



Chapter Books to Read Aloud to Young Children

(Lexile levels are included, as well)



Barrie, J. M. **Peter Pan**. The adventures of the three Darling children in Neverland with Peter Pan, the boy who would not grow up. 920

Baum, Frank. **The Wizard of Oz**. After a cyclone transports her to the land of Oz, Dorothy must seek out the great wizard in order to return to Kansas. 970

Cameron, Ann. **The Most Beautiful Place in the World**. Growing up with his grandmother in a small Guatemalan town, seven-year-old Juan discovers the value of hard work, the joy of learning, and the location of the most beautiful place in the world. 830

Cameron, Ann. **The Stories Julian Tells**. Relates episodes in seven-year-old Julian's life which include getting into trouble with his younger brother Huey, planting a garden, what he did to grow taller, losing a tooth, and finding a new friend. 520

Cleary, Beverly. **Beezus and Ramona** (and others in the series). Beezus worries that she is a terrible person for not loving her disruptive little sister - until her mother and her aunt tell about how things were when they were growing up. 780

Cleary, Beverly. **The Mouse and the Motorcycle** (and others in the series). A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling. 860

Dahl, Roald. **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**. Each of the five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way. 810

Dahl, Roald. **James and the Giant Peach**. A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach. 870

Dalgliesh, Alice. **The Bears on Hemlock Mountain**. A young boy sent on an errand over Hemlock Mountain is not so sure he likes going alone, because there may be bears on the mountain, but with the help of the big iron pot he borrows, he completes his errand. 490

Dalgliesh, Alice **The Courage of Sarah Noble**. Remembering her mother's words, an eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family. 610

Danziger, Paula. **Amber Brown is Not a Crayon** (and others in the series). The year she is in the third grade is a sad time for Amber because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state. 720

Eager, Edward. **Half Magic** (and others in the series). Four children looking forward to an ordinary summer enjoy a series of fantastic adventures by double-wishing on an ancient coin. 830

Enright, Elizabeth. **Gone-away Lake**. Portia and her cousin Julian discover summer adventure in a hidden colony of forgotten summer houses on the shores of a swampy lake. 760

Enright, Elizabeth. **Zeee**. A tiny fairy, who hates people because they are always destroying her houses and cannot see her, finds a special Person and a splendid house.

Estes, Eleanor. **The Hundred Dresses**. None of her classmates pay much attention to Wanda Petronski until she announces she has 100 dresses in her closet. Everyone laughs and teases her so much that she stops coming to school. Then her classmates discover she really does have 100 dresses and discover something about teasing and themselves. 870

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. **My Father's Dragon** (and others in the series). A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island. 990

Hurwitz, Johanna. **Rip-roaring Russell** (and others in the series). Five-year-old Russell goes to nursery school and has various adventures growing up, but sometimes he wishes he could stay home like his baby sister. 600

King-Smith, Dick. **Lady Lollipop**. A quick-witted swineherd and a pig named Lollipop are royally rewarded after they reform a spoiled princess. 740

King-Smith, Dick **The Merman**. While on vacation in Scotland on her tenth birthday, Zeta meets a wise, kindly old merman who teaches her not only to swim, but also many, many more fascinating things. 790

King-Smith, Dick **A Mouse Called Wolf**. A mouse with an unusual name shares his musical gift with a widowed concert pianist. 950

King-Smith, Dick **Sophie's Snail**. Follows the humorous adventures of four-year-old Sophie as she pursues her dream of becoming a farmer.

King-Smith, Dick. **The Stray**. When seventy-five-year-old Henny Hickathrift runs away from the old people's home, she meets five children and their parents who welcome her into their family. 840

Le Guin, Ursula. **Catwings** (and others in the series). Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two children with kind hands. 700

Lowry, Lois. **Gooney Bird Greene**. A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name. 590

MacDonald, Betty. **Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle** (and others in the series). From her upside-down house, the eccentric Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle issues to parents her marvelous cures for such common children's diseases as Won't-Put-Away-Toy-it is, Answerbackism, and Fighter-Quarrelitis. 1070

McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody**. Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage. 530

Milne, A. A. **Winnie the Pooh**. The adventures of Christopher Robin and his friends in which Pooh Bear uses a balloon to get honey, Piglet meets a Heffalump, and Eeyore has a birthday. 790

Nagda, Ann Whitehead. **Dear Whiskers**. Jenny is discouraged when her second grade pen pal turns out to be a new student from Saudi Arabia who doesn't speak English very well, but as she works with her they slowly become friends. 400

Park, Barbara. **Junie B. Jones and the Stupid, Smelly Bus** (and others in the series). In her own words, a young girl describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home. 380

Peterson, John. **The Littles** (and others in the series). When the Biggs go on a three-month vacation and an untidy family from the city moves into the house, the Littles must take action. 460

Robinson, Barbara. **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**. The six mean Herdman kids lie, steal, smoke cigars (even the girls) and then become involved in the community Christmas pageant. 930

Rylant, Cynthia. **The Blue Hill Meadows.** Tells the story of the Meadow family and the life they lead in the quiet country town of Blue Hill, Virginia. 840

Rylant, Cynthia **Gooseberry Park.** When a storm separates Stumpy the squirrel from her newborn babies, her animal friends come to the rescue. 780

Selden, George. **The Cricket in Time's Square.** The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat. 780

White, E. B. **Charlotte's Web.** Wilbur the pig is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him. 680

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. **The Little House in the Big Woods** (and others in the series). A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier, as they help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions with relatives and neighbors. 930