

2018 Read Alouds: Primary



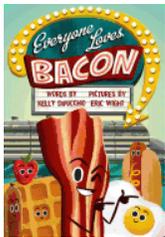
Barnacle is Bored, by Jonathan Fenske

The waves wash in and out, the sun comes up and goes down. Bored Barnacle thinks fish have all the fun until.....!



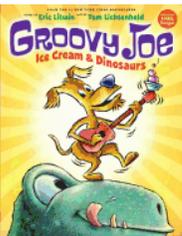
Bunny Slopes, by Claudia Rueda

This is a fun interactive book in which the reader will be shaking, patting and titling the book to help a young bunny enjoy a day of skiing. An unexpected surprise awaits bunny at the end of the story.



Everyone Loves Bacon, by Kelly DiPucchio

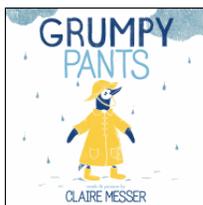
"Stuck on himself" Bacon revels in all the attention he receives at the expense of ignoring real friends, thinking fans are more valuable. The limelight glow only lasts a short time as a fork heads his way!



Groovy Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs,

by Eric Litwin

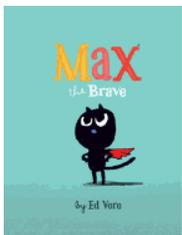
Groovy Joe shares his ice cream with some dinosaurs, but what happens when it runs out? Eric Litwin introduces us to another great character in this book, along with great rhyming and call and response text that children will want to read (and sing) over and over!



Grumpy Pants, by Claire Messer

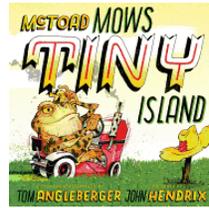
We all have grumpy days, just like the penguin in this book. "He didn't know why and he didn't care." But then he sheds his grumpy clothes and discovers the soothing effects of a warm bath.

He goes to bed, "...knowing that tomorrow would be a good day".



Max the Brave, by Ed Vere

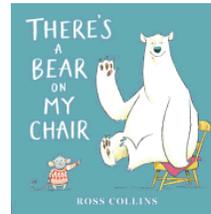
Max is a brave, fearless kitten who chases mice! At least he was until he met a green monster with BIG teeth who swallowed him first, prior to coughing him up!



McToad Mows Tiny Island, by

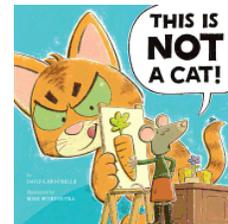
Tom Angleberger

Angleberger uses rhyming and alliteration, amongst bright, full-color illustrations, to tell the story of McToad mowing Tiny Island. To get his big mower to Tiny Island, McToad uses a truck, train forklift, baggage buggy, airplane, helicopter, boat and a crane.



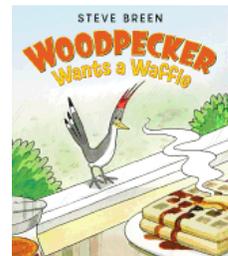
There's a Bear on My Chair, by Ross Collins

Mouse is unhappy that Bear is in his chair and there is no room for him. He tries everything to get the bear to leave. Nothing works until



This is NOT a Cat, by David LaRoche

At Sunny Hill Mice School the teacher is showing the students how to recognize danger--until real danger shows up. Will they recognize it?

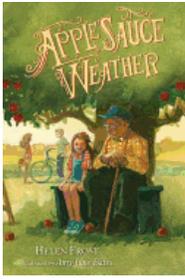


Woodpecker Wants a Waffle,

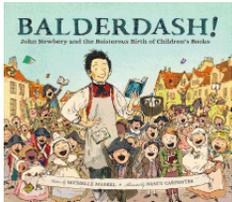
by Steve Breen

Woodpecker thinks waffles must be delicious, but woodpeckers are not welcome in the restaurant. In spite of alliterative advice from his animal friends, he devises a tricky plan to get some waffles. Will it work? Get ready for a tricky ending!

