



THE  
ENCHANTED  
HOUR

THE MIRACULOUS POWER OF READING  
ALoud IN THE AGE OF DISTRACTION

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READ-ALoud BOOKS MENTIONED  
IN THE ENCHANTED HOUR

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All highly recommended!

*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, by Jules Verne  
*Abel's Island*, by William Steig  
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie  
*Adam of the Road*, by Elizabeth Gray, illustrated by Robert Lawson  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain  
*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, by Lewis Carroll, illustrated by John Tenniel  
*The Amazing Bone*, by William Steig  
*Andrew's Loose Tooth*, by Robert Munsch  
*Around the World with Ant and Bee*, by Angela Banner  
*Art & Max*, by David Wiesner  
*Art Up Close*, by Claire d'Harcourt  
The BabyLit Series, by Jennifer Adams, illustrated by Alison Oliver  
*A Baby Sister for Frances*, by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban  
*The Bear Ate Your Sandwich*, by Julia Sarcone-Roach  
*Beowulf*, retold by Michael Morpurgo, illustrated by Michael Foreman  
*The BFG*, by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake  
*The Big Honey Hunt*, by Stan and Jan Berenstain  
*The Birchbark House*, by Louise Erdrich  
*Boy*, by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake  
*Brush of the Gods*, by Lenore Look, illustrated by Meilo So  
*The Bunny Book*, by Patsy Scarry, illustrated by Richard Scarry  
*A Butterfly Is Patient*, by Dianna Hutts Aston, illustrated by Sylvia Long  
*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake  
*Charlotte's Web*, by E. B. White, illustrated by Garth Williams  
*A Child's Book of Art: Great Pictures, First Words*, by Lucy Micklethwait  
*A Child's History of the World*, by Virgil Hillyer, illustrated by Carle Michel  
Boog and M. S. Wright  
*The Chronicles of Narnia*, by C. S. Lewis

*Read-Aloud Books Mentioned in The Enchanted Hour*

The Cozy Classics Series, by Jack Wang and Holman Wang  
*A Cricket in Times Square*, by George Selden  
*Curious George*, by H. A. Rey and Margret Rey  
*D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths*, by Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire  
*The Day the Crayons Quit*, by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers  
*Dear Zoo*, by Rod Campbell  
*Demolition*, by Sally Sutton, illustrated by Brian Lovelock  
*Dominic*, by William Steig  
*The Emperor's New Clothes*, by Hans Christian Andersen, illustrated by Virginia Lee Burton  
*Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury  
*Farmer Boy*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder, illustrated by Garth Williams  
*The Fault in Our Stars*, by John Green  
*The Fellowship of the Ring*, by J. R. R. Tolkien  
*Finding Winnie*, by Lindsay Mattick, illustrated by Sophie Blackall  
*The Fire Station*, by Robert Munsch  
*Flotsam*, by David Wiesner  
*Fortune*, by Diane Stanley  
*Frog, Where Are You?*, by Mercer Mayer  
*The Giver*, by Lois Lowry  
*Go, Dog. Go!*, by P. D. Eastman  
*Good Night, Gorilla*, by Peggy Rathmann  
*Goodnight iPad*, by "Ann Droyd," a.k.a. David Milgrim  
*Goodnight Moon*, by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Clement Hurd  
*Green Eggs and Ham*, by Dr. Seuss  
*Grimm's Fairy Tales*, by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm  
*The Gruffalo*, by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler  
*Guess How Much I Love You*, by Sam McBratney, illustrated by Anita Jeram  
*The Happy Lion*, by Louise Fatio, illustrated by Roger Duvoisin  
*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, by J. K. Rowling, illustrated by Mary GrandPré  
*His Royal Highness, King Baby*, by Sally Lloyd-Jones, illustrated by David Roberts  
*The Hobbit*, by J. R. R. Tolkien  
*Holes*, by Louis Sachar  
*The House of Sixty Fathers*, by Meindert DeJong, illustrated by Maurice Sendak  
*The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins  
*I Love You to the Moon and Back*, by Amelia Hepworth, illustrated by Tim Warnes  
*The Iliad*, retold by Gillian Cross, illustrated by Neil Packer  
*The Island of the Blue Dolphins*, by Scott O'Dell  
*Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang*, by Mordecai Richler, illustrated by Dušan Petričić

