

Read Aloud Books for Children

These selections are arranged in ascending age order. Please be aware, Disney has changed many aspects of fairy tales. Those listed are the original, excellent versions. It is generally recommended that you read the original, rather than an abridged version. Let your child's attention span guide you in the book selection. Don't fight for their attention. If the level is above them, find a new book.

Ages 2+

Mother Goose Treasury

Selections from Aesop's Fables

Hans Christian Anderson Complete Fairy Tales

Perrault's Fairy Tales

Potter, Beatrix

Beatrix Potter Treasury (the original version, not the Ladybird edition)

Milne, A. A.

The Winnie-the-Pooh series

A Child's Garden of Verses, Robert Louis Stevenson

Bridwell, Norman

Clifford and the Big Red Dog Series

de Brunhoff, Jean and Laurent

The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant – series

Eastman, Philip

Are You My Mother?, Go, Dog, Go!

Freeman, Don

Corduroy

McCloskey, Robert

Make Way for Ducklings

Seuss, Dr.

Complete Collection (Cat in the Hat, One Fish Two Fish, Green Eggs and Ham etc..)

Williams, Margery

The Velveteen Rabbit

Age 5+

Atwater, Richard and Florence

Mr. Popper's Penguins series

Bemelmans, Ludwig

Madeline series

Berenstain, Stan and Jan

The Berenstain Bears series

Bond, Michael

Paddington Bear Series

Brown, Jeff

Flat Stanley series

Lindgren, Astrid

Pippi Longstocking series

Lobel, Arnold

Frog and Toad Series

McDonald, Betty

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle series

Parish, Peggy

Amelia Bedelia series

Rey, Harris A.

Curious George Series

Selden, George

The Cricket in Times Square

Sharmat, Marjorie

Nate The Great

White, E. B.

Charlotte's Web

Stuart Little

Trumpet of the Swan

Warner, Gertrude Chandler

The Boxcar Series Books

Ages 8+

Alcott, Louisa May

Little Women, Little Men

Banks, Lynne Reid

The Indian in the Cupboard

Barrie, Sir James M.

Peter Pan

Baum, L. Frank

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

Burnett, Frances Hodgson

The Secret Garden

Carroll, Lewis

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Collodi, Carlo

Adventures of Pinocchio

Dahl, Roald

Charley and Chocolate Factory

James and the Giant Peach

De Saint-Exupery, Antoine

The Little Prince

DiCamillo, Kate

Because of Winn-Dixie

The Tale of Desperaux

Fleming, Ian

Chitty-Chitty Bang-Bang

Grahame, Kenneth

The Wind in the Willows

Hodges, Margaret

Saint George and the Dragon

Lewis, C.S.

The Chronicles of Narnia series

Lofting, Hugh

The Voyages of Dr. Doolittle

Montgomery, L.M.

Anne of Green Gables series

Norton, Mary

The Borrower's series (these are a little difficult at first, but once you get used to the language they are really amazing – stick with it!)

O'Dell, Scott

Island of the Blue Dolphins

Travers, P.L.

Mary Poppins

Wilder, Laura Ingalls

Little House in the Big Woods (the 1st in the series), *Little House on the Prairie*

Farmer Boy

Ages 10+

Defoe, Daniel

Robinson Crusoe

Kipling, Rudyard

The Jungle Book (Penguin Classics)

Pyle, Howard

Some Merry Adventures of Robin Hood

The Story of King Arthur and His Knights

Rawls, Wilson

Where the Red Fern Grows

Stevenson

Treasure Island

The Black Arrow

Tolkien, J.R.R.

The Hobbit

Twain, Mark

The Prince and the Pauper

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Verne, Jules

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

Around the World in Eighty Days