

J 398.2 Mandela

Mandela, Nelson

Favorite African Folktales. 2002.

Gathered from all over the African continent, most of these stories will be unfamiliar but will give readers lots to think about.

J 398.2 McB

McBratney, Sam

One Voice, Please: Favorite Read-Aloud Stories.

2008.

Stories old and new, none more than five pages long, are collected from around the world and retold by Irish author and story-teller McBratney.

J 398.2 Mor

Morpurgo, Michael

Robin of Sherwood. 1996.

Excellent illustrations by Michael Foreman accompany a lively retelling of the Robin Hood legends.

J 293.13 Osb

Osborne, Mary Pope

Favorite Norse Myths. 1996.

Author Osborne and illustrator Troy Howell recreate the world of Norse mythology in simple, elegant prose and impressive illustration.

J 921 Scieszka

Scieszka, Jon

Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories about Growing Up Scieszka. 2005.

These six brothers from Flint, Michigan are bad news, big trouble, and very, very funny!

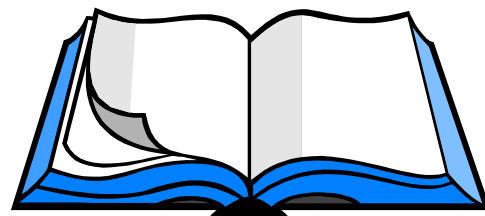
J 883.01 Sut

Sutcliff, Rosemary

The Wanderings of Odysseus: The Story of the Odyssey. 1995.

The Greek epic is given new life by a master storyteller, with illustrations by Alan Lee.

NOTE TO PARENTS: There are many excellent reference books in the Youth Department which recommend other fine read-alouds. Please ask your librarian to help you use them!



Family Favorites: Chapter Books to Read Aloud

Recommended for ages 4 and up



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From the J Fiction Shelves

[S means this is the first book in a series.]

J Atw

Atwater, Richard & Florence

Mr. Popper's Penguins. 1938.

Mr. Popper has a houseful of penguins and now the entire Popper family must figure out what to do with them.

J App

Appelt, Kathi

The True-Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp. 2013.

When their swamp is threatened, two raccoon brothers decide to awaken the possibly-mythical Sugar Man. Can the Scouts save the day?

J Ave

Averill, Esther

Jenny and the Cat Club. 2003.

Meet the black cat Jenny Linski and all of her cat friends as they share adventures in the big city. S

J Avi

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Poppy. 1995.

A brave mouse faces a bullying owl for the sake of her family. S

J Bab

Babbitt, Natalie

The Search for Delicious. 1962.

What is *delicious*? A young boy must find a definitive answer before the kingdom is torn apart.

J Bau

Baum, L. Frank

The Wizard of Oz. 1900.

Little Dorothy Gale from Kansas finds herself in a strange and wonderful land. S

J BB

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The Little Grey Men. 1942.

Three gnomes in England set out on a long, dangerous journey, searching for their long-lost brother. S

J Ber

Beresford, Elisabeth

The Wombles. 1968.

Wombles collect, sort and recycle all the rubbish left behind by untidy Human Beings. Today, Bungo and Orinoco will venture out of the burrow for the first time! S

FROM THE NONFICTION SHELVES

"Nonfiction" refers to books shelved by Dewey Decimal numbers. Dewey sections include mythology (290s), folk tales (398s) and biography (921). Many history, science and travel books also make good read-aloud selections.

J 398.2 Bru

Bruchac, Joseph

The Boy Who Lived with Bears and other Iroquois Stories. 1995.

The six animal stories in this collection have been passed down both to entertain and to teach.

J 892 Bry

Bryson, Bernarda

Gilgamesh, Man's First Story. 1966.

The world's oldest known legend, about Gilgamesh and his friend, Enkidu, is retold.

J 398.209 Fro

From Sea to Shining Sea: A Treasury of American Folklore and Folk Song. Compiled by Amy Cohn. 1993.

Wonderful reading for every family, with folktale heroes and heroines, traditional songs and poems, and much more, all illustrated by award-winning artists.

J 921 George

George, Jean

The Tarantula in My Purse: and 172 Other Wild Pets. 1996.

Skunks, raccoons, crows, kids—which ones cause the most trouble? The author of *My Side of the Mountain* tells the real-life story of life in her own house!

J 398.2 Hag

Hague, Michael

Michael Hague's Treasured Classics. 2012.

The well-known illustrator presents many familiar stories with new pictures.

J 921 Huynh

Huynh, Quang Nhuong

The Land I Lost. 1982.

A boy's childhood in Vietnam includes owning a water buffalo, encounters with pythons and wild hogs, and family incidents both amusing and sad.

J 398.208 Ham

Hamilton, Virginia

The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales. 1985.

This outstanding collection runs the gamut from heartbreaking to laugh-out-loud funny. Illustrations are by Leo and Diane Dillon.

J Ste

Stevenson, Robert Louis

Treasure Island. 1881.

A strange old sailor moves into his family's inn and Jim Hawkins is pulled into adventure and danger.

J Tay

Taylor, Sydney

All-of-a-Kind Family. 1951.

Five sisters grow up in a loving Jewish family in early 1900s New York City. **S**

J Thu

Thurber, James

The 13 Clocks. 1957.

A prince, a princess, a wicked duke, and thirteen clocks that will not go—everything you need for a fairy story!

J Tol

Tolkien, J.R.R.

The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again. 1937.

Trolls, a dragon, and treasure are some of the things Bilbo Baggins finds when he opens the door to a wizard and twelve dwarfs.

J Tra

Travers, P.L.

Mary Poppins. 1934.

Vain, snappish, hard to please, and completely magical—that's the new nanny, Mary Poppins! **S**

J War

Warner, Gertrude Chandler

The Boxcar Children. 1942.

Four orphans run away and hide in an abandoned boxcar; then they make a wonderful discovery. **S**

J Whi

White, E.B.

Charlotte's Web. 1952.

Wilbur the pig is befriended by an extraordinary spider, who saves his life.

J Wil

Wilder, Laura Ingalls

Little House in the Big Woods. 1932.

Laura, Mary, Ma and Pa live in the Wisconsin woods in the 1870s; later, they will travel to the Great Plains and become settlers. **S**

J Bir

Birdsall, Jeanne

The Penderwicks: a Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy. 2005.

Four lively sisters and their widowed father rent a cottage in the Berkshires for one adventurous summer. **S**

J Bir

Birney, Betty

The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs. 2005.

It's a challenge: Eben must find Seven Wonders in his very own boring town of Sassafras Springs.

J Bod

Bodger, Joan

Tales of Court and Castle. 2003.

These seven medieval tales include "Tristan," "Iron John," "Burd Janet" and "To the Dark Tower."

J Bon

Bond, Michael

A Bear Called Paddington. 1958.

The Brown family adopts a disaster-prone bear from Darkest Peru. **S**

J Bro

Broach, Elise

Masterpiece. 2008.

Marvin the beetle's tiny drawing, a gift to his human friend, James, gets the two of them mixed up in art theft and forgery.

J Bro

Brooks, Walter

Freddy the Detective. 1932.

Freddy the pig solves a series of barnyard thefts and solves a larger mystery at the same time. **S**

J Bro

Browne, Frances

Granny's Wonderful Chair and Its Tales of Fairy Times. 1904.

Granny's amazing chair transports Snowflower to the King's court, where the remarkable chair tells stories of magic and wonder to everyone there.

J Bur

Burgess, Thornton

Old Mother West Wind: the Centennial Anniversary Edition. 2011. (First pub. 1911)

Children first met Johnny Chuck, Reddy Fox, the Merry Little Breezes, and other characters in these stories one hundred years ago, when they were published weekly in newspapers across America. **S**



J Bur

Burnett, Frances Hodgson

A Little Princess. 1905.

Sara Crewe is a very rich girl until her father dies, and then she becomes a maid at her boarding school.

J But

Butterworth, Oliver

The Enormous Egg. 1956.

When Nate's hen lays an egg and the egg hatches into a dinosaur, exciting times are ahead!

J Cam

Cameron, Eleanor

The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet.

1954.

Two boys build a rocket and save a planet—with the help of a chicken and a strange little man. **S**

J Car

Carroll, Lewis

Alice in Wonderland. 1865.

Never follow a White Rabbit down a rabbit hole (and watch out for the Red Queen).

J Cle

Cleary, Beverly

Henry Huggins. 1950.

A skinny dog called Ribsby brings lots of love and some trouble into Henry's life. **S**

J Cle

Clements, Andrew

Frindle. 1996.

What starts as a joke becomes a seriously funny campaign when Nick Allen convinces everyone in his school to use the word "frindle" instead of "pen."

J Col

Collins, Suzanne

Gregor the Overlander. 2003.

Gregor follows his baby sister through a heating duct and into an astonishing underground world with entire cities, giant insects, and much more. **S**

J Cur

Curtis, Christopher Paul

The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963. 1995.

Follow a Flint (MI) family through a funny, sad, touching, and even frightening year.

J Dah

Dahl, Roald

Matilda. 1988.

A brilliant child develops remarkable powers and wicked grownups regret it!

J Pau

Paulsen, Gary

Hatchet. 1987.

When his plane crashes after the pilot has a heart attack, a boy must survive the Canadian wilderness. **S**

J Pec

Peck, Richard

Secrets at Sea. 2011.

The Upstairs Cranston family (humans) sets off on an ocean voyage and the Downstairs Cranstons (mice) decide to accompany them.

J Pec

Peck, Richard

The Teacher's Funeral: a Comedy in Three Parts.

2004.

Russell's big sister is the new teacher in his one-room schoolhouse. This can't be good!

J Roo

Root, Phyllis

Aunt Nancy and the Bothersome Visitors. 2007.

Clever Aunt Nancy outwits Old Man Trouble, Cousin Lazybones, Old Woeful, and "Mr. Death himself" in four original trickster tales.

J Row

Rowling, J.K.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. 1998.

Harry is astonished to learn he is the child of wizards and must go off to wizard school. **S**

J Sel

Selden, George

The Cricket in Times Square. 1960.

A picnic basket stowaway travels from Connecticut to New York City, where he becomes famous. **S**

J Sin

Singh, Vandana

Younguncle Comes to Town. 2004.

Three children in northern India find that life becomes very interesting in this funny family story about an eccentric visiting uncle.

J Smi

Smith, Roland

Peak. 2007.

A twelve-year-old boy hopes to prove himself worthy of his father, a famous climber, when he joins his dad's expedition to Mt. Everest.

J Spe

Speare, Elizabeth George

The Sign of the Beaver. 1983.

A colonial boy gets through a harsh winter with help from neighboring Indians.

J Mac

MacDonald, Betty

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle. 1947.

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle can cure even the worst child of his or her faults, always in funny ways. **S**

J Mah

Mahy, Margaret

The Greatest Show Off Earth. 1994.

Space Station Vulnick is gloomy, so Delphinium and Jason launch themselves into hyperspace and a wild and crazy adventure with space pirates, a space circus, and the Acropola: slimy green fun-stealing aliens.

J McC

McCloskey, Robert

Homer Price. 1943.

Homer's activities include inventing a remarkable donut machine. **S**

J McS

McSwigan, Marie

Snow Treasure. 1942.

School children help smuggle gold out of Norway during the German occupation of World War II.

J Mer

Merrill, Jean

The Toothpaste Millionaire. 1972.

A twelve-year-old boy goes into business and becomes a millionaire, but not without complications!

J Mil

Milne, A.A.

Winnie-the-Pooh. 1926.

Meet the world's most famous bear and his friends in the Enchanted Forest. **S**

J Mor

Morey, Walt

Gentle Ben. 1965.

A remarkable friendship develops between a young boy and an enormous brown bear in Alaska Territory,

J Nam

Namioka, Lensey

Yang the Youngest and his Terrible Ear. 1992.

Yingtao is great at baseball and lousy at the violin, but his father expects him to play in an important recital. Can Yingtao's friend Matthew help? **S**

J Noy

Noyce, Pendred

Lost in Lexicon: An Adventure in Words and Numbers. 2011.

Cousins Ivan and Daphne are sent on a magical treasure hunt in a strange land where grammar and math concepts come to life. **S**

J DeA

DeAngeli, Marguerite

Copper-Toed Boots. 1938.

A boy in 1870s Michigan has many adventures, including feeding the elephants when the circus comes to town.

J DeJ

DeJong, Meindert

Hurry Home, Candy. 1953.

