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As you read to groups of children, keep a record with a brief evaluation of the experience. Note reactions and any long unnecessary descriptive sections you may want to cut out in future readings. Kimmel and Segal suggest a simple form for this purpose in their book, For Reading Out Loud (pages 220-222).

Most of all, find and share good books with others. Children may not remember you personally, but they will remember the books that bless their lives. If they can't read, don't want to read, or just like to listen, make sure they still have the opportunity to know good books. It doesn't cost a thing but time and caring. Our libraries can supply the books, and librarians often have favorites to suggest for reading aloud. Many sources recommend good books—some even specialize in books to be read aloud. A few of them are listed below for your information. Some selections of actual books to read aloud to various age groups are given as well. Now, it's up to us.

GUIDES FOR FINDING GOOD BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

General:

(Helpful, although not written specifically to recommend books for reading aloud.)

(Recommends books by type (e.g., Sing-along; Fantasy) for five age ranges: Ages 1-2; Preschool-Grade 2; Grades 3-5; Grades 6-7; Grades 8 and up.)

Elementary and Middle School

(Recommends 140 books. Discusses why each is a good read-aloud. Gives suggested listening level.)
Infant through Grade 8:

(Includes: Wordless books; Picture books; Short novels; Novels; Poetry; Anthologies. Suggests listening level.)

Adult Books for Young Adults:

(Intended for booktalking. Includes many standard books that should not be forgotten and would make excellent books for reading aloud.)

BOOKS TO SHARE WITH ONE OR TWO

Wordless Books

Ah-Choo, Mercer Mayer (Dial, 1976)
Changes, Changes, Pat Hutchins (Macmillan, 1971)
Look What I Can Do, Jose Aruego (Scribner, 1971)
Noah's Ark, Peter Spier (Doubleday, 1977)
Pancakes for Breakfast, Tomie de Paola (Harcourt, 1978)
Truck, Donald Crews (Greenwillow, 1980)

Picture Books

Ben's Trumpet, Rachel Isadora (Greenwillow, 1979). Preschool-Grade 2.
If I Ran the Zoo, Dr. Seuss (Random, 1950). Preschool-Grade 4.
Tikki Tikki Tembo, Arlene Mosel; illustrated by Blair Lent (Holt, 1968). Preschool-Grade 3.
The *Very Hungry Caterpillar*, Eric Carle (Collins, 1969). Toddlers-
Grade 1.

*William's Doll*, Charlotte Zolotow; illustrated by William Pene du

**BOOKS TO READ TO GROUPS**

The *Courage of Sarah Noble*, Alice Dalgliesh (Scribner, 1954).
Grades K-3.


Grades 2-6.


Grades 3-6.

How to Eat Fried Worms, Thomas Rockwell (Franklin Watts, 1973).
Grades 3-6.

Grades 3-8.

The *White Mountains*, John Christopher (Macmillan, 1967).
Grades 4-6.

Grades 4-6.


*Slake's Limbo*, Felice Holman (Scribner, 1974). Grades 6-8.