

Great Websites for Families

kids.nypl.org

The New York Public Library's website for children and parents. Write your own book reviews or discover more great books and fun things to do.

www.readingrockets.org

Reading Rockets is a national multimedia project offering information and resources on how children learn to read and how caring adults can help.

www.ColorinColorado.org

Colorín Colorado is a bilingual website for families and educators of English-language learners. Colorín Colorado es un sitio bilingüe para familias y maestros para ayudar a los niños a leer.

www.rif.org

Founded in 1966, Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) is the oldest and largest children's and family nonprofit literacy organization in the United States. Find tips and activities for encouraging your child to read and have a great time, too.

www.rif.org/leer

Let's Read as a Family is RIF's bilingual website for families to read, sing, and share stories together at home. ¡Leamos en familia! es un sitio bilingüe de Reading Is Fundamental, RIF.

www.pbs.org/parents

PBS's website for parents with advice, guides to child development, and other resources. In English and Spanish.

www.gocitykids.com

Click on New York City and get shortcuts to the city at its best. Search for afterschool activities or what to do on a rainy Sunday. Hint: Author events come up first after you pick a day.

www.scholastic.com

Scholastic's website for parents, children, and educators. Find information and activities here to encourage a love of learning in your child.

www.randomhouse.com/kids

Random House's website for children, with games, contests, and information about great authors and their newest books.

www.ldonline.org

LD Online is the leading website with information for parents and children on learning disabilities and ADHD.

Ten Tips for Growing Readers

- 1.** Read aloud to children even as they learn to read by themselves. It is fun and encouraging for them.
- 2.** Set aside a special time to read when you and your family are relaxed.
- 3.** Children enjoy choosing the books that you read aloud together.
- 4.** Don't worry about the reading level. Children enjoy listening to both easy books and books that would be too hard for them to read on their own.
- 5.** Choose books about a topic that especially interests your child.
- 6.** Children often enjoy books in a series with familiar plots and characters.
- 7.** Remember to take a book with you to read together when you go out.
- 8.** Read poetry together. Many poems for children are short, playful, and build vocabulary.
- 9.** Show children you love books. Keep books and magazines at home and let them catch you reading!
- 10.** Visit the library often to choose books and enjoy programs together. Join Summer Reading at your public library!

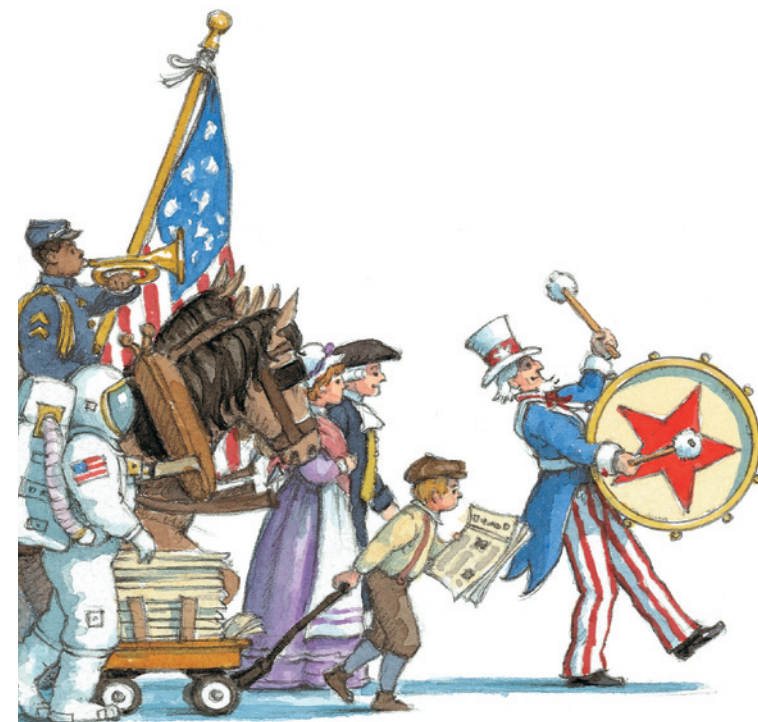
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Adventures in Reading!

Great Books to Share



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10 Great Information Books

Actual Size

by Steve Jenkins. Houghton Mifflin. A crocodile mouth unfolds and a Goliath birdeater tarantula crawls across the page. Illustrated with striking collage art.

