

# For Older Listeners



**The Crossover by Kwame Alexander | TF ALE**  
Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.



**Far From the Tree by Robin Benway | TF BEN**  
A beautiful, interweaving story of three very different teenagers connected by blood that explores the meaning of family in all its forms.



**The Nest by Kenneth Oppel | TF OPP**  
When wasps come to Steve in a dream, offering to fix his sick baby brother, he thinks all he has to do is say "yes"--but "yes" may not mean what Steve thinks it means.

## Why is reading aloud to school-aged kids important?

Here's what your child(ren) may gain from your read-alouds:

### Literacy skills

- Improved vocabulary, listening comprehension, phonics, and familiarity with the printed word
- Children can listen at a higher level than what they can read on their own, so read-alouds also make more complex stories and ideas accessible

### Love of reading

- Your example shows your child(ren) that reading is important, pleasurable, and valued

### Bonding time

- Reading together provides an opportunity to be close to your child(ren) and make memories together

**Want to learn more?** Jim Trelease's Read-Aloud Handbook (Adult Nonfiction 372.452 TRE) is an excellent resource!



## Need more reading suggestions?

LPL's Youth Services staff is happy to help!  
Just ask at the Youth Services Desk  
or call 972-219-3577.

# FAMILY READ-ALoud CLUB RECOMMENDED READS

Great read-aloud books for families of school-aged youth!

## For Young Listeners



**Little Cat's Luck by Marian Dane Bauer\* | JF BAU**  
A little cat names Patches manages to push out a window screen and leave her house, chasing a falling leaf, and sets out to find a special place to call her own.



**Summer According to Humphrey by Betty Birney\*^ | JF BIR**  
When summer arrives, Humphrey, the pet hamster of Longfellow School's Room 26, is surprised and pleased to learn that he will be going to Camp Happy Hollow.



**The Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin | JF CRO**  
A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.



**Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo\* | JF DIM**  
Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big, ugly dog, Winn-Dixie.



**Dory and the Real True Friend by Abby Hanlon^ | JF HAN**  
Dory, a highly-imaginative youngest child, makes a new friend at school, but her brother and sister are sure Rosabelle is imaginary, just like all of Dory's other friends.



**The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes | JF HEN**  
Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents, and learned many important lessons.



**Charlotte's Web by E.B. White\* | JF WHI**  
The life of Wilbur, the pig, is saved by a girl who talks to animals and a spider who weaves strange messages.

\* = author has additional great read-aloud books  
^ = part of a series or has companion books



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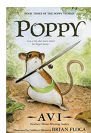
## For Middle Listeners



**The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate\*<sup>^</sup> | JF APP  
When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out, circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant who has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.



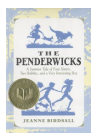
**Mr. Popper's Penguins** by Richard Atwater<sup>^</sup> | JF ATW  
The delivery of a crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life of Mr. Popper's family.



**Poppy** by Avi\*<sup>^</sup> | JF AVI  
A deer mouse wants to move to a field where there is more food, but a mean owl has different ideas.



**Tuck Everlasting** by Natalie Babbitt<sup>^</sup> | JF BAB  
What will the Tuck family do when the secret about their anti-aging spring water is discovered?



**The Penderwicks: a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy** by Jeanne Birdsall<sup>^</sup> | JF BIR  
Vacationing in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters share adventures with a local boy.



**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** by Judy Blume\*<sup>^</sup> | JF BLU  
Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.



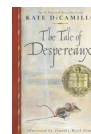
**The War that Saved My Life** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
JF BRA  
A young, disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life much sweeter away from their abusive mother.



**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl\*<sup>^</sup> | JF DAH  
The gates of Mr. Willy Wonka's chocolate factory are opening at last for five lucky children to enter.



## For Middle Listeners (continued)



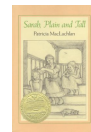
**The Tale of Despereaux: being the story of a mouse, a princess, some soup, and a spool of thread** by Kate DiCamillo\*  
JF DIC  
The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, a princess that he loves, a servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat.



**Fish in a Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt | JF HUN  
Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.



**Amina's Voice** by Hena Khan | JF KHA  
A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.



**Sarah, Plain and Tall** by Patricia MacLachlan\*<sup>^</sup> | JF MAC  
Caleb and Anna are captivated by a mail-order bride their father invites to come live with them.



**Anne of Green Gables** by Lucy M. Montgomery<sup>^</sup> | JF MON  
A spunky eleven-year-old orphan comes to live on a Prince Edward Island farm.



**Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson | JF PAT  
A ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia becomes friends with a newcomer who meets an untimely death.



**Where the Red Fern Grows** by Wilson Rawls | JF RAW  
Billy trains his two dogs to be the finest hunting team in the valley, proving bravery in the face of danger.



**The Adventures of Nanny Piggins** by R.A. Spratt<sup>^</sup> | JF SPR  
When Mr. Green decides to find a nanny for his three children, he winds hiring an ex-circus pig.

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