A little dog is separated from his family and searches for a new home.

J DiC

DiCamillo, Kate

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread. 2003.

A small mouse risks his life for the princess he loves in a fairytale-like story of love, hate, darkness, and light.

J Eag

Eager, Edward

Seven Day Magic. 1962.

Five children check out a book with blank pages from the public library. But it doesn't stay empty: this is a magic book and it fills with the story of their adventures. **S**

J Erd

Erdrich, Louise

The Birchbark House. 1999.

The seventh year of Omakayas, an Ojibwa girl living on an island in Lake Superior, is filled with happenings large and small, and reveals the truth of her origins. **S**

J Far

Farjeon, Eleanor

Elsie Piddock Skips in her Sleep.

When her town is threatened, only 109-year-old Elsie Piddock can save it—by jumping rope.

J Fie

Fienberg, Anna

The Great Big Enormous Book of Tashi. 2010.

Tashi is an odd little fellow who comes from a country far away. He tells his friend, Jack, stories about his adventures—31 of them in all. (Individual books are also available in the JE Red section.)

J Fle

Fleischman, Sid

The Whipping Boy. 1986.

Prince Brat is running away, and orphan Jemmy will be punished for it unless he runs away, too.

J Fun

Funke, Cornelia

Dragon Rider. 2000.

A young dragon, a brownie, and a small boy embark on a dangerous search, looking for a new and safer place for dragons to live.

J Gan

Gannett, Ruth Stiles

My Father's Dragon. 1948.

What would you do if you found a baby dragon? **S**

J Gar

Gardiner, John Reynolds

Stone Fox. 1980.

Little Willie must win a sled-dog race or his grandfather's farm will be lost.

J Gra

Grahame, Kenneth

The Wind in the Willows. 1908.

Mole, Rat and Mr. Toad have adventures along the riverbank in a classic animal fantasy.

J Hen

Henry, Marguerite

Brightly of the Grand Canyon. 1958.

Brightly is a mule living in the Grand Canyon, meeting humans both good and bad along the way.

J Hol

Holling, Holling Clancy

Paddle-to-the-Sea. 1941.

A small carved boat makes a long journey through the Great Lakes and across the ocean. It's a Great Lakes inhabitants must-read!

J Jen

Jenkins, Emily

Toys Go Out. 2006.

Washing machines! Bathtubs! The ocean! The world is an exciting and sometimes scary place for toy friends StingRay, Lumphy, and Plastic. Luckily, they have each other and their Little Girl. **S**

J Jus

Juster, Norton

The Phantom Tollbooth. 1961.

Milo is bored until he opens a strange package and finds a toy tollbooth inside.

J Ken

Kendall, Carol

The Gammage Cup. 1959.

Muggles and her friends have been asked to leave their town, but only they can save it from danger. **S**

J Kin

King-Smith, Dick

Sophie's Snail. 1988.

Four-year-old Sophie is determined to be a farmer when she grows up, but she's starting with something small: a snail. **S**

J Kip

Kipling, Rudyard

Just-So Stories. 1912.

How the camel got his hump, how the rhinoceros got his skin, how the elephant got his trunk and more.

J Law

Lawson, Robert

Rabbit Hill. 1944.

Will the New People on the hill like animals? **S**

J Lew

Lewis, C.S.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. 1950.

Four children find their way to the magic land of Narnia, where a witch holds the country in thrall. **S**

J Lin

Lin, Grace

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon. 2009.

Quest fantasy and Chinese folklore mingle in Minli's search for the Old Man of the Moon, who may be able to reverse her family's bad fortunes.

J Lin

Lindgren, Astrid

Pippi Longstocking. 1950.

Tommy and Annika are amazed by their new neighbor, who is the strongest girl in the world and lives alone with a horse and a monkey. **S**

J Lin

Lindsay, Norman

The Magic Pudding. 1918.

In this Australian classic, a sailor, a penguin, and a koala (with a vast vocabulary) join forces to protect a magic pudding from evil puddin' thieves.

J Lov

Lovelace, Maud Hart

Betsy-Tacy. 1940.

Two girls meet when they are four years old and become best friends forever. **S**

J Low

Lowry, Lois

All About Sam. 1988.

Life is very funny when seen from the perspective of Sam, from birth through potty training. **S**