

# Living Books for Read Alouds

Use this list as a loose guide for ages, as living books can usually be read by many different ages and are often timeless to young readers!

Some stories have some exciting turbulence so pre-reading whenever possible is a great way to judge when your child will be ready for each book!

Happy Reading Friends!



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## **Babies & Toddlers (0-3 years)**

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey

A Seed Is Sleepy by Dianna Hutts Aston

Big Red Barn by Margaret Wise Brown

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Katy No-Pocket by Emmy Payne

The Scarecrow by Beth Ferry

Toot & Puddle by Holly Hobbie

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

Snow by Sam Usher

Journey by Aaron Becker

## **Preschool (4-5 years)**

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton

Katie and the Sunflowers by James Mayhew

Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee Burton

Raccoon on His Own by Jim Arnosky

Roxaboxen by Alice McLerran

Knight Owl by Christopher Denise

Fritz and the Beautiful Horses by Jan Brett

A Year in the Castle by Nikola Kucharska



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## **Early Elementary (6-8 years)**

Beatrix Potter The Complete Tales by Beatrix Potter

Brambly Hedge by Jill Barklem

Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau

Mr. Ferris and His Wheel by Kathryn Gibbs Davis

Tomfoolery! by Michelle Markel

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes

Billy and Blaze by Clarence William Anderson

## **Middle Elementary (9-11 years)**

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Farmer Boy by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry

Betsy-Tacy by Maud Hart Lovelace

A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus

The Green Ember S. D. Smith

Little Britches by Ralph Moody

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

Through the Wardrobe: How C. S. Lewis Created Narnia by  
Lina Maslo



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## Upper Elementary (11-12 years).

The Railway Children by Edith Nesbit  
Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink  
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
The Moffats by Eleanor Estes  
Tales from Shakespeare by Marcia Williams  
The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame  
Sir Cumference and the Knights of the First Round Table by  
Cindy Neuschwande  
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson  
Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau by Jennifer Berne

## Middle School (13-14 years).

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery  
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien  
Swallows and Amazons Novel by Arthur Ransome  
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell  
Miss Hickory by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey  
My Side Mountain by Jean Craighead George  
Jubilee! by Alicia Potter  
The Wall by Eve Bunting  
Amazing Impossible Erie Canal by Cheryl Harness  
Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan



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## High School (15-18 years).

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

How We Crossed The West: The Adventures Of Lewis And  
Clark by Rosalyn Schanzer

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

The Swiss Family Robinson by Johann David Wyss

Freckles by Gene Stratton-Porter

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Scribbles, Sorrows, and Russet Leather Boots: The Life of  
Louisa May Alcott Book by Liz Rosenberg

