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CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: Views and Reviews

by Jane M. Bingham

The importance of reading aloud to children during the school day cannot be stressed too often. Effective reading aloud stimulates

independent reading for information and enjoyment,

vocabulary development; mastery of syntax and grammar; sensitivity to the beauty and flexibility of language,

the imagination and the ability to create visual images from words heard,

critical and appreciative listening ability,

concept development,

self-understanding and appreciation of others,

creative writing, dramatics, and storytelling,

interest in and appreciation of diverse disciplines, subjects, and life styles.

When children listen, they usually have an interest in and can comprehend material that is approximately two levels above their independent reading level. Books which children are not likely to read by themselves are often good choices for read-aloud periods,

especially if the teacher reads them entertainingly.

It is often helpful to ask your pupils' former teachers which books they read aloud during the previous school year. Children too often hear *Charlotte's Web*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* or *Pippi Longstocking* in first, second, third, and fourth grade. Certainly some books do bear re-reading, but when reading aloud time is precious and significant children's books are so plentiful, the book to be re-read must be selected thoughtfully. We need to ask ourselves: Are we broadening as well as confirming our pupils' experiences? Are we introducing a variety of writing styles, moods, characters, themes, and plots?

The read aloud period, like math, science, and social studies, must be carefully planned to be the most effective. One part of planning, of course, involves being able to select a children's book for reading to a particular group. Another part of the planning involves knowing which books have already been read.

How many of the books on the lists that follow do you know? Which ones have you read to children?

Kindergarten

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| [] | [] | Ardizzone, Edward, <i>Tim in Danger</i> . Walck, 1953. |
| [] | [] | Baldwin, Ann, <i>Sunflowers for Tina</i> . Four Winds, 1969. |
| [] | [] | Brooke, L. Leslie, <i>Johnny Crow's Garden</i> . Warne, 1935. |
| [] | [] | Brown, Margaret Wise, <i>The Runaway Bunny</i> . Harper, 1942 |
| [] | [] | DuVoisin, Roger, <i>Petunia</i> . Knopf, 1950. |
| [] | [] | Gag, Wanda, <i>Snippy and Snappy</i> . Coward, 1932. |
| [] | [] | Hoban, Russell, <i>Bedtime for Frances</i> . Harper, 1964. |
| [] | [] | Krauss, Ruth, <i>I Want to Paint My Bathroom Blue</i> . Harper, 1950 |
| [] | [] | Lionni, Leo, <i>Little Blue and Little Yellow</i> . Oblensky, 1959. |
| [] | [] | Merriam, Eve, <i>Mommies at Work</i> . Knopf, 1961. |
| [] | [] | Potter, Beatrix, <i>The Tale of Benjamin Bunny</i> . Warne, 1904. |

- [] [] Sendak, Maurice, *Alligators All Around*. Harper, 1962.
- [] [] Scott, Ann, *Big Cowboy Western*. Lothrop, 1965.
- [] [] Spier, Peter, *The Fox Went Out on a Chilly Night*. Doubleday, 1961.
- [] [] Steptoe, John, *Stevie*. Harper, 1969.
- [] [] Sonneborn, Ruth, *Lollipop Party*. Viking, 1965.
- [] [] Turkle, Brinton, *Over the River and Through the Woods*. Coward, 1974
- [] [] Tworok, Jack, *The Camel Who Took A Walk*. Dutton, 1951.
- [] [] Udry, Janice May, *The Moon Jumpers*. Harper, 1959.
- [] [] Wildsmith, Brian, *123*. Watts, 1965
- [] [] Williams, Garth, *The Rabbits' Wedding*. Harper, 1958.
- [] [] Ylla, *Whose Eye Am I?* Harper, 1969.
- [] [] Zemach, Harve, *Mommy Buy Me A China Doll*. Follett, 1966.
- [] [] Zion, Gene, *The Meanest Squirrel I Ever Met*. Scribner's, 1962.
- [] [] Zolotow, Charlotte, *One Step, Two*. Lothrop, 1955.

First Grade

- [] [] Asbjorsen, P.C. and J.E. Moe, *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*.
Harcourt, 1957.
- [] [] Burton, Virginia, Lee, *The Little House*. Houghton, 1942.
- [] [] Clifton, Lucille, *The Boy Who Didn't Believe in Spring*. Dutton, 1973.
- [] [] DeRegniers, Beatrice Schenk, *May I Bring A Friend?* Atheneum, 1964
- [] [] DuVoisin, Roger. *Veronica*. Knopf, 1961.
- [] [] Ets, Marie Hall, *Nine Days to Christmas*. Viking, 1955.
- [] [] Fatio, Louise, *The Happy Lion*. McGraw, 1954.
- [] [] Feelings, Tom, *Jambo Means Hello*. Dial, 1973.
- [] [] Fisher, Aileen, *Going Barefoot*. Crowell, 1960.
- [] [] Gag, Wanda, *Nothing at All*. Coward, 1941.
- [] [] Gray, Genevieve, *Send Wendell*. McGraw, 1974.
- [] [] Hader, Berta and Elmer Hader, *The Big Snow*. Macmillan, 1948.
- [] [] Handforth, Thomas, *Mei Li*. Doubleday, 1938
- [] [] Keats, Ezra Jack, *John Henry: An American Legend*. Pantheon, 1965.
- [] [] Lionni, Leo, *Swimmy*. Pantheon, 1963.
- [] [] MacDonald, Golden, *The Little Island*. Doubleday, 1946.
- [] [] McCloskey, Robert, *One Morning in Maine*. Viking, 1952.
- [] [] Parish, Peggy, *Amelia Bedelia*. Harper, 1963.
- [] [] Potter, Beatrix, *The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies*. Warne, 1909.
- [] [] Sonneborn, Ruth A. *Friday Night Is Papa Night*. Viking, 1966.
- [] [] Steptoe, John, *Birthday Party*. Harper, 1972.
- [] [] Wildsmith, Brian, *Brian Wildsmith's Birds*. Watts, 1967.
- [] [] Yashima, Taro and Aurora Labastida, *Youngest One*. Viking, 1962.
- [] [] Zolotow, Charlotte, *The Storm Book*. Harper, 1952.
- [] [] Zolotow, Charlotte, *William's Doll*. Harper, 1952.

Second Grade

- [] [] Belpre, Pura, *