

Chapter Books to Read Aloud

For Younger Kids (Ages 4-7)

Early Chapters

Atinuke. *Too Small Tola*. You don't have to be big to make a difference! Just ask Tola, who lives in the busy city of Lagos, Nigeria, with her sister, brother and grandmommy.

Broach, Elise. *The Miniature World of Marvin and James* (series). When his best friend, a human boy named James, goes away on vacation, Marvin the beetle worries that their friendship may end.

Brown, Monica. *Lola Levine is Not Mean* (series). Lola has a wonderful family, a great teacher, and the best friend ever, and they all help her feel better after she is forbidden to play team sports at recess for having accidentally hurt a classmate.

Castillo, Lauren. *Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us*. Living on a tiny island with only a stuffed animal for company, a lonely Hedgehog embarks on a quest.

Citro, Asia. *Zoey and Sassafras: The Pod and the Bog* (series). Zoey, Sassafras, and Pip must work together to discover what this mysterious rare magical plant needs to grow before all the seeds crumble to dust!

DeVillers, Julia. *Liberty Porter, First Daughter* (series). On her first day at the White House, Liberty exuberantly explores her new home while making new friends and giving unique tours of her own.

Dillard, J. J.D. *and the Great Barber Battle* (series). Eight-year-old J.D. turns a tragic home haircut into a thriving business, but the local barbershop is not happy about it.

Elliott, Zetta. *Dragons in a Bag* (series). Nine-year-old Jax joins Ma, a witch who lives in his building, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling.

English, Karen. *Carver Chronicles: Dog Days* (series). Gavin wants to make a good impression at Carver Elementary, where no one knows he excels at soccer and skateboarding, but an annoying big sister, a bully, and a Pomeranian are not helping.

Faruqi, Saadia. *Meet Yasmin!* (series). Pakistani-American second-grader Yasmin learns to cope with the small problems of school and home, while gaining confidence in her own skills and creative abilities.

Fisinger, Barbara. *Wedgie & Gizmo* (series). Gizmo, an evil genius guinea pig, is constantly thwarted in his plans for world dominance by the lovable Corgi, Wedgie.

Florence, Debbi Michiko. *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen* (series). Eager to do something her big sister has not done first, Jasmine Toguchi decides to pound mochi with the men and boys when her family gets together for a New Year's celebration.

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. *My Father's Dragon* (series). The fantastic adventures of Elmer Elevator and a baby dragon, Boris.

Hanlon, Abby. *Dory Fantasmagory* (series). As the youngest in her family, Dory really wants attention, and more than anything she wants her brother and sister to play with her. Instead, it's just her, her wild imagination and her untiring energy.

Jules, Jacqueline. *Sofia Martinez: My Family Adventure* (series). Seven-year-old Sofia's fiery passion for everything she does makes every day an adventure, from a missing class pet to her grandma's birthday!

Kuipers, Alice. *Polly Diamond and the Magic Book* (series). When a magic book that can make everything she writes happen in real life appears on Polly's doorstep, she is certain all of her dreams are about to come true. However, Polly soon learns that what you write and what you mean are not always the same thing.

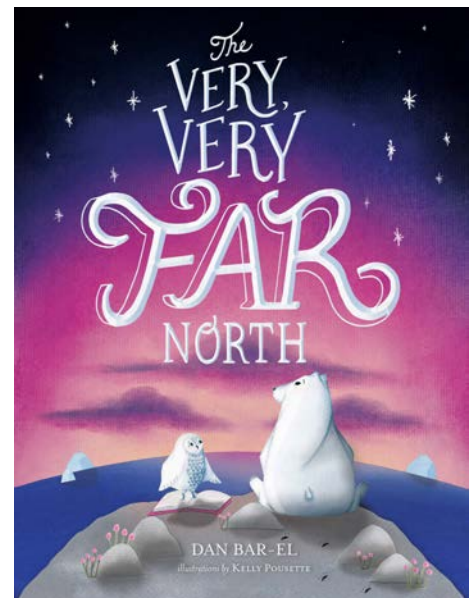
Le Guin, Ursula K. *Catwings* (series). Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two kind children.

Look, Lenore. *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things* (series). A young boy, who comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer warriors, must overcome his fears of everything.

Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Jada Jones: Rock Star* (series). Jada's best friend moved away but a class project on rocks and minerals, her favorite topic, could mean new friends.