2018 Read Alouds: Upper Elementary

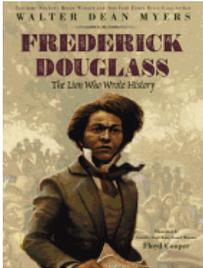


Applesauce Weather, by Helen Frost
Told in verse by Indiana author Helen Frost. Apples are falling and Peter and Faith knows it's time to make applesauce. This year will be different without Aunt Lucy. Will Uncle Arthur still come? Apple time will not be the same without him.

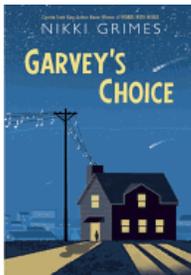


Balderdash! : John Newbery and the Boisterous Birth of Children's Books, by Michelle Markle
Markle's text, combined with colorful full-page illustrations, frequently on double-page spreads, tell the history of John Newbery, an avid reader who

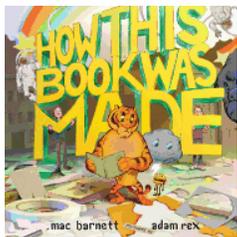
wanted to publish "delightful" stories children would love, such as "Goody Two-Shoes."



Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History, by Walter Dean Myers
See how learning to read made Frederick "unfit" for a slave, led to his freedom from slavery, and helped him promote justice and equality for all Americans. His "soft" literate revolution became a "lion's roar" toward understanding and change.



Garvey's Choice, by Nikki Grimes
Written in Tanka Poetry form that tells the story of Garvey. Garvey is an overweight middle school student whose father wants him to be an athlete, but Garvey has no interest in sports. When Garvey goes out for the school choir, his life changes forever. Will his father approve?



How This Book Was Made, by Mac Barnett
Barnett's text, along with the humorous full-color, full-page illustrations of Adam Rex, sometimes on double-page spreads, craftily introduce readers on how a book is made! Tiger is a hilarious guide in the

process!



Moo, by Sharon Creech
Written in free verse, this book tells the story of a family's move from the big city to rural Maine. As if living out in the country isn't bad enough, Reena is forced to help take care of farm animals for a cranky old lady down the road. What starts out as a

negative experience for Reena turns into an appreciation and love for a very stubborn cow named Zora and her owner Mrs. Falala.

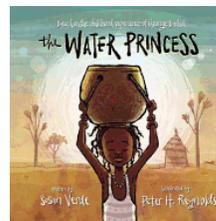


Save Me a Seat, by Sarah Weeks
Told in alternating chapters, Joe and Ravi are two unlikely 5th graders that build-up a friendship and try to deal with a bully at school. Joe is starting over at school since his best friends have moved away and Ravi is new to America as an immigrant from India. Can they learn to appreciate their cultural differences, and ultimately, themselves?



Swan: The Life and Dance of Anna Pavlova, by Laurel Snyder
"Shirt, shirt, laundry. Shirt, shirt laundry." See how dancing during hard work lead Anna Pavlova to becoming one of the world's greatest ballerinas and how her craft became an inspiration to others in all walks of life. The stage is yours, fairy

tale Swan.



The Water Princess, by Susan Verde
Princess Gie Gie must walk many miles with her mother each day to draw water from the river. Based on the childhood of Georgie Badiel, fashion model and activist for clean water, this beautifully illustrated book will bring

awareness of problems facing children in other parts of the world.



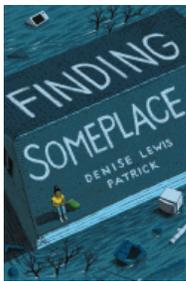
The Wild Robot, by Peter Brown
Can robots adapt to survive in the wild? When ROZZUM Unit 7134 (Roz) is shipwrecked on an island and accidentally activated by some curious otters, she must learn how to function in a wilderness. Her adventures are sure to stimulate discussions about the potential and limitations of artificial intelligence.



