

Transition from picture books to chapter books with longer stories that aren't finished in one sitting and have fewer illustrations.

Ramona the Pest*

X Cleary, Beverly

Ramona Quimby, one of the best loved characters in children's literature, struggles with the challenges of kindergarten. 211 p.

Mercy Watson to the Rescue*

X DiCamillo, Kate

Mercy the pig awakens to find her bed teetering on the edge of a giant hole. 68 p.

Fortunately the Milk

X Gaiman, Neil

While getting milk, a father is abducted by aliens travelling through time and space. 101 p.

13-Story Treehouse*

X Griffiths, Andy

Andy and Terry live and have wacky adventures in an amazing 13-story treehouse but can they finish writing their book among all the amazing distractions? 239 p.

Dory Fantasmagory*

X Hanlon, Abby

Dory stretches her wild imagination all summer long, and drives her family crazy. 151 p.

Emmaline and the Bunny

X Hannigan, Katherine

Puddle-splashing Emmaline wants a bunny, but she lives in a very tidy town that would never welcome a messy pet. 94 p.

Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid*

X McDonald, Megan

The shortest kid in the second grade,

nicknamed Stink, learns about the shortest president of the United States. 102p.

Juana & Lucas*

X Medina, Juana

Juana loves to play with her pet dog, Lucas, but she does NOT love learning English. When her abuelos tell her about their special travel plans Juana might be willing to give this new language a try. 88p.

Dinosaurs before Dark*

X Osborne, Mary Pope

Siblings Jack and Annie find a magic treehouse that whisks them away! 68p.

Good for multi-aged listeners who have some experience hearing chapter books.

Peter and the Starcatchers*

X Barry, Dave

A thrilling prequel to Peter Pan that tells how Peter came to Never-Never Land. 451p.

Bunnicula*

X Howe, Deborah

Chester, the cat, tries to warn his human family that their baby bunny is a vampire! 98p.

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things*

X Look, Lenore

Timid 2nd grader Alvin finally finds a friend in this laugh-out-loud story. 172p.

The Doll People*

X Martin, Ann

A 100-year-old porcelain doll family is in for changes when the pink plastic Funcraft dolls move into the same humans' house. 256p.

* This book has one or more sequels, or is part of a series.

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*

X Mbalia, Kwame

Tristan expects things to be quiet and boring at his grandparents but he ends up on an adventure of mythic proportions! 482p.

The Borrowers*

X Norton, Mary

Beneath the floor, a family of tiny people lives on what they "borrow" from humans. 192p.

Clementine*

X Pennypacker, Sara

8-year-old Clementine is a good-hearted trouble magnet. 136p.

For listeners ready for more challenging stories and writing styles. Some books have tough topics that may prompt family discussion.

Poppy*

X Avi

Poppy, a brave, persistent deer mouse, tries to prove that Ocax, the great horned owl, is not her family's protector after all. 147p.

Caddie Woodlawn

X Brink, Carol Ryrie

Based on a true story, 11-year-old Caddie grows up wild on the Wisconsin frontier. 274p.

Stone Fox

X Gardiner, John Reynolds

To save his grandfather's farm, Willy must defeat a huge mountain man in a dogsled race. 85p.

My Side of the Mountain*

X George, Jean Craighead

Sam learns to live by his wits when he sets up a home in a hollowed out tree. 178p.

Dragon Pearl

X Lee, Yoon Ha

To find her missing brother, Min will have to stretch her fox-magic, her bravery, and her wits to the limit on an epic space quest through the Thousand Worlds. 310p.

Merci Suárez Changes Gears

X Medina, Meg

Merci, who attends a private school on scholarship, must deal with bullying from a popular student at school and her beloved, but ailing grandfather at home. 355p.

Wonder*

X Palacio, R.J.

Augie wants nothing more than to be treated as a normal kid, but will his classmates get past his extraordinary face? 315p.

Esperanza Rising

X Ryan, Pam Muñoz

Forced from their life of privilege, Esperanza and her mother must adapt to the harsh conditions faced by Mexican farm workers in 1930's California. 262p.

Holes*

X Sachar, Louis

Stanley has a bad luck curse. Sent to a correctional camp in Texas, can Stanley find treasure, a friend, and some good luck? 233p.

One Crazy Summer

X Williams-Garcia, Rita

Three young girls get to know their estranged mother the summer of 1968 while also going to a Black Panther's summer camp for kids. 218p.

Reading Aloud And Why It Matters

Reading aloud to your child helps them expand their vocabulary, provides a model of fluent reading, and shows them just how fun reading can be! And the best part is that reading aloud to your child does not have to stop after they learn to read.

Reading together as a family is a great chance to discuss and enjoy books, while bonding with family members and making wonderful memories. This can also be an opportunity to share a genre, or type of book, which your child wouldn't normally be drawn to, exposing them to new concepts, imaginative ideas, and differing cultures.

This easy (and free) activity can have long lasting benefits for your child, ranging from better reading comprehension to developing a lifelong love of reading.

All ages

Read Aloud Family Favorites



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