Lysiak, Hilde. *Hilde Cracks the Case: Hero Dog!* (series). Nine-year-old Hilde is an aspiring reporter and with the help of Zeus, a little dog with a big bark, she intends to track down the thief who is trying to steal a win in the Bake-Off Bonanza.

Medina, Juana. *Juana & Lucas* (series). A spunky young girl from Colombia loves playing with her canine best friend and resists boring school activities, especially learning English.



Quigley, Dawn. *Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-Be Best Friend*. Jo Jo Makoons Azure is a spirited seven-year-old who moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation.

Sheth, Kashmira. *Nina Soni: Former Best Friend* (series). Organized, but sometimes forgetful, Nina has a lot to keep track of as she rushes to complete a school project, help with little sister's birthday party, and make up with her best friend, Jay.

Voigt, Cynthia. *Teddy and Co*. Teddy lives with a ragtag group of lost toys—a very hungry snake, an elephant who likes to bake, two charmingly silly pigs, and a reclusive penguin—and they all bump along happily together. But their peaceful world gets shaken up when new toys arrive.

Watson, Renee. *Ways to Make Sunshine* (series). The Hart family faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but no matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones.

Watson, Tom. *Trouble at Table 5: The Candy Caper* (series). Molly gets things stuck in her head sometimes. When she sees a jar of candy on Principal Shelton's desk, she absolutely needs to know how many candies are in that jar! Luckily, her two best friends, Simon and Rosie, are ready to help her find the answer— even if it means detention for all of them!

West, Tracey. *Dragon Masters: Rise of the Earth Dragon* (series). Eight-year old Drake is snatched up by King's soldiers and taken to the castle to be trained as a Dragon Master. Does he have what it takes?

Willems, Mo. *The Story of Diva and Flea*. In Paris, a small dog and an adventurous cat become unlikely friends.

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Fiction & Paperback Series

Averill, Esther. *Jenny and the Cat Club* (series). Jenny Linsky, a black cat who lives in New York City, has many whimsical adventures with her feline neighbors.

Bar-El, Dan. *The Very, Very Far North* (series). As Duane, a polar bear, explores his new home, he makes friends with the wide variety of creatures he encounters, despite their varied personalities.

Bearn, Emily. *Tumtum and Nutmeg* (series). Mice find adventure when they secretly try to help human kids who live in a cottage with their absentminded father.

Bidania, V.T. *Astrid and Apollo and the Fishing Flop* (Paperback series). It's the twins' first time fishing. Astrid and Apollo can't wait to ride on their Uncle Lue's fast boat and get goofy pictures with all the fish they catch, but Apollo keeps catching things that are not fish!

Blume, Judy. *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* (series). Nine-year-old Peter has it rough. His little brother, Farley (who goes by Fudge), gets all the attention, despite his tantrums and infuriating behavior. Even Peter's pet turtle isn't safe from Fudge!

Cleary, Beverly. *Socks*. The happy home life of Socks, the cat, is disrupted by the addition of a new baby to the household.

Creech, Sharon. *Saving Winslow*. When his father brings home an ailing newborn donkey, Louie names the animal Winslow and takes care of him, but everyone, including Louie's quirky friend Nora, thinks Winslow is not going to survive.

Dominguez, Angela. *Stella Diaz Has Something to Say* (series). Stella wants to be friends with the new boy in class, but sometimes she speaks Spanish instead of English and pronounces words wrong.

Dougherty, John. *Stinkbomb and Ketchup-Face and the Badness of Badgers* (series). Stinkbomb and his sister, Ketchup-Face, fulfill a quest to find the Magic Porcupine in hopes of capturing rascally badgers.

Ewing, Eve L. *Maya and the Robot*. A forgotten homemade robot comes to life just when aspiring fifth-grade scientist Maya needs a friend—and a science fair project.

Florence, Debby M. *My Furry Foster Family* (Paperback series). Eight-year-old Kaita Takano and her family foster animals rescued by a local animal rescue group. Kaita loves animals, but sometimes the zoo in her house gets out of control!

Gidwitz, Adam. *The Unicorn Rescue Society: The Creature of the Pines* (series). After encountering a Jersey Devil while on a field trip to the Pine Barrens, Elliot and his new friend Uchenna help their teacher Professor Fauna rescue the mythological creature from a pair of greedy brothers.