The American Story: 100 True Tales from American History

by Jennifer Armstrong. Knopf. From the first colonies to the Great Molasses Flood, from Lizzie Borden to Pac-Man, a nonstop parade of people and places.

Castle

by David Macaulay. Houghton Mifflin. Follow the planning and construction of a 13th-century castle and town.

Gorilla Doctors: Saving Endangered Great Apes

by Pamela S. Turner. Houghton Mifflin. How the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project provides medical care in Rwanda.

The Great Fire

by Jim Murphy. Scholastic. Street maps trace the progression of the 1871 Chicago fire.

The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H. A. Rey

by Louise Borden. Houghton Mifflin. The exciting story of how the creators of everyone's favorite monkey escaped wartime Paris on homemade bicycles.

Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship

by Isabella Hatkoff. Scholastic. After the 2004 tsunami, an orphaned hippo adopts a tortoise as its mother.

Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mysteries of the H. L. Hunley

by Sally M. Walker. Carolrhoda. All about its construction, sinking, recovery, and restoration.

Team Moon

by Catherine Thimmesh. Houghton Mifflin. How 400,000 people landed Apollo 11 on the moon.

The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights
by Russell Freedman. Clarion. A compelling story of the magnificent vocalist.

10 Great Poetry Books to Read Aloud

The Dream Keeper and Other Poems

by Langston Hughes. Knopf. A celebration of the black experience.

Hailstones and Halibut Bones

by Mary O'Neill. Doubleday. Adventures in color.

Laugh-eteria

by Douglas Florian. Harcourt. Humorous poems on ogres, pizza, fear, school, dragons, trees, and hair.

Laughing Out Loud, I Fly: Poems in English and Spanish

by Felipe Herrera. HarperCollins. A poet remembers the people and places of his childhood.

Monster Goose

by Judy Sierra. Harcourt. Nursery rhymes introduce a fiendish assortment of ghouls, mummies, and cannibals.

A Pizza the Size of the Sun

by Jack Prelutsky. Greenwillow. More than 100 funny rhymes and drawings.

A Poke in the I

by Paul Janeczko. Candlewick. Concrete poetry to challenge and delight.

The Random House Book of Poetry for Children

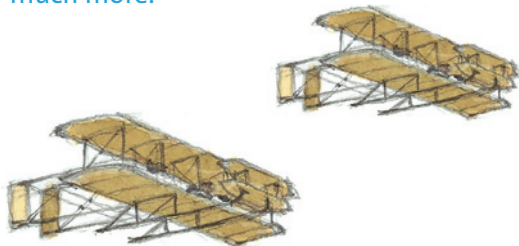
by Jack Prelutsky. Random. Hundreds of poems on animals, seasons, nonsense, and more.

Song of the Water Boatman: & Other Pond Poems

by Joy Sidman. Houghton Mifflin. Dragonflies, painted turtles, and spring peepers sing of seasonal experiences in this strikingly illustrated collection.

Technically, It's Not My Fault: Concrete Poems

by John Grandits. Clarion. An 11-year-old boy shapes humorous poems about school, family, pizza, and much more.



10 Great Stories to Read

The Boggart

by Susan Cooper. McElderry. An ancient and mischievous spirit is accidentally transported from Scotland to Toronto and wreaks havoc for Emily and her brother.

Clementine

by Sara Pennypacker. Hyperion. A quirky third-grader invents bologna eyeglasses, colors her hair green with magic markers, and solves The Great Pigeon War.

The Cricket in Times Square

by George Selden. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. A country cricket suddenly finds himself in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

Frindle

by Andrew Clements. Simon & Schuster. Fifth-grader Nick invents a new word in a funny story about school, teachers, and dictionaries.

Miracle's Boys

by Jacqueline Woodson. Putnam. Three brothers in Harlem try to survive on their own after their mother's death.

Ramona Quimby, Age 8

by Beverly Cleary. Morrow. Ramona enters third grade and her new teacher calls her a "nuisance and show-off."

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

by Kate DiCamillo. Candlewick. A mouse falls in love with the princess of his castle.

Tales Our Abuelitas Told: A Hispanic Folktale Collection

by F. Isabel Campoy. Atheneum. Pérez and Martina and other favorite folk characters animate this lively and handsome collection.

The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963

by Christopher Paul Curtis. Delacorte. A visit to grandma for 10-year-old Kenny and his "weird" family is filled with humor but marked by the tragedy of a church bombing.

The Westing Game

by Ellen Raskin. Dutton. The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs.