THE ENCHANTED HOUR

THE MIRACULOUS POWER OF READING ALOUD IN THE AGE OF DISTRACTION

MEGHAN COX GURDON
All highly recommended!

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, by Jules Verne
Abel's Island, by William Steig
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, by Sherman Alexie
Adam of the Road, by Elizabeth Gray, illustrated by Robert Lawson
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll, illustrated by John Tenniel
The Amazing Bone, by William Steig
Andrew's Loose Tooth, by Robert Munsch
Around the World with Ant and Bee, by Angela Banner
Art & Max, by David Wiesner
Art Up Close, by Claire d'Harcourt
The BabyLit Series, by Jennifer Adams, illustrated by Alison Oliver
A Baby Sister for Frances, by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Lillian Hoban
The Bear Ate Your Sandwich, by Julia Sarcone-Roach
Beowulf, retold by Michael Morpurgo, illustrated by Michael Foreman
The BFG, by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake
The Big Honey Hunt, by Stan and Jan Berenstain
The Birchbark House, by Louise Erdrich
Boy, by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake
Brush of the Gods, by Lenore Look, illustrated by Meilo So
The Bunny Book, by Patsy Scarry, illustrated by Richard Scarry
A Butterfly Is Patient, by Dianna Hutts Aston, illustrated by Sylvia Long
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Quentin Blake
Charlotte's Web, by E. B. White, illustrated by Garth Williams
A Child's Book of Art: Great Pictures, First Words, by Lucy Micklethwait
A Child's History of the World, by Virgil Hillyer, illustrated by Carle Michel
Boog and M. S. Wright
The Chronicles of Narnia, by C. S. Lewis
Read-Aloud Books Mentioned in *The Enchanted Hour*

The Cozy Classics Series, by Jack Wang and Holman Wang
*Cricket in Times Square*, by George Selden
*Curious George*, by H. A. Rey and Margret Rey
*D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths*, by Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
*The Day the Crayons Quit*, by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers
*Dear Zoo*, by Rod Campbell
*Demolition*, by Sally Sutton, illustrated by Brian Lovelock
*Dominic*, by William Steig
*The Emperor's New Clothes*, by Hans Christian Andersen, illustrated by Virginia Lee Burton
*Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury
*Farmer Boy*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder, illustrated by Garth Williams
*The Fault in Our Stars*, by John Green
*The Fellowship of the Ring*, by J. R. R. Tolkien
*Finding Winnie*, by Lindsay Mattick, illustrated by Sophie Blackall
*The Fire Station*, by Robert Munsch
*Flotsam*, by David Wiesner
*Fortune*, by Diane Stanley
*Frog, Where Are You?*, by Mercer Mayer
*The Giver*, by Lois Lowry
*Go, Dog. Go!*, by P. D. Eastman
*Good Night, Gorilla*, by Peggy Rathmann
*Goodnight iPad*, by “Ann Droyd,” a.k.a. David Milgrim
*Goodnight Moon*, by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Clement Hurd
*Green Eggs and Ham*, by Dr. Seuss
*Grimm's Fairy Tales*, by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm
*The Gruffalo*, by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler
*Guess How Much I Love You*, by Sam McBratney, illustrated by Anita Jeram
*The Happy Lion*, by Louise Fatio, illustrated by Roger Duvoisin
*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, by J. K. Rowling, illustrated by Mary GrandPré
*His Royal Highness, King Baby*, by Sally Lloyd-Jones, illustrated by David Roberts
*The Hobbit*, by J. R. R. Tolkien
*Holes*, by Louis Sachar
*The House of Sixty Fathers*, by Meindert DeJong, illustrated by Maurice Sendak
*The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins
*I Love You to the Moon and Back*, by Amelia Hepworth, illustrated by Tim Warnes
*Iliad*, retold by Gillian Cross, illustrated by Neil Packer
*The Island of the Blue Dolphins*, by Scott O’Dell
*Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang*, by Mordecai Richler, illustrated by Dušan Petričić
Read-Aloud Books Mentioned in The Enchanted Hour

*James and the Giant Peach*, by Roald Dahl, illustrated by Lane Smith
*Johnny Tremain*, by Esther Forbes, illustrated by Lynd Ward
*The Jungle Book*, “Rikki-Tikki-Tavi,” by Rudyard Kipling
*Just So Stories*, “How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin,” by Rudyard Kipling
*Kangaroo and Crocodile: My Big Book of Australian Animals*, by Bronwyn Bancroft
*Kidnapped*, by Robert Louis Stevenson, illustrated by N. C. Wyeth
*The Killer Angels*, by Michael Shaara
*King Arthur’s Very Great Grandson*, by Kenneth Kraegel
*A Kingdom Far and Clear*, by Mark Helprin, illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg
*The Light in the Forest*, by Conrad Richter
*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C. S. Lewis, illustrated by Pauline Baynes
*Little Eagle*, by Chen Jiang Hong
*The Little Prince*, by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
*A Little Princess*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett, illustrated by Tasha Tudor
*Little Town on the Prairie*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder, illustrated by Garth Williams
*Logan's Run*, by William F. Nolan and George Clayton Johnson
*The Long Winter*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder, illustrated by Garth Williams
*Madeline*, by Ludwig Bemelmans
*The Maggie B*, by Irene Haas
*The Magic Horse of Han Gan*, by Chen Jiang Hong
*Mary Poppins*, by P. L. Travers, illustrated by Mary Shepard
*The Merry Chase*, by Clement Hurd
*Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*, by Virginia Lee Burton
*Mr. Wuffles!*, by David Wiesner
*Mutiny on the Bounty*, by William Bligh
*My Father’s Dragon*, by Ruth Stiles Gannett, illustrated by Ruth Chrisman Gannett
*Not Now, Bernard*, by David McKee
*The Odyssey*, retold by Gillian Cross, illustrated by Neil Packer
*Old Mother West Wind*, by Thornton W. Burgess
*One Grain of Rice*, by Demi
*Oscar Wilde Stories for Children*, “The Happy Prince” and “The Selfish Giant,” by Oscar Wilde, illustrated by P. J. Lynch
*Outside Over There*, by Maurice Sendak
*The Outsiders*, by S. E. Hinton
*The Owl and the Pussycat*, by Edward Lear, illustrated by Robert Ingpen
*Peek-a-Boo!*, by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
*Peter Pan*, by J. M. Barrie
*Pinocchio*, by Carlo Collodi, illustrated by Roberto Innocenti
*Pip and Posy*, by Axel Scheffler

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Read-Aloud Books Mentioned in The Enchanted Hour

*Pippi Goes on Board*, by Astrid Lindgren, illustrated by Florence Lamborn
*Rapunzel*, by Paul O. Zelinsky
*Redwall*, by Brian Jacques
*Rip Van Winkle*, by Washington Irving
*Rumpelstiltskin*, by Paul O. Zelinsky
*Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*, by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Jon Klassen
*The Sand Castle Contest*, by Robert Munsch
*The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett, illustrated by Tasha Tudor
*The Seven Wise Princesses*, by Wafa Tarnowska, illustrated by Nilesh Mistry
*The Shadow*, by Donna Diamond
*Sleepy Solar System*, by John Hutton, illustrated by Doug Cenko
*The Snowy Day*, by Ezra Jack Keats
*Solomon Crocodile*, by Catherine Rayner
*The Story About Ping*, by Marjorie Flack, illustrated by Kurt Wiese
*The Story of Babar*, by Jean de Brunhoff
*The Story of Ferdinand*, by Munro Leaf, illustrated by Robert Lawson
*Struwwelpeter*, by Heinrich Hoffman
*Stuart Little*, by E. B. White, illustrated by Garth Williams
*The Swiss Family Robinson*, by Johann Wyss
*Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*, by William Steig
*The Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle*, by Beatrix Potter
*The Tales of Mother Goose*, by Charles Perrault, illustrated by Gustave Doré
*Tawny Scrawny Lion*, by Katherine Jackson, illustrated by Gustaf Tenggren
*This Is Not My Hat*, by Jon Klassen
*Through the Looking Glass*, “Jabberwocky,” by Lewis Carroll, illustrated by Sir John Tenniel
*The Tinderbox*, retold by Stephen Mitchell, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline
*The Touch the Art Series* and *Brush Mona Lisa's Hair*, by Amy Guglielmo and Julie Appel
*The Travels of Babar*, by Jean de Brunhoff
*Treasure Island*, by Robert Louis Stevenson
*Turtles All the Way Down*, by John Green
*The Underneath*, by Kathi Appelt, illustrated by David Small
*Utterly Lovely One*, by Mary Murphy
*The Wind in the Willows*, by Kenneth Grahame, illustrated by Arthur Rackham
*Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A. A. Milne, illustrated by Ernest H. Shepard
*The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*, by Joan Aiken, illustrated by Pat Marriott
*The Wonderful World of Oz*, by L. Frank Baum, illustrated by W. W. Denslow
*A Wrinkle in Time*, by Madeleine L’Engle
*Young Titan: The Making of Winston Churchill*, by Michael Shelden
Adventures in the Wide World

Black Ships Before Troy, by Rosemary Sutcliff, illustrated by Alan Lee
Clever Ali, by Nancy Farmer, illustrated by Gail de Marcken
Cloud Tea Monkeys, by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham, illustrated by Juan Wijngaard
How I Learned Geography, by Uri Shulevitz
Night Sky Dragons, by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham, illustrated by Patrick Benson
Pippi Longstocking, by Astrid Lindgren
Rosie’s Magic Horse, by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Quentin Blake

Artful Books

The Art Book for Children, volumes 1 & 2, by the editors of Phaidon Press
Babar’s Museum of Art, by Laurent de Brunhoff
Blue Rider, by Geraldo Valério
The First Drawing, by Mordicai Gerstein
Imagine!, by Raúl Colón
Lives of the Great Artists, by Charlie Ayers
Old Masters Rock, by Maria-Christina Sayn-Wittgenstein Nottebohm

Bedtime

And If the Moon Could Talk, by Kate Banks, illustrated by Georg Hallensleben
The Bear in the Book, by Kate Banks, illustrated by Georg Hallensleben
The Big Red Barn, by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Felicia Bond
The Prince Won’t Go to Bed!, by Dayle Ann Dodds, illustrated by Krysten Brooker
More Suggested Stories for Reading Aloud

**Power Down, Little Robot**, by Anna Staniszewski, illustrated by Tim Zeltner
**What Can You Do with a Shoe?**, by Beatrice de Regniers, illustrated by Maurice Sendak
**Where’s My Teddy?**, by Jez Alborough

**Being Kind**

**Gorilla! Gorilla!**, by Jeanne Willis, illustrated by Tony Ross
**The Hundred Dresses**, by Eleanor Estes, illustrated by Louis Slobodkin
**I Walk with Vanessa**, by Kerascoët
**Last Stop on Market Street**, by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson
**Stella’s Starliner**, by Rosemary Wells
**The Wild Girl**, by Chris Wormell
**Wolf in the Snow**, by Matthew Cordell

**Being Small**

**Du Iz Tak?**, by Carson Ellis
**Emily’s Balloon**, by Komako Sakai
**Edward’s First Night Away**, by Rosemary Wells
**King Jack and the Dragon**, by Peter Bently, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury
**Little Wolf’s First Howling**, by Laura McGee Kvasnowsky and Kate Harvey McGee
**The Tilly and Friends books**, by Polly Dunbar
**Waiting**, by Kevin Henkes

**Cars and Trucks and Things That Go Vroom**

**20 Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street**, by Mark Lee, illustrated by Kurt Cyrus
**Demolition**, by Sally Sutton, illustrated by Brian Lovelock
**Fire Truck**, by Peter Sís
**Here Comes the Train**, by Charlotte Voake
**Machines Go to Work**, by William Low
**Machines Go to Work in the City**, by William Low
**The Caboose Who Got Loose**, by Bill Peet

**Concept Books, illustrated by Counting, Colors, Opposites**

**Alphablock**, by Christopher Franceschelli, illustrated by Peskimo
**Before After**, by Anne-Margot Ramstein & Mathias Arégui
**Cockatoos**, by Quentin Blake
More Suggested Stories for Reading Aloud

Ducks Away!, by Mem Fox, illustrated by Judy Horacek
Llamaphones, by Janik Coat
My Pictures After the Storm, by Éric Veillé
Opposites, by Xavier Deneux

Embracing Eccentricity

Cecil the Pet Glacier, by Matthea Harvey, illustrated by Giselle Potter
Henry Huggins, by Beverly Cleary, illustrated by Louis Darling
How Tom Beat Captain Najork and His Hired Sportsmen, by Russell Hoban,
illustrated by Quentin Blake
Imogene’s Antlers, by David Small
Marshall Armstrong Is New to Our School, by David Mackintosh
Martha Speaks, by Susan Meddaugh
Traction Man Meets Turbo Dog, by Mini Grey

Fables & Just Desserts

The Chinese Emperor’s New Clothes, by Ying Chang Compestine, illustrated by
David Roberts
The Goat-Faced Girl, by Leah Marinsky Sharpe, illustrated by Jane Marinsky
Hubert’s Hair-Raising Adventure, by Bill Peet
Just So Stories, by Rudyard Kipling
Lousy Rotten Stinkin’ Grapes, by Margie Palatini, illustrated by Barry Moser
The Storyteller, by Evan Turk
The Wolf, the Duck, and the Mouse, by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Jon Klassen

Fairy and Folk Tales, Old and New

The Bearskinner, by Laura Amy Schlitz, illustrated by Max Grafe
Brave Red, Smart Frog, by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Rohan Daniel Eason
The Girl with a Brave Heart, by Rita Jahanforuz, illustrated by Vali Mintzi
Iron Hans, by Stephen Mitchell, illustrated by Matt Tavares
The Jungle Grapevine, by Alex Beard
Robin Hood, by David Calcutt, illustrated by Grahame Baker-Smith
The White Elephant, by Sid Fleishman, illustrated by Robert McGuire

Family Life

Blackout, by John Rocco
Building Our House, by Jonathan Bean
More Suggested Stories for Reading Aloud

*Leave Me Alone!*, by Vera Brosgol
*The Money We’ll Save*, by Brock Cole
*Rotten Ralph*, by Jack Gantos, illustrated by Nicole Rubel
*Toys Go Out and Toys Come Home and Toy Dance Party*, by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky
*Yard Sale*, by Eve Bunting, illustrated by Lauren Castillo

**Finding One’s Place**
*The Obvious Elephant*, by Bruce Robinson, illustrated by Sophie Windham
*Wee Gillis*, by Munro Leaf, illustrated by Robert Lawson
*Leon the Chameleon*, by Mélanie Watt
*Noodle*, by Munro Leaf, illustrated by Ludwig Bemelmans
*Make Way for Ducklings*, by Robert McCloskey
*Piper*, by Emma Chichester Clark
*Library Lion*, by Michelle Knudsen, illustrated by Kevin Hawkes

**Friendship and Love**
The Chirri & Chirra books, by Kaya Doi, translated from the Japanese by Yuki Kaneko
*The Happy Lion Roars*, by Louise Fatio, illustrated by Roger Duvoisin
*Martin Pebble*, by Jean-Jacques Sempé
*Paul Meets Bernadette*, by Rosy Lamb
*The Reluctant Dragon*, by Kenneth Grahame, illustrated by Ernest H. Shepard
*The Runaway Bunny*, by Margaret Wise Brown, illustrated by Clement Hurd
*The Song of Delphine*, by Kenneth Kraegel

**Heavy Treasures**
*The American Story*, by Jennifer Armstrong, illustrated by Roger Roth
*The Annotated African American Folktales*, by Maria Tatar with Henry Louis Gates Jr.
*The Brambly Hedge Treasury*, by Jill Barklem
*Complete Adventures of Curious George*, by H. A. Rey and Margret Rey
*Maps*, by Aleksandra Mizielinska and Daniel Mizielinski
*Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki*, by Kevin Crossley-Holland, illustrated by Jeffrey Alan Love
*The World of Robert McCloskey*, by Robert McCloskey
More Suggested Stories for Reading Aloud

Ingenuity and Enterprise

*The Arabian Nights*, by Wafa’ Tarnowska, illustrated by Carole Henaff
*Anatole and Anatole and the Cat*, by Eve Titus, illustrated by Paul Galdone
*The Donut Chef*, by Bob Staake
*The Duchess Bakes a Cake*, by Virginia Kahl
*The Dunderheads*, by Paul Fleischman, illustrated by David Roberts
*Good Enough to Eat*, by Brock Cole
*Stone Soup*, by Marcia Brown

Lengthier Stories for Young Listeners

*Ash Road*, by Ivan Southall
*A Drowned Maiden’s Hair*, by Laura Amy Schlitz
*The Graveyard Book*, by Neal Gaiman, illustrated by Dave McKean
*Half Magic and Magic by the Lake*, by Edward Eager, illustrated by N. M. Bodecker
*The Inquisitor’s Tale*, by Adam Gitwitz, illustrated by Hatem Aly
*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline
*A Tale Dark and Grim*, by Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by Dan Santat

Poetry and Rhymes

*17 Kings and 42 Elephants*, by Margaret Mahy, illustrated by Patricia MacCarthy
*Beastly Verse*, by JooHee Yoon
*A Child’s Garden of Verses*, by Robert Louis Stevenson, illustrated by Tasha Tudor
*Life Doesn’t Frighten Me*, by Maya Angelou, illustrated by paintings by Jean-Michel Basquiat
*Orange Pear Apple Bear*, by Emily Gravett
*They All Saw a Cat*, by Brendan Wenzel
*What the Ladybug Heard*, by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Lydia Monks

Seek-and-Find

*Fish on a Walk*, by Eva Muggenthaler
*In the Town All Year ’Round*, by Rotraut Susanne Berner
*Lost and Found: Adèle and Simon in China*, by Barbara McClintock
*One Is Not a Pair*, by Britta Teckentrup
More Suggested Stories for Reading Aloud

Undercover, by Bastien Contraire
Where’s Walrus?, by Stephen Savage
Where’s Warhol?, by Catherine Ingram, illustrated by Andrew Rae

Stories from the Real World

Dadblamed Union Army Cow, by Susan Fletcher, illustrated by Kimberly Bulcken Root
Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker, by Patricia Hruby Powell, illustrated by Christian Robinson
Shackleton’s Journey and The Wolves of Currumpaw, by William Grill
Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building, by Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by James E. Ransome
Strong Man: The Story of Charles Atlas, by Meghan McCarthy
Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes, by Nicola Davies, illustrated by Emily Sutton
Wise Guy: The Life and Philosophy of Socrates, by M. D. Usher, illustrated by William Bramhall

Strong Feelings

Brave Martha, by Margot Apple
The Funeral, by Matt James
Gorilla, by Anthony Browne
Grumpy Bird, by Jeremy Tankard
Jabari Jumps, by Gaia Cornwall
Maybe a Bear Ate It!, by Robie H. Harris, illustrated by Michael Emberley
The Terrible Plop, by Ursula Dubosarsky, illustrated by Andrew Joyner

Witty Wordplay

The Alphabet Thief, by Bill Richardson, illustrated by Roxana Bikadoroff
Bashful Bob and Doleful Dorinda, by Margaret Atwood, illustrated by Dušan Petričić
Betty’s Burgled Bakery, by Travis Nichols
Mirror Mirror, by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by Joëlle Masse
Mom and Dad Are Palindromes, by Mark Shulman, illustrated by Adam McCauley
Stegothesaurus, by Bridget Heos, illustrated by T. L. McBeth
Take Away the A and Where’s the Baboon?, by Michaeël Escoffier, illustrated by Kris di Giacamo
More Suggested Stories for Reading Aloud

Wordless Picture Books

_The Chicken Thief_ and _Fox and Hen Together_, by Béatrice Rodriguez
_The Farmer and the Clown_, by Marla Frazee
_The Hero of Little Street_, by Gregory Rogers
_Ice_, by Arthur Geisert
_Journey_ and _Quest_ and _Return_, by Aaron Becker
_The Red Book_ and _Red Again_, by Barbara Lehman
_Wave_, by Suzy Lee

FOR OLDER LISTENERS

Classic Stories

“The Body Snatcher,” by Robert Louis Stevenson
“Green Sealing Wax,” by Colette
“The Ice Maiden,” by Hans Christian Andersen
“The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,” by Washington Irving
“The Lumber Room,” by Saki
“The Necklace,” by Guy de Maupassant
_A Study in Scarlet_, by Arthur Conan Doyle
“The Tell-Tale Heart,” by Edgar Allan Poe
“To Build a Fire,” by Jack London

Classic Novels and Novellas

_Animal Farm_, by George Orwell
_A Christmas Carol_, by Charles Dickens
_The Code of the Woosters_, by P. G. Wodehouse
_The Death of Ivan Ilych_, by Leo Tolstoy
_Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde_, by Robert Louis Stevenson
_Emma_, by Jane Austen
_The Great Gatsby_, by F. Scott Fitzgerald
_The Haunting of Hill House_, by Shirley Jackson
_True Grit_, by Charles Portis