*Read-Aloud Books Mentioned in The Enchanted Hour*

*James and the Giant Peach*, by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Lane Smith  
*Johnny Tremain*, by Esther Forbes, illustrated by Lynd Ward  
*The Jungle Book*, “Rikki-Tikki-Tavi,” by Rudyard Kipling  
*Just So Stories*, “How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin,” by Rudyard Kipling  
*Kangaroo and Crocodile: My Big Book of Australian Animals*, by Bronwyn Bancroft  
*Kidnapped*, by Robert Louis Stevenson, illustrated by N. C. Wyeth  
*The Killer Angels*, by Michael Shaara  
*King Arthur’s Very Great Grandson*, by Kenneth Kraegel  
*A Kingdom Far and Clear*, by Mark Helprin, illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg  
*The Light in the Forest*, by Conrad Richter  
*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis, illustrated by Pauline Baynes  
*Little Eagle*, by Chen Jiang Hong  
*The Little Prince*, by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry  
*A Little Princess*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett, illustrated by Tasha Tudor  
*Little Town on the Prairie*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder, illustrated by Garth Williams  
*Logan’s Run*, by William F. Nolan and George Clayton Johnson  
*The Long Winter*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder, illustrated by Garth Williams  
*Madeline*, by Ludwig Bemelmans  
*The Maggie B*, by Irene Haas  
*The Magic Horse of Han Gan*, by Chen Jiang Hong  
*Mary Poppins*, by P. L. Travers, illustrated by Mary Shepard  
*The Merry Chase*, by Clement Hurd  
*Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*, by Virginia Lee Burton  
*Mr. Wuffles!*, by David Wiesner  
*Mutiny on the Bounty*, by William Bligh  
*My Father’s Dragon*, by Ruth Stiles Gannett, illustrated by Ruth Chrisman Gannett  
*Not Now, Bernard*, by David McKee  
*The Odyssey*, retold by Gillian Cross, illustrated by Neil Packer  
*Old Mother West Wind*, by Thornton W. Burgess  
*One Grain of Rice*, by Demi  
*Oscar Wilde Stories for Children*, “The Happy Prince” and “The Selfish Giant,”  
by Oscar Wilde, illustrated by P. J. Lynch  
*Outside Over There*, by Maurice Sendak  
*The Outsiders*, by S. E. Hinton  
*The Owl and the Pussycat*, by Edward Lear, illustrated by Robert Ingpen  
*Peek-a-Boo!*, by Janet and Allan Ahlberg  
*Peter Pan*, by J. M. Barrie  
*Pinocchio*, by Carlo Collodi, illustrated by Roberto Innocenti  
*Pip and Posy*, by Axel Scheffler

*Read-Aloud Books Mentioned in The Enchanted Hour*

*Pippi Goes on Board*, by Astrid Lindgren, illustrated by Florence Lamborn  
*Rapunzel*, by Paul O. Zelinsky  
*Redwall*, by Brian Jacques  
*Rip Van Winkle*, by Washington Irving  
*Rumpelstiltskin*, by Paul O. Zelinsky  
*Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*, by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Jon Klassen  
*The Sand Castle Contest*, by Robert Munsch  
*The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett, illustrated by Tasha Tudor  
*The Seven Wise Princesses*, by Wafa' Tarnowska, illustrated by Nilesh Mistry  
*The Shadow*, by Donna Diamond  
*Sleepy Solar System*, by John Hutton, illustrated by Doug Cenko  
*The Snowy Day*, by Ezra Jack Keats  
*Solomon Crocodile*, by Catherine Rayner  
*The Story About Ping*, by Marjorie Flack, illustrated by Kurt Wiese  
*The Story of Babar*, by Jean de Brunhoff  
*The Story of Ferdinand*, by Munro Leaf, illustrated by Robert Lawson  
*Struwwelpeter*, by Heinrich Hoffman  
*Stuart Little*, by E. B. White, illustrated by Garth Williams  
*The Swiss Family Robinson*, by Johann Wyss  
*Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*, by William Steig  
*The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle*, by Beatrix Potter  
*The Tales of Mother Goose*, by Charles Perrault, illustrated by Gustave Doré  
*Tawny Scrawny Lion*, by Katherine Jackson, illustrated by Gustaf Tenggren  
*This Is Not My Hat*, by Jon Klassen  
*Through the Looking Glass*, "Jabberwocky," by Lewis Carroll, illustrated by Sir John Tenniel  
*The Tinderbox*, retold by Stephen Mitchell, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline  
*The Touch the Art Series and Brush Mona Lisa's Hair*, by Amy Guglielmo and Julie Appel  
*The Travels of Babar*, by Jean de Brunhoff  
*Treasure Island*, by Robert Louis Stevenson  
*Turtles All the Way Down*, by John Green  
*The Underneath*, by Kathi Appelt, illustrated by David Small  
*Utterly Lovely One*, by Mary Murphy  
*The Wind in the Willows*, by Kenneth Grahame, illustrated by Arthur Rackham  
*Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A. A. Milne, illustrated by Ernest H. Shepard  
*The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*, by Joan Aiken, illustrated by Pat Marriott  
*The Wonderful World of Oz*, by L. Frank Baum, illustrated by W. W. Denslow  
*A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L'Engle  
*Young Titan: The Making of Winston Churchill*, by Michael Shelden

MORE SUGGESTED STORIES  
FOR READING ALOUD

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**Adventures in the Wide World**

*Black Ships Before Troy*, by Rosemary Sutcliff, illustrated by Alan Lee

*Clever Ali*, by Nancy Farmer, illustrated by Gail de Marcken

*Cloud Tea Monkeys*, by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham, illustrated by Juan Wijngaard

*How I Learned Geography*, by Uri Shulevitz

*Night Sky Dragons*, by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham, illustrated by Patrick Benson

*Pippi Longstocking*, by Astrid Lindgren

*Rosie's Magic Horse*, by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Quentin Blake

**Artful Books**

*The Art Book for Children*, volumes 1 & 2, by the editors of Phaidon Press

*Babar's Museum of Art*, by Laurent de Brunhoff

*Blue Rider*, by Geraldo Valério

*The First Drawing*, by Mordicai Gerstein

*Imagine!*, by Raúl Colón

*Lives of the Great Artists*, by Charlie Ayers

*Old Masters Rock*, by Maria-Christina Sayn-Wittgenstein Nottebohm

**Bedtime**

*And If the Moon Could Talk*, by Kate Banks, illustrated by Georg Hallensleben

*The Bear in the Book*, by Kate Banks, illustrated by Georg Hallensleben

*The Big Red Barn*, by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Felicia Bond

*The Prince Won't Go to Bed!*, by Dayle Ann Dodds, illustrated by Krysten Brooker

## *More Suggested Stories for Reading Aloud*

*Power Down, Little Robot*, by Anna Staniszewski, illustrated by Tim Zeltner  
*What Can You Do with a Shoe?*, by Beatrice de Regniers, illustrated by Maurice Sendak  
*Where's My Teddy?*, by Jez Alborough

### **Being Kind**

*Gorilla! Gorilla!*, by Jeanne Willis, illustrated by Tony Ross  
*The Hundred Dresses*, by Eleanor Estes, illustrated by Louis Slobodkin  
*I Walk with Vanessa*, by Kerascoët  
*Last Stop on Market Street*, by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson  
*Stella's Starliner*, by Rosemary Wells  
*The Wild Girl*, by Chris Wormell  
*Wolf in the Snow*, by Matthew Cordell

### **Being Small**

*Du Iz Tak?*, by Carson Ellis  
*Emily's Balloon*, by Komako Sakai  
*Edward's First Night Away*, by Rosemary Wells  
*King Jack and the Dragon*, by Peter Bently, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury  
*Little Wolf's First Howling*, by Laura McGee Kvasnowsky and Kate Harvey McGee  
The Tilly and Friends books, by Polly Dunbar  
*Waiting*, by Kevin Henkes

### **Cars and Trucks and Things That Go Vroom**

*20 Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street*, by Mark Lee, illustrated by Kurt Cyrus  
*Demolition*, by Sally Sutton, illustrated by Brian Lovelock  
*Fire Truck*, by Peter Sís  
*Here Comes the Train*, by Charlotte Voake  
*Machines Go to Work*, by William Low  
*Machines Go to Work in the City*, by William Low  
*The Caboose Who Got Loose*, by Bill Peet

### **Concept Books, illustrated by Counting, Colors, Opposites**

*Alphablock*, by Christopher Franceschelli, illustrated by Peskimo  
*Before After*, by Anne-Margot Ramstein & Mathias Aréguí  
*Cockatoos*, by Quentin Blake

## *More Suggested Stories for Reading Aloud*

*Ducks Away!*, by Mem Fox, illustrated by Judy Horacek

*Llamaphones*, by Janik Coat

*My Pictures After the Storm*, by Éric Veillé

*Opposites*, by Xavier Deneuve

### **Embracing Eccentricity**

*Cecil the Pet Glacier*, by Matthea Harvey, illustrated by Giselle Potter

*Henry Huggins*, by Beverly Cleary, illustrated by Louis Darling

*How Tom Beat Captain Najork and His Hired Sportsmen*, by Russell Hoban,  
illustrated by Quentin Blake

