

## Stories to Share with Young Children

### **Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock**

by Eric A. Kimmel, illustrated by Janet Stevens. **Holiday House.** Little Bush Deer tricks Anansi the trickster.

### **Bark, George**

by Jules Feiffer. **HarperCollins.** George meows, quacks, and oinks – instead of barking.

### **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!**

by Mo Willems. **Hyperion.** Pigeon wants to go “vroom-vroom vroom vroom-broom!”

### **John Henry**

by Julius Lester, pictures by Jerry Pinkney. **Dial.** The legendary African American hero races against a steam drill.

### **Kitten's First Full Moon**

by Kevin Henkes. **Greenwillow.** Kitten thinks that the full moon is a bowl of milk.

### **The Little Red Hen**

by Jerry Pinkney. **Dial.** Dog, rat, goat, and pig won't help her plant and harvest the wheat.

### **Mama Cat Has Three Kittens**

by Denise Fleming. **Holt.** Two kittens copy their mother while their brother naps.

### **Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me**

by Eric Carle. **Simon & Schuster.** A little girl's father climbs a ladder to bring her the moon.

### **Show Way**

by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Hudson Talbott. **Putnam.** The author lovingly recalls generations of her family from slavery days on.

### **The Squeaky Door**

by Margaret Read MacDonald, pictures by Mary Newell DePalma. **HarperCollins.** Grandma comes to the rescue when Little Boy is frightened.

## Ten Tips for Growing Readers

- 1.** Read to children from the time they are born. It's never too early to start!
- 2.** Set aside a special time to read when you and your family are relaxed.
- 3.** Children enjoy setting the pace of reading time. Encourage them to turn pages.
- 4.** If they are not ready to sit and listen quietly, read to children while they are playing or exploring. Active children learn on the move.
- 5.** Many children like to hear the same story again and again. It comforts them and develops language skills.
- 6.** Read together – on the go, waiting on line, and at the park.
- 7.** Sing to your children. Sing songs from your childhood or make up silly songs. You can also find lyrics to your favorite songs online or at the library.
- 8.** Read Mother Goose and nursery rhymes together. They are short and playful, and build vocabulary.
- 9.** Show kids you love books. Keep books and magazines at home and let your children catch you reading!
- 10.** Visit the library often to choose books and enjoy programs together. Join Summer Reading at your public library!

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# Family Literacy Fun!



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## Chapter Books to Read Aloud

### **Babe: The Gallant Pig**

by Dick King-Smith, illustrated by Maggie Kneen. Knopf. An old sheepdog adopts a piglet.

### **Can You Guess My Name?**

by Judy Sierra, illustrated by Stefano Vitale. Clarion. Fifteen favorite folktales collected from around the world.

### **Charlotte's Web**

by E. B. White, pictures by Garth Williams. HarperCollins. A little girl loves a little pig whose best friend is a beautiful gray spider.

### **The Fish in Room 11**

by Heather Dyer, illustrations by Peter Bailey. Chicken House. Toby, who lives in a hotel by the sea, hides a family of mermaids.

### **Seadogs: An Epic Ocean Operetta**

composed by Lisa Wheeler and staged by Mark Siegel. Atheneum. Daring dogs battle dastardly pirates in a grand performance.

### **The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales**

by Jon Scieszka & Lane Smith. Viking. Favorite fairy tales turned upside down and inside out.

### **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**

by Judy Blume. Dutton. Peter's two-year-old brother, Fudge, is a terror.

### **Three Tales of My Father's Dragon**

by Ruth Stiles Gannett, illustrated by Ruth Chrisman Gannett. Random House. Elmer Elevator shares adventures with Boris, a baby flying dragon.

### **Uncle Remus: The Complete Tales**

by Julius Lester, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. Phyllis Fogelman. Brer Rabbit and friends find a modern and humorous voice.

### **Whittington**

by Alan Armstrong, illustrated by S. D. Schindler. Random House. A cat in search of a home spins tales of his famous ancestor.

## I'm Reading by Myself

### **Amanda Pig and the Really Hot Day**

by Jean Van Leeuwen, pictures by Ann Schweninger. Dial. Amanda Pig and her friends beat the heat.

### **Baa-Choo!**

by Sarah Weeks, illustrated by Jane Manning. HarperCollins. Sam the lamb can't sneeze.

### **Cork & Fuzz**

by Dori Chaconas, illustrated by Lisa McCue. Viking. A possum and a muskrat become friends.

### **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa**

by Erica Silverman, painted by Betsy Lewin. Harcourt. Kate and her cowhorse count cows.

### **Elvis the Rooster and the Magic Words**

by Denys Cazet. HarperCollins. A proud rooster learns manners from a peacock.

### **Frog and Toad Together**

by Arnold Lobel. HarperCollins. Two best friends share cookies, plant a garden, and test their bravery.

### **Good Night, Good Knight**

by Shelley Moore Thomas, illustrated by Jennifer Plecas. Dutton. Three little dragons can't sleep.

### **Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas**

by Cynthia Rylant, pictures by Suçie Stevenson. Simon & Schuster. Henry and his dog visit Great-Grandpa Bill.

### **Jigsaw Pony**

by Jessie Haas; pictures by Ying-Hwa Hu. Greenwillow. Twin sisters make a home for a lonely pony.

### **A Splendid Friend, Indeed**

by Suzanne Bloom. Boyds Mills. A patient polar bear meets an inquisitive goose.

## Websites for Family Reading Fun

### **Reading Rockets**

<http://www.readingrockets.org>

Information and resources on how young kids learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/spanish>

<http://www.ColorinColorado.org>

Colorín Colorado es un sitio Web bilingüe que provee información, actividades y consejos sobre cómo ayudar a sus niños a que aprendan a leer y tengan éxito en la escuela.

### **Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)**

<http://www.rif.org/parents/>

Tips and activities for parents to encourage children to enjoy reading.

<http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/>

Fun activities, stories, games, and songs for children.

### **PBS**

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/childdevelopment/>

Advice and suggestions on child development for parents.

### **Scholastic Books**

<http://www.scholastic.org/parents/>

Information and activities for parents that encourage a love of learning in children.

<http://www.scholastic.org/kids/>

Games, books, and information on favorite authors for children.

### **Random House Books**

<http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/home.pperl>

Games, contests, and storyhour kits for children.

### **Learning Disabilities Online**

<http://www.ldonline.org>

The leading website with information for parents and kids on learning disabilities and ADHD.