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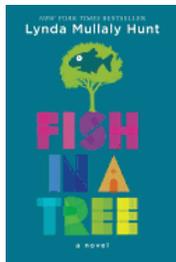
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2018 Read Alouds: Middle Grades



Finding Someplace, by Denise Patrick
Realistic story dealing with the effects of Hurricane Katrina, told from the perspective of a teenage girl. Reesie is about to celebrate his 13th birthday when the hurricane hits. She is forced to survive the hurricane in New Orleans and then move out of state until she can come back into her home, which was devastated by

the storm.



Fish in a Tree, by Linda Mullaly Hunt
Ten year-old Ally has learned how to compensate for the fact that she can't read, although her strategies often lead her teachers to believe that she is just poorly behaved. It takes a special teacher to focus on Ally's artistic gifts and take steps to diagnose her dyslexia.

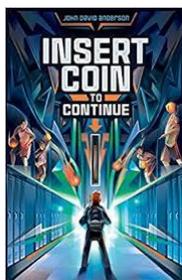


Ghost, by Jason Reynolds
When he was young, Castle Cranshaw and his mother had to escape from his father shooting at them. Castle, who now calls himself Ghost, is still dealing with that horrible incident. With the help of his new track coach and a local store owner, Ghost might finally be ready to deal with his feelings of self-worth.

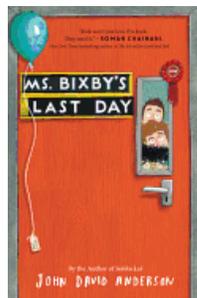


House Arrest, by K.A. Holt
Timothy stole a wallet and is now on probation. As part of his sentence, he must keep a journal to show that he is remorseful and on the right track. In this beautifully written novel told in free verse, we get to know Timothy as a young man who will do anything for his family, even if it risks his own

freedom.



Insert Coin to Continue, by John David Anderson
In this realistic middle school novel, Bryan is a kid who is obsessed with playing video games and defeating all the villains in them. Find out what happens after he wakes up one morning and finds out that he has become lost in the world of his favorite video game!



Ms. Bixby's Last Day, by John David Anderson
Mix one caring teacher who is battling cancer with three adventurous boys who want to give her a terrific last school day. The result is an emotional story that is sad, satisfying and fun.



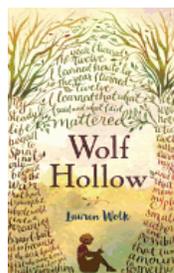
Scar Island, by Dan Gemeinhart
Jonathan was sent to a reform school for boys as punishment for a crime, but his crime pales in comparison to what happens when a freak accident leaves the boys unsupervised.



Some Kind of Courage, by Dan Gemeinhart
Joseph Johnson has lost everything—his parents, his younger sister and his home. The only thing he has is his beloved pony Sarah. But now even Sarah is gone, sold to a horse trader by someone who had no right to her. Joseph will stop at nothing to get her back.

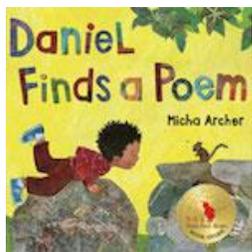


Towers Falling, by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Starting a new school in New York, fifth-grader Deja wonders what the big deal is about connecting history with the present time, as her teacher introduces a study unit about the Sept. 11, 2001 bombing of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. She soon sees how her father's sickness and uneasiness to discuss this sorrowful event combined with the family dynamics of her ethnic classmates, are all interwoven.

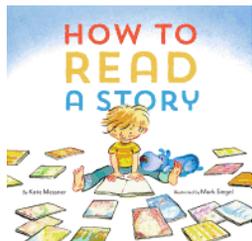


Wolf Hollow, by Lauren Wolk
At age 12, Annabelle learned to deal with bullying and telling the truth, realizing what she said and did mattered very much. How can the truth be so braided with secrets that saying most anything meant saying too much in this 1940's small Pennsylvania town dynamics?