*Imogene's Antlers*, by David Small

*Marshall Armstrong Is New to Our School*, by David Mackintosh

*Martha Speaks*, by Susan Meddaugh

*Traction Man Meets Turbo Dog*, by Mini Grey

### **Fables & Just Desserts**

*The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes*, by Ying Chang Compestine, illustrated by  
David Roberts

*The Goat-Faced Girl*, by Leah Marinsky Sharpe, illustrated by Jane Marinsky

*Hubert's Hair-Raising Adventure*, by Bill Peet

*Just So Stories*, by Rudyard Kipling

*Lousy Rotten Stinkin' Grapes*, by Margie Palatini, illustrated by Barry Moser

*The Storyteller*, by Evan Turk

*The Wolf, the Duck, and the Mouse*, by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Jon Klassen

### **Fairy and Folk Tales, Old and New**

*The Bearskinner*, by Laura Amy Schlitz, illustrated by Max Grafe

*Brave Red, Smart Frog*, by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Rohan Daniel Eason

*The Girl with a Brave Heart*, by Rita Jahanforuz, illustrated by Vali Mintzi

*Iron Hans*, by Stephen Mitchell, illustrated by Matt Tavares

*The Jungle Grapevine*, by Alex Beard

*Robin Hood*, by David Calcutt, illustrated by Grahame Baker-Smith

*The White Elephant*, by Sid Fleishman, illustrated by Robert McGuire

### **Family Life**

*Blackout*, by John Rocco

*Building Our House*, by Jonathan Bean

## More Suggested Stories for Reading Aloud

*Leave Me Alone!*, by Vera Brosgol  
*The Money We'll Save*, by Brock Cole  
*Rotten Ralph*, by Jack Gantos, illustrated by Nicole Rubel  
*Toys Go Out* and *Toys Come Home* and *Toy Dance Party*, by Emily Jenkins,  
illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky  
*Yard Sale*, by Eve Bunting, illustrated by Lauren Castillo

### Finding One's Place

*The Obvious Elephant*, by Bruce Robinson, illustrated by Sophie Windham  
*Wee Gillis*, by Munro Leaf, illustrated by Robert Lawson  
*Leon the Chameleon*, by Mélanie Watt  
*Noodle*, by Munro Leaf, illustrated by Ludwig Bemelmans  
*Make Way for Ducklings*, by Robert McCloskey  
*Piper*, by Emma Chichester Clark  
*Library Lion*, by Michelle Knudsen, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes

### Friendship and Love

The Chirri & Chirra books, by Kaya Doi, translated from the Japanese by  
Yuki Kaneko  
*The Happy Lion Roars*, by Louise Fatio, illustrated by Roger Duvoisin  
*Martin Pebble*, by Jean-Jacques Sempé  
*Paul Meets Bernadette*, by Rosy Lamb  
*The Reluctant Dragon*, by Kenneth Grahame, illustrated by Ernest H. Shepard  
*The Runaway Bunny*, by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Clement  
Hurd  
*The Song of Delphine*, by Kenneth Kraegel

### Heavy Treasures

*The American Story*, by Jennifer Armstrong, illustrated by Roger Roth  
*The Annotated African American Folktales*, by Maria Tatar with Henry Louis  
Gates Jr.  
*The Brambly Hedge Treasury*, by Jill Barklem  
*Complete Adventures of Curious George*, by H. A. Rey and Margret Rey  
*Maps*, by Aleksandra Mizielinska and Daniel Mizielinski  
*Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki*, by Kevin Crossley-Holland,  
illustrated by Jeffrey Alan Love  
*The World of Robert McCloskey*, by Robert McCloskey

## More Suggested Stories for Reading Aloud

### Ingenuity and Enterprise

*The Arabian Nights*, by Wafa' Tarnowska, illustrated by Carole Henaff  
*Anatole and Anatole and the Cat*, by Eve Titus, illustrated by Paul Galdone  
*The Donut Chef*, by Bob Staake  
*The Duchess Bakes a Cake*, by Virginia Kahl  
*The Dunderheads*, by Paul Fleischman, illustrated by David Roberts  
*Good Enough to Eat*, by Brock Cole  
*Stone Soup*, by Marcia Brown

