

# Don't Miss These Great Read-Alouds

## Poetry, Picture Books, Readers, Chapter Books and Novels

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### POETRY

#### ***The Orchard Book of Nursery Rhymes* (J 398.8 Orc)**

The authority in the field of children's literature presents a selection of familiar nursery rhymes.

#### ***The Random House Book of Poetry for Children* (J 811.008 Ran)**

These selected poems are wonderful choices for introducing children to rhymes.

#### ***When We Were Very Young* by A. A. Milne (J 821 Mil)**

Funny and endearing rhymes by the author of Winnie-the Pooh.

#### ***Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein (J 811.5 Sil)**

One of the best-loved contemporary collections of poetry for children.

### PICTURE BOOKS

#### ***Bark, George* by Jules Feiffer (E Fei)**

What's going on with George? His mother can't figure out why he won't bark.

#### ***Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey (E McC)**

Little Sal and Little Bear both lose their mothers while eating blueberries on Blueberry Hill.

#### ***Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett (E Bar)**

The town of Chewandswallow is an ordinary place, but its weather is very extraordinary!

#### ***I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!* By Karen Beaumont (E Bea)**

A boy can't resist painting everything in sight, including himself, even though his mother tells him no.

#### ***Iktomi and the Boulder* by Paul Goble (E Gob)**

A Plains Indian tale about the trickster, Iktomi, and how he tries to defeat a boulder.

#### ***Many Moons* by James Thurber (E Thu)**

This is the story of a princess who wants the moon, and how she gets it.

#### ***Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* by Virginia Lee Burton (E Bur)**

Can Mary Anne really dig as much in a day as a hundred men can dig in a week?

#### ***Piggy in the Puddle* by Charlotte Pomerantz (E Pom)**

A silly story of a little piggy who just wants to jump in mud puddles.

#### ***Tikki Tikki Tembo* by Arlene Mosel (E Mos)**

A little boy falls in a well and almost drowns, all thanks to his too-long name?

***The Velveteen Rabbit*** by Margery Williams Bianco **(E Bia)**

A little toy rabbit lives in the nursery with the other stuffed animals and wants to become real.

***Your Pal Mo Willems Presents Leonardo the Terrible Monster*** by Mo Willems **(E Wil)**

Leonardo wants to be scary, but he can't quite manage it.

## **READERS**

***Amber Brown Is Not A Crayon*** by Paula Danziger **(E Dan – READER)**

Third grade is a sad time for Amber because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move.

***Amelia Bedelia*** by Peggy Parish **(E Par – READER)**

A silly housekeeper causes chaos in the Rogers home when she can't follow directions.

***Frog and Toad Are Friends*** by Arnold Lobel **(E Lob – READER)**

Meet Frog and Toad, best friends, in five short stories that will be enjoyed by both children and adults.

***Henry and Mudge and the Wild Wind*** by Cynthia Rylant **(E Ryl)**

If you haven't met Henry and his big dog Mudge, get ready for a treat!

## **CHAPTER BOOKS**

***Beezus and Ramona*** by Beverly Cleary **(J F Cle)**

Ramona invites her entire kindergarten class over one rainy day, without telling her mother!

***The Case of the Baker Street Irregular*** by Robert Newman **(J F New)**

Andrew, alone in London after his guardian is abducted, meets the mysterious Sherlock Holmes.

***Little House in the Big Woods*** by Laura Ingalls Wilder **(J F Wil)**

Four-year-old Laura lives with her pioneer family in a snug log house in the Wisconsin woods.

***Owls in the Family*** by Farley Mowat **(J F Mow)**

A Funny classic about a family with unusual pets.

***Strawberry Girl*** by Lois Lenski **(J F Len)**

Ten-year-old Birdie can't wait to pick strawberries her family planted at their home in rural Florida.

***Stuart Little*** by E.B. White **(J F Whi)**

The debonair mouse, Stuart Little, sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird that stayed for a few days in his family's garden.

***Understood Betsy*** by Dorothy Canfield Fisher **(J F Fis)**

Shy Elizabeth Ann discovers her own abilities when she goes to live with relatives on a Vermont farm.

## **NOVELS**

***Summer of the Monkeys*** by Wilson Rawls **(YA F Raw)**

In the late 1800's, a fourteen-year-old Ozark mountain boy spends the summer trying to recapture monkeys escaped from a traveling circus.

***The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963*** by Christopher Paul Curtis **(YA F Cur)**

An African-American family from Michigan visit their Grandma in Alabama during the summer of 1963 and find themselves changed forever.

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