friends and finds the courage to do hard things more butterflies come out and she starts to feel better. A pleasant story about overcoming anxiety and making friends.

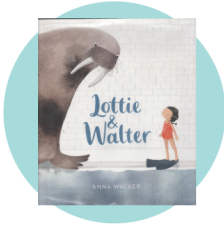


Xander's Panda Party by Linda Sue Park

Xander the panda is lonely. He decides to have a party to make new friends. His guest list grows until it includes the whole zoo and his new friend, a panda named Amanda. The authors note at the end has details about pandas and other bears.

Friendship

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***Lottie and Walter* by Anna Walker**

Every Saturday when Lottie goes to the pool for her swim lessons she is afraid to get in the water. She is sure there is a shark in the water that wants to eat her and only her. One day Walter, a walrus, appears. With his kind, gentle ways things start to change. In the end Lottie finds the courage to jump in the pool. Even imaginary friends can give us the courage to do hard things.



***Two of Everything* by Lily Toy Hong**

Mr. Haktak digs up a curious old pot in his garden. He puts his last 5 coins in it for safekeeping and discovers the five turned into ten. He and Mrs Haktak are excited about the magic pot and how it can change their fortune. Not everything goes as planned and soon, thanks to the magic pot, there are two Mr and Mrs Haktaks! Mr Haktak is very upset with their mistake, but Mrs Haktak thinks it's wonderful to have new friends!



***Lola Dutch* by Kenneth and Sarah Jane Wright (series)**

Lola Dutch is a little bit much! She is a girl bursting with energy and creativity. Together with her friends, Bear, Pig, Gator and Crane they visit the library and learn about new authors. At the art museum they discover artists and explore their own creative talents. Lola Dutch loves to let her imagination run wild!

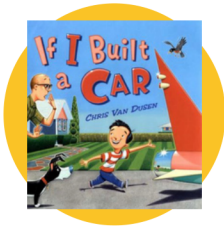


***The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life With The Chimps* by Jeanette Winter**

When Jane Goodall was young she loved to watch all the animals in her world. Eventually she got to travel to Africa and study chimpanzees. She patiently watched them and in time became their friend. This is a beautiful picture book biography about a remarkable lady.

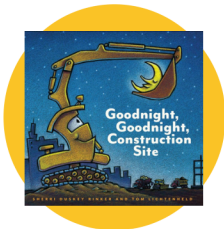


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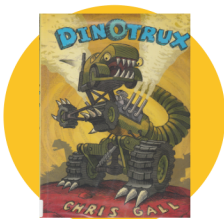
***If I Built A Car* by Chris Van Dusen (series)**

This book is part of a **series of 3 books** that celebrate imagination and creative ideas. They are great conversation starters! In this story Jack decides to design and build a car. His family's car is just a car-nothing great! He is going to design and build something grand. He studies jets, buses, zeppelins and trains to get ideas. You'll be amazed at what he comes up with!



***Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site* by Sheri Duskey Rinker.**

There are several books in this popular **series!** In this one the sun has set and it is time for the construction vehicles to end their fun. It tells how each one finishes their task and winds down for the day. It is written in a clever rhyming verse that really holds very young kids attention!



***Dinotrux* by Chris Gall (Series)**

Millions of years ago prehistoric trucks roamed the world. They rumbled and roared and didn't get along with others. Dinotrux ruled the earth! There was Dozertops, Craneosaurus, Dumploducus and more. If your younger grandchildren love dinosaurs, trucks and tractors they will want you to read this book over and over.



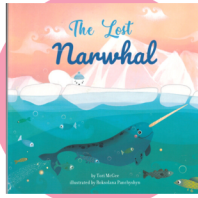
***Elbow Grease* by John Cena (series)**

Elbow Grease is the smallest monster truck in the demolition derby. Even though his brothers are tougher, faster, smarter and braver he never gives up. This book teaches about believing in yourself and having the courage to keep trying in a fun way. There is lots of good humor mixed in.