### Lengthier Stories for Young Listeners

*Ash Road*, by Ivan Southall  
*A Drowned Maiden's Hair*, by Laura Amy Schlitz  
*The Graveyard Book*, by Neal Gaiman, illustrated by Dave McKean  
*Half Magic and Magic by the Lake*, by Edward Eager, illustrated by N. M. Bodecker  
*The Inquisitor's Tale*, by Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by Hatem Aly  
*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline  
*A Tale Dark and Grim*, by Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by Dan Santat

### Poetry and Rhymes

*17 Kings and 42 Elephants*, by Margaret Mahy, illustrated by Patricia MacCarthy  
*Beastly Verse*, by JooHee Yoon  
*A Child's Garden of Verses*, by Robert Louis Stevenson, illustrated by Tasha Tudor  
*Life Doesn't Frighten Me*, by Maya Angelou, illustrated by paintings by Jean-Michel Basquiat  
*Orange Pear Apple Bear*, by Emily Gravett  
*They All Saw a Cat*, by Brendan Wenzel  
*What the Ladybug Heard*, by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Lydia Monks

### Seek-and-Find

*Fish on a Walk*, by Eva Muggenthaler  
*In the Town All Year 'Round*, by Rotraut Susanne Berner  
*Lost and Found: Adèle and Simon in China*, by Barbara McClintock  
*One Is Not a Pair*, by Britta Tekkentrup

## *More Suggested Stories for Reading Aloud*

*Undercover*, by Bastien Contraire

*Where's Walrus?*, by Stephen Savage

*Where's Warhol?*, by Catherine Ingram, illustrated by Andrew Rae

### **Stories from the Real World**

*Dadblamed Union Army Cow*, by Susan Fletcher, illustrated by Kimberly Bulcken Root

*Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker*, by Patricia Hruby Powell, illustrated by Christian Robinson

*Shackleton's Journey* and *The Wolves of Currumpaw*, by William Grill

*Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building*, by Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by James E. Ransome

*Strong Man: The Story of Charles Atlas*, by Meghan McCarthy

*Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes*, by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Emily Sutton

*Wise Guy: The Life and Philosophy of Socrates*, by M. D. Usher, illustrated by William Bramhall

### **Strong Feelings**

*Brave Martha*, by Margot Apple

*The Funeral*, by Matt James

*Gorilla*, by Anthony Browne

*Grumpy Bird*, by Jeremy Tankard

*Jabari Jumps*, by Gaia Cornwall

*Maybe a Bear Ate It!*, by Robie H. Harris, illustrated by Michael Emberley

*The Terrible Plop*, by Ursula Dubosarsky, illustrated by Andrew Joyner

### **Witty Wordplay**

*The Alphabet Thief*, by Bill Richardson, illustrated by Roxana Bikadoroff

*Bashful Bob and Doleful Dorinda*, by Margaret Atwood, illustrated by Dušan Petričić

*Betty's Burgled Bakery*, by Travis Nichols

*Mirror Mirror*, by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Joëe Masse

*Mom and Dad Are Palindromes*, by Mark Shulman, illustrated by Adam McCauley

*Stegothosaurus*, by Bridget Heos, illustrated by T. L. McBeth

*Take Away the A* and *Where's the Baboon?*, by Michaël Escoffier, illustrated by Kris di Giacomo

## *More Suggested Stories for Reading Aloud*

### **Wordless Picture Books**

*The Chicken Thief* and *Fox and Hen Together*, by Béatrice Rodriguez

*The Farmer and the Clown*, by Marla Frazee

*The Hero of Little Street*, by Gregory Rogers

*Ice*, by Arthur Geisert

*Journey and Quest* and *Return*, by Aaron Becker

*The Red Book* and *Red Again*, by Barbara Lehman

*Wave*, by Suzy Lee

### FOR OLDER LISTENERS

#### **Classic Stories**

“The Body Snatcher,” by Robert Louis Stevenson

“Green Sealing Wax,” by Colette

“The Ice Maiden,” by Hans Christian Andersen

“The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,” by Washington Irving

“The Lumber Room,” by Saki

“The Necklace,” by Guy de Maupassant

*A Study in Scarlet*, by Arthur Conan Doyle

“The Tell-Tale Heart,” by Edgar Allan Poe

“To Build a Fire,” by Jack London

#### **Classic Novels and Novellas**

*Animal Farm*, by George Orwell

*A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens

*The Code of the Woosters*, by P. G. Wodehouse

*The Death of Ivan Ilych*, by Leo Tolstoy

*Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, by Robert Louis Stevenson

*Emma*, by Jane Austen

*The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald

*The Haunting of Hill House*, by Shirley Jackson

*True Grit*, by Charles Portis