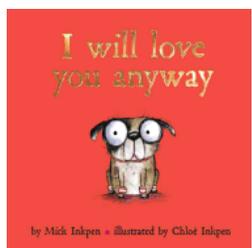
2018 Read Alouds: Ageless



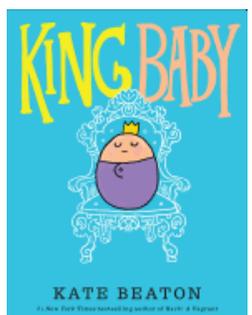
Daniel Finds a Poem, by Micha Archer
Wanting to take part in an upcoming Poetry in the Park event, Daniel asks his nature friends to define poetry for him and in turn, incorporates their thoughts of beauty, safety and security into a creative, picturesque poem.



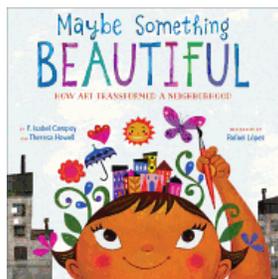
How to Read a Story, by Kate Messner
Messner's classic for readers of all ages, combined with Siegel's colorful illustrations, frequently on double-page spreads, humorously chart how to read, discuss and savor a story, especially if it begs to be read again!!



I Will Love You Anyway, by Mick Inkpen
Unconditional puppy love is shown when doggie and his boy start life together, get off course when he runs away instead of being given away, and then re-unite to a bright future together.

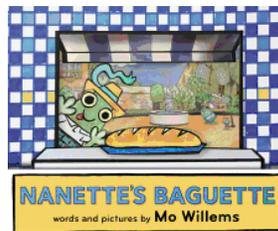


King Baby, by Kate Beaton
Told from the perspective of a baby, this is a humorous take on what parents and caregivers go through when raising young children. The baby is quite charming and demanding at the same time, just as all rulers can be.



Maybe Something Beautiful, by F. Isabel Campoy
Based on actual events, this book tells the story of a run-down San Diego neighborhood that was transformed into a thing of beauty. Read how the community came together to create an atmosphere of peace, tranquility and hope

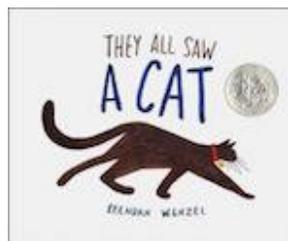
through mural arts!



Nanette's Baguette, by Mo Willems
Nanette is sent to get a baguette from baker Juliette. Is she set? You bet! In this delightfully funny rhyming book, we learn the fate of Nanette's baguette and meet an understanding mother who has more self-control than her daughter... or does she?

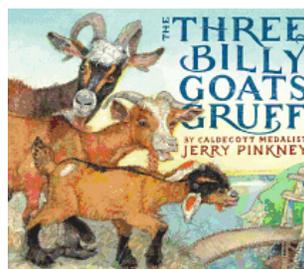


The Night Gardener, by Terry and Eric Fan
The night is magical on Grimlock Lane where the Night Gardener works, shaping trees and bushes into amazing animal shapes. Even after the Night Gardener leaves, the magic continues.



They All Saw a Cat, by Brendan Wenzel
What happens after a child, dog, fox, fish, mouse, bee, bird, flea, snake, skunk, worm, and bat all see a cat? This book of brilliant, full-page, colorful illustrations, frequently on double-page

spreads, closes with what the cat sees next!



Three Billy Goats Gruff, by Jerry Pinkney
In this strikingly illustrated retelling of the classic tale, the troll gets a taste of his own medicine at the end. Examination of the endpapers will lead to further discussion about what

happened next.



When Spring Comes, by Kevin Henkes
With striking imagery and magical words, be ready to take a visual trip through the season of spring. See trees bloom, birds hatch and smell the sweet smell of fresh green grass. Watch the browns of winter turn into an artist palette mix of spring colors.