Griffith, Theanne. *The Magnificent Makers: How to Test a Friendship* (Paperback series). Science-loving best friends Violet and Pablo discover a riddle that opens a magic portal before accompanying a classmate into a mysterious high-tech lab.

Henkes, Kevin. *The Year of Billy Miller* (series). Billy starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but things get better over the year.

Hutchinson, Michael. *Mighty Muskrat Mysteries: The Case of Windy Lake* (series). When a visiting archaeologist goes missing, four inseparable cousins decide to solve the mystery of his disappearance.

Jules, Jacqueline. *Zapato Power: Freddie Ramos Takes Off* (Paperback series). Freddie finds a mysterious package outside his apartment containing sneakers that allow him to run faster than a train, and inspire him to perform heroic deeds.

Kurtz, Chris. *The Adventures of a South Pole Pig: A Novel of Snow and Courage*. Flora the pig ditches the sedentary life on the farm for an adventure in Antarctica, where she escapes the knife and lives her dream of pulling a sled with a team of dogs

Lázár, Ervin. *Arnica the Duck Princess*. A hilarious Hungarian classic children's story about true love, friendship and what happens when a witch turns your fiancée into a duck.

Lin, Grace. *The Year of the Dog* (series). A young girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog to her own changing life.

Lovelace, Maud Hart. *Betsy-Tacy* (series). After Tacy Kelly moves into the house across the street from Betsy Ray, the five-year-olds become inseparable friends.

MacDonald, Betty. *Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* (series). Fun cures for such common children's diseases as Won't-Put-Away-Toys-itis, Answerbackism, and Fighter-Quarrelitis.

MacLachlan, Patricia. *Wonderous Rex*. Grace's aunt is a writer in need of an assistant. Can an amazing dog fill the role and help Grace write her own story?

Miedoso, Andres. *Desmond Cole, Ghost Patrol: The Haunted House Next Door* (Paperback series). When supernatural things start happening in the house timid Andres and his parents just moved into, next-door-neighbor Desmond Cole, eight, comes to the rescue.

Mian, Zanib. *Planet Omar* (series). Omar and his family have just moved, and he is NOT excited about starting at a new school. What if the work is too hard or the kids are mean or the teacher is a zombie alien?! Luckily, Omar's enormous imagination and goofy family help him get through.

Milne, A.A. *Winnie the Pooh* (series). The adventures of Christopher Robin and his friends Pooh Bear, Piglet, and Eeyore.

Nannestad, Katrina. *When Mischief Came to Town*. In 1911, when orphaned ten-year-old Inge comes to live with her stern grandmother in a remote island village in Bornholm, Denmark, she ends up changing the climate of the town, bringing joy and laughter to her grandmother's life and finding a new family for herself.

Nuurali, Siman. *Sadiq and the Desert Star* (Paperback series). Sadiq's father is going on a business trip, but before he goes he tells Sadiq a story of the Desert Star, which fits in perfectly with Sadiq's third grade class field trip to the planetarium, and inspires Sadiq to build a simple telescope to study the stars when his father returns.

Parr, Maria. *Adventures with Waffles*. Hardly a day passes without Trille and Lena inventing some kind of adventure that often ends in trouble. Whether it's coaxing a cow onto a boat or sledding down the steepest and iciest hill with a chicken, there is always a thrill—and sometimes an injury—to be had.

Rylant, Cynthia. *Gooseberry Park* (series). The adventures of a junk food-loving bat, a kind dog and a wise hermit crab who must save their friend Stumpy the Squirrel and her new babies.

Schmidt, Gary D. *A Long Road on a Short Day*. On a short winter day, Samuel and his father enter into a series of trades with neighbors until they come home with a brown-eyed milk cow for Mama.

Selfors, Suzanne. *Braver: A Wombat's Tale*. When her parents and the other quiet, shy wombats of the Northern Forest are captured by the traitorous, carnivorous Tassie devils, Lola Budge, a talkative, adventure-seeking young wombat, embarks on a rescue mission, joined by a swamp water rat and a baby penguin.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler. *The Boxcar Children* (series). Four orphans determined to make it on their own transform an old boxcar into their home.

West, Kara. *Mia Mayhem is a Superhero!* (Paperback series). Mia Macaroney is a regular eight-year-old girl who discovers she's actually a superhero! It's up to Mia to balance her regular everyday life and maintain her secret identity as she learns how to navigate her new role.