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Unicorns and Narwhals



***The Lost Narwhal* by Tori McGee**

I love this story because it was inspired by something that actually happened. Mel the narwhal somehow made a wrong turn and is thousands of miles from home. Luckily a pod of beluga whales adopt him and treat him as one of them. The belugas are like family to Mel, but he misses his narwhal pod. With the help of one of the belugas named Penny, Mel is reunited with his narwhal friends.



***Not Quite Narwhal* by Jessie Sim**

A young unicorn named Kelp is born under the sea to a family of narwhals. He assumes he's a narwhal even though he is a little bit different. One night a strong current pushes Kelp to the surface where he spots a creature that looks just like him. He discovers he is a unicorn. He is torn between his family in the sea and the land unicorns. Kelp finds a way to have the best of both worlds.



***Unicorn Day* by Diana Murray-series**

It's unicorn day and the unicorns are celebrating with rainbow slides, cupcakes and glitter. The celebration stops when a plain horse shows up with a cone tied on his head. Embarrassed, he turns to leave, but the unicorns welcome him with a hug! The party continues as more new friends join the fun. Don't miss the sequel Unicorn Night, Sleep Tight.



***Once Upon A Unicorn Horn* by Beatrice Blue**

In a magical forest June discovers flying horses with soft fur and sparkly tails. One little horse is sad because he can't fly. June wants to help him. She tries to cheer him up with an ice cream cone. When she trips it lands on his head, but puts a smile on his face. With a happy heart he can now fly. This is a sweet story about how unicorns got their horns.

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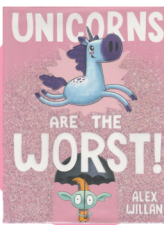
A Unicorn Named Sparkle by Amy Young (Series)

Lucy orders a unicorn. When he arrives he looks more like a goat. He doesn't act like a unicorn either. She names him Sparkle and tries to get used to his odd ways. Finally she gives up and calls the unicorn man and tells him to take Sparkle back. The unicorn man comes and loads up Sparkle. As he prepares to drive off Lucy has a change of heart. She yells, "wait" and welcomes Sparkle home with a hug!



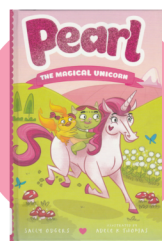
Margaret's Unicorn by Briony May Smith

I love this story! (It's not about unicorns with glitter that sparkle.) Margaret's family moves to a cottage by the sea to be closer to her grandmother. Margaret is lonely and needs a friend. One day when she is out exploring she sees a mist. She sees shapes in the mist-unicorns! Accidentally a small one gets left behind. Margaret and her grandmother care for it until it is reunited with it's family. Such a beautiful moving story!



Unicorns Are The Worst by Alex Willan (Series)

This story is told by a goblin. A goblin who likes to work on his spells with no distractions or interruptions. Life is good until a bunch of unicorns move into the meadow next door. He doesn't think unicorns are useful at all. All they do is scatter glitter and frolic around all day. Can a goblin be friends with unicorns? There will be plenty of laughs when you read this story!



Pearl The Magical Unicorn by Sally Odgers (chapter book series)

Pearl is a magical unicorn who is trying to learn how to use her magic. Sometimes her magic doesn't do what she thinks it will. Her friends Tweet and Olive are usually by her side and they work together to help each other. Tweet is a firebird and Olive is an ogre (a cute ogre). Together they have many magical adventures. This short chapter book has black, gray and pink illustrations on every page that are easy to see.

Animals With Personality



Clark The Shark By Bruce Hale (Series)

Clark loves school! Sometimes he loves it with too much energy and enthusiasm! Sometimes he is just too much shark for the other fish to handle. His teacher helps him learn how to “stay cool”! It’s not as easy as he thinks it will be. He finally comes up with a way to remind himself to behave and school becomes enjoyable for him and everyone else. Lots of humor in this energetic story!



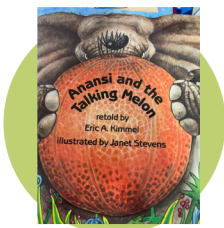
Spike The Mixed-Up Monster by Susan Hood

Spike wants to be a monster and scare and frighten the other animals near his pond, but everyone thinks he’s cute. When a gila monster comes everyone except Spike hides. Spike learns how to be a friend and help others. Spike is an endangered salamander species called the axolotl. Since his story takes place in Mexico there are a few Spanish words mixed in. The author gives more details about axolotls at the end of the book.



Bug Bear by Patricia Hegarty

Just as Bear is starting to doze a bug lands on his nose. The bug is looking for a place to live. Bear is irritated and wants it to leave him alone. Owl hears Bear yell for help! Owl comes up with a plan that makes everyone happy. He knows an animal with fur that would love to have a bug live on him. Owl introduces Bug to Sloth. Sloth is thrilled to have a friend with him wherever he goes.



Anasi and The Talking Melon by Eric A. Kimmel (series)

When Anasi, the spider, gets stuck in a melon he decides to trick the other animals around him. He starts to talk when he sees Elephant. Elephant thinks it’s the melon that is talking. He is so impressed he decides to take the melon to see the king. Along the way he meets a variety of other animals who are also fooled by the spider in the melon. This story gets funnier and funnier right up to the end!

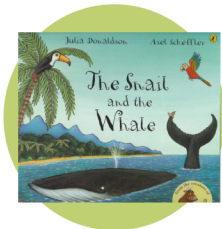


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***Ship In A Bottle* by Andrew Prahin**

Mouse lived in a bottle with a ship. She was anxious to get away from Cat so she filled her bottle with gingersnaps and went in search of a new home. As Mouse sails down the river she faces danger but continues on. When she lands on the shore of a big city she is welcomed at last by friends of all shapes and sizes.



***A Whale and The Snail* by Julia Donaldson**

This is the tale of a tiny snail and a big, gray-blue humpback whale. They become friends and travel the world together with Snail riding on Whale's tail. One day Whale becomes beached on the sand when the tide goes out. Snail knows she must save her friend and quickly gets help from the people in the village. Everyone shouts hooray when Whale is able to return to the sea with Snail on her tail.



***Mother Bruce* by Ryan T Higgins (series)**

Bruce is a bear that likes to be by himself, but one morning the eggs he's about to cook hatch. Four goslings think Bruce is their mother. This book and the other "Bruce" books in the series will bring lots of laughs to your read-aloud time.



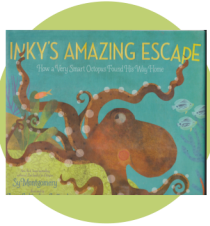
***The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson**

Mouse is taking a walk in the deep dark woods. He meets several animals who want to trick him and eat him. Mouse outsmarts them by warning them about a scary monster named the Gruffalo. They all run off in fear. Mouse is surprised to learn the Gruffalo isn't a monster he imagined, but a real creature. This is a humorous monster story children love!

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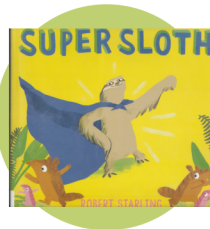
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***Inky's Amazing Escape* by Sy Montgomery**

This is based on a true story about Inky, an octopus. His curiosity leads him into a lobster trap. The lobster fisherman who catches him off the coast of New Zealand donates him to an aquarium in Wellington. One night the keeper forgets to close the lid tight on Inky's tank. He finds his way out. He discovers a drain hole that he slips down. He works his way through the long pipe that eventually opens into the Pacific ocean. He is home.



***Super Sloth* by Robert Starling**

Sloth decides he wants to be a superhero. He already has a mask. He finds a cape and he is set. When he hears a cry for help he is ready to go, but he's not fast enough! Anteater is stealing the other animal's mangoes. Sloth finds it's harder than he thought to be a superhero, but he has a plan and he doesn't give up. He outsmarts anteater and gets the mangoes back!



***A Little Bit Brave* by Nicola Kinnear**

Luna the bunny loves to go on adventures. Her friend Logan likes to stay home. Luna begs Logan to come out and have fun with her, but he is afraid to go out. Luna leaves without him. Logan decides to be brave and venture out, but he can't find Luna. When he finds her she is in danger! Logan gathers up all his courage and rescues her!



***Travel Guide For Monsters* by Lori Degan**

This is a humorous story about different types of monsters on a road trip across the country. They stop and see many famous sites along the way and experience them in a "monster" sort of way. What a fun and unique book that highlights some famous attractions in the USA.

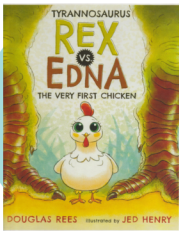


Dinosaurs



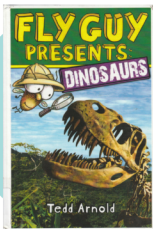
Dinosaurs by Gail Gibbons

This book is perfect for young paleontologists. There are plenty of facts about a variety of types of dinosaurs and how they lived. It has just the right amount of information for young children and has beautiful watercolor illustrations. This is a great non-fiction dinosaur read-aloud book.



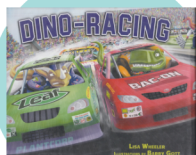
Tyrannosaurus Rex vs Edna The Chicken by Douglas Reese

T-Rex is a bully. He roars and scares all the other dinosaurs out of the forest. Edna the chicken is not afraid of him. She will not let him push her around. My grandchildren were laughing out loud when I read this book to them. The story hints at why dinosaurs are extinct and chickens are not!



Fly Guy: Dinosaurs by Tedd Arnold (series)

A boy, Buzz, has a pet fly named Fly Guy. They go on lots of adventures together. This time they are visiting the natural history museum and learning all about dinosaurs. The rest of the book is filled with facts about dinosaurs and the time period they lived. This book is entertaining and educational. There are some fun side comments from Buzz and Fly Guy. Kids love all the Fly Guy books!



Dino-Racing (series) by Lisa Wheeler

This story combines all kinds of dinos racing different kinds of cars with a clever rhyming verse and bold colorful illustrations. It's a high-speed crazy read with all the dinosaur favorites competing to win.

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***Saturday Night At The Dinosaur Stomp* by Carol Diggory Shields**

Written in a fun, catchy rhyme with bright illustrations about dinosaurs who party and dance! The volcanoes put on a firework show and the dinosaurs dance until they cause an earthquake.



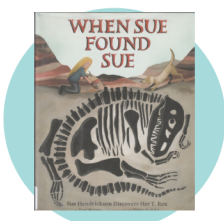
***Am I Yours?* By Alex Latimer**

Millions of years ago a cold wind blew an egg from its nest. The egg rolled down a hill until it bumped a rock and stopped. It sat there cold and alone. When it heard the sound of thumping feet it called out, "Am I yours?" As different dinosaurs pass by you learn a little about them. They ask what the egg looks like on the inside and decide it is not theirs. Finally the mystery is solved and the egg finds its parents.



***Tea Rex* by Molly Idle (Series)**

This sweet story is about how to host a proper tea party. What the pictures tell you is a T-Rex is one of the guests! The charming, colorful illustrations also tell you the tea party doesn't go quite as planned. The combination of the text with the pictures creates some humorous scenes!



***When Sue Found Sue* by Toni Buzzeo**

Sue Hendrickson loved to find things as a child. Her curiosity led her to many unusual things. She loved to learn more about the world around her. When she was older she traveled the world. She joined teams of curious, dedicated treasure hunters. Her greatest find was the most complete, best preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton that she found in South Dakota. The team she was with named the T-Rex, Sue, after the woman who discovered her. Interesting book **based on a true story**.

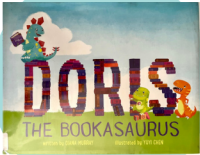


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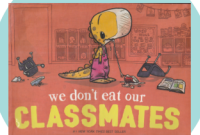
***The Girl and The Dinosaur* by Hollie Hughes**

A young girl named Marianne digs for dinosaur bones on the beach. She is patient and eventually uncovers a dino skeleton she names Bony. That night she makes a wish that the bones will come to life. Her wish comes true. Marianne and Bony go on a journey together to a magical moonlit island in the sky.



***Doris The Bookasaurus* by Diana Murray**

Doris can't get enough books! They make her ROAR with delight! She reads them everywhere. Her brothers don't like books. They want her to play with them. Doris eventually shows them how much fun reading can be.



***We Don't Eat Our Classmates* by Ryan Higgins (series)**

Penelope Rex was a little nervous to start school. Her parents reassure her and get her a new backpack and lunchbox. Finally the big day comes. Penelope is surprised to find all her classmates are children. It's hard to make friends when they look so delicious and you want to eat them! A creative story full of humor!



***Dad and the Dinosaur* by Gennifer Choldenko**

Nicholas was afraid of a lot of things. He always felt better when he had his toy dinosaur with him. With his dinosaur in his pocket he was as brave as his dad and could scale tall walls and swim in deep water. When his dinosaur goes missing everything is scary again. Fortunately his dad knows what to do.

Dinosaurs



Mermaids



Mermaid School by Joanne Stewart Wetzel

It's the first day of school for Molly the mermaid. Molly is eager to go and make new friends. There are many similarities to a usual first day of school, but with an under the sea twist. This is a sweet story with beautiful illustrations and a rhyming text. There is a fun mermaid guide at the end.



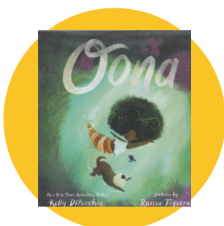
Goodnight Mermaid by K.J. Oceanak

This is an "under the sea" version of *Goodnight Moon* and is so well done. The text and the illustrations are playful and bright. There are lots of ocean creatures to look for and point out. At the end of the book the author includes: Mermaidology: Magical Facts Mermaid Lovers Love To Know and The Mermaid's Pledge.



Aqualicious by Victoria Kann

This book is part of the delightful *Pinkalicious series* that includes many, many cute books. Pinkalicious and her family go to the beach. While they are there Pinkalicious and her brother, Peter, find a merminnie (minnie mermaid) inside a shell. They show her all the things they like to do at the beach before they help her return home. I love the imaginary idea of merminnies!

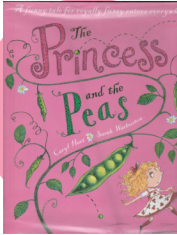


Oona By Kelly Dipucchio (series)

Oona, the mermaid, and her best friend Otto love to search for treasure. Sometimes they find trouble instead, but that doesn't stop them from having adventures. Oona can see a sparkly crown deep, deep down in the ocean. She comes up with lots of creative ways to get it without success. Finally she comes up with a plan that works.

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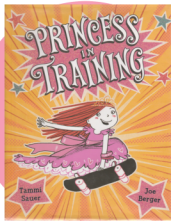
The Princess and the Peas by Caryl Hart (Series)

Lily-Rose May will not eat her peas even though her father tries different recipes to make them pleasant to eat. Her doctor says she is a princess and should live at the palace. After a few days with the king and queen Lily-Rose May is ready to go home and live with her father and try to find a way to eat peas.



Falling For Rapunzel by Leah Wilcox (series)

Rapunzel is so high up in the tower she can't hear the prince clearly when he comes to rescue her. Their communication problems lead to lots of humorous misunderstandings with a fun play on words. This book had my grandkids laughing out loud.



Princess in Training by Tammi Sauer

Princess Viola is not good at all the princess things like the royal wave and waltzing. She is great at skateboarding and doing karate. The king and queen decide to have her attend princess camp so she can perfect her royal skills. When a dragon comes along it's a good thing Princess Viola can defend herself and save the others. This is a fun adventure packed story that's very different from most princess stories.

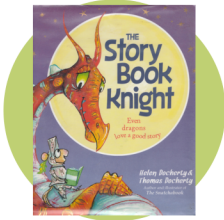


The Princess and The Pig by Jonathan Emmett

When Princess Priscilla was born there was an accidental mix-up and the baby princess got swapped with the farmer's piglet, Pigmella. How did it happen? Were fairies involved? Priscilla grows up happy on the farm, but things don't turn out as well for Pigmella. Like most good fairy tales it does end happily ever after. A very clever make-believe story



Knights and Dragons



***The Storybook Knight* by Helen Docherty**

Leo was a gentle knight. He loved to sit and read. His parents wanted him to tame dragons. So Leo set off on his horse with the brand new sword and shield his parents gave him and some books of course. He found that books and stories work like magic taming griffins, trolls and even a dragon. Leo was a hero!



***Look Out! It's A Dragon* by Jonny Lambert**

Sapphire is an unusual dragon. She doesn't want to kidnap princesses or steal treasure. She thinks she has found her home when she lands in a peaceful meadow. The animals that live there run in fear. They don't want her to live there. When some scary dragons burn the forest to the ground, Sapphire protects her new friends and finds a home for everyone to share.



***Once Upon A Dragon's Fire* by Beatrice Blue**

How did dragons get their fire? It all began in a magical kingdom where everyone thought the dragon that lived in the mountain was mean and scary. Two children, Freya and Silas, were brave enough to hike the mountain and meet the dragon. Their courage changed everything for the dragon and the village.



***Dragon Was Terrible* by Kelly DiPucchio**

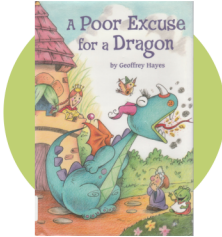
Dragon was so terrible the king posted a sign offering a reward for anyone who could tame the dragon. Knights tried and failed. Brave people tried and failed. Dragon grew more terrible. Next a young boy tried. He came up with an idea no one thought of-an idea that tamed the dragon!

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A Poor Excuse For A Dragon by Geoffrey Hayes

Fred, the dragon, isn't very scary and he can't roar or breathe fire very well. He decides to try eating people so he won't be a "poor excuse for a dragon". After he swallows Mrs. Green, Princess Viniver and a bird he doesn't feel very good. It takes a witch, giant and John Little to undo his mistake. Fred decides he likes eating pancakes better than people.



Knight Owl by Christopher Dense

Since the day he hatched, Owl wanted to be a knight. One day all the knights began disappearing from the castle. Owl signs up for Knight School. He is so small it's difficult to hold a sword or wear a shield, but he works hard to become a knight. When he meets a dragon during his watch he thinks of a clever way to tame him. After that not a single knight disappears and Owl is a hero!



Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin (series)

Dragons love all kinds of tacos. If you want to make friends with a dragon tacos are key, but they hate spicy salsa. If a salsa is spicy they can't stand it! If you have a party and invite dragons make sure there is no spicy salsa or you may have a.....Fire!

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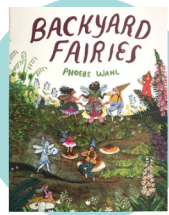
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Fairies



Twinkle (Series) by Katharine Holabird

It's Twinkle's first day at *The Fairy School of Magic and Music*. She can't wait to start casting spells. It's more difficult than she thinks and soon disaster happens. Can she fix her mistakes before it's too late? Will she ever get her spells to work right? The illustrations are magical and match this sweet fairy story.



Backyard Fairies by Phoebe Wall

A little girl goes looking for fairies and their houses in her backyard and the woods near her home. Fairies are hidden among the flowers, ferns and mushrooms in the beautiful illustrations on each page. This is a beautiful, simple story about the magic of imagining fairies really do exist.



Tooth Fairy In Training by Michelle Robinson

Tate is learning how to be a tooth fairy from her sister May. There is a lot to learn: how to carefully lift a pillow, leave coins and take the teeth. It's very important not to wake the sleeper. Humans aren't the only ones to lose teeth. May has to visit a baby hippo and other animals. It's a dangerous, tricky job. I love Briony May Smith's magical illustrations.



You Think It's Easy Being The Tooth Fairy by Sheri Rehwoldt

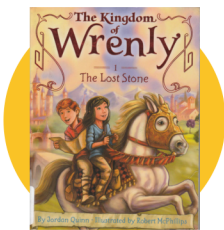
A tooth fairy's job is hard and nights are long. It takes a lot of skill and courage. A tooth fairy has to be ready for all kinds of things. She doesn't have elves to help her like Santa does. Good thing she has her amazing Tooth-O-Finder. This is a fun story about a spunky tooth fairy!

Illustrated Chapter Book Series



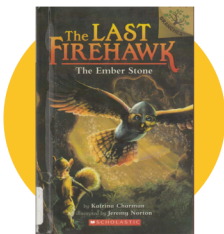
Secret Explorers by S J King (series)

The Secret Explorers are a group of talented kids from around the world. They each are each experts in an area of science or history. They work together to solve mysteries, gather information and do things to make our planet a better and safer place to live. Each book in the series focuses on a different science or history topic with extra facts and details at the end. A very educational and entertaining series.



Kingdom Of Wrenly by Jordan Quinn

The Kingdom of Wrenly is a short illustrated chapter book **series** full of fantasy and adventure. Lucas is the 8 year old prince of Wrenly. His friend Clara is one of the girls who lives in the village. Their friendship takes them to many parts of the kingdom as they explore new places and try to help others along the way. These books take about 30 minutes to read.



The Last Firehawk by Katrina Charman

Tag, an owl and his friend Skyla, a squirrel, are trying to save Perodia from Thorn, a powerful vulture, and his dark army of spies. Tag and Skyla meet Blaze, the last firehawk. With her help they need to find all the pieces of a magical stone that will help them defeat Thorn. At the time I wrote this there were **12 books in the series**. Each book takes about an hour to read



Itty Bitty Princess Kitty by Melody Mews

The Newest Princess is the first book in this illustrated short chapter book **series**. There are 12 books and we have read 10 of them so far. My granddaughter loves the stories about Itty and her friends Luna, Esme and Chipper. There are fairies, mermaids and other magical characters that live in Lollyland. Some of the themes in this series are friendship, kindness and problem solving.



Illustrated Chapter Book Series



***The Secrets of Droon* by Tony Abbott**

This **series** of 36 books has been around for a long time. It was one of my youngest son's favorites when he was in the second grade. Three friends follow a rainbow staircase to another world where they help Princess Keeah and her friends save Droon from the evil Lord Sparr. When they return to their world they are surprised to find no time has passed and that Princess Keeah can give them messages in their dreams.



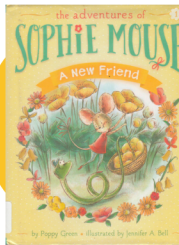
***Wind Riders* by Jen Marlin**

This is a **series** of 4 books that take about an hour to read-aloud. They have very nice, clear illustrations on almost every page. Max and Sofia travel on a magical boat to try and help save animals and the environment. Their first adventure takes them to Hawaii to rescue baby sea turtles. Later books take them to the Amazon rainforest, Scotland and Iceland. There are interesting facts at the end of each book.



***Dino-Mike* by Franco**

Mike Evans is the son of a famous paleontologist. He travels the world with his dad. He has some adventures of his own that involve a mix of time travel and magic as he experiences real life dinos and meets some new friends along the way. This **series** of 7 books has black and white illustrations on each page. A great series for dinosaur lovers!



***The Adventures of Sophie Mouse* by Poppy Green**

This is a sweet illustrated short chapter book **series** about a little mouse who lives in the forest with her family. Each book in the series is about her adventures with her friends and family. Sophie and the other characters learn how to solve problems, show patience and kindness. There are black and white illustrations on every page of this series of 20 books.

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In August 2020 I started reading online to my grandchildren, who live hundreds of miles away. A few years and over a thousand books later we are still reading together on FaceTime.

I soon discovered there were other grandparents that wanted to read-aloud to their grandchildren in person and online. They didn't know where to start or what books to read.

My website, readaloudgrandma.com, is a guide to help you read-aloud to children you love online or in person. You will find:

- Tips for getting started
- More Favorite Books
- Holiday Books
- How to use books as conversation starters
- Activities to encourage reading

Thank you for joining me on this read-aloud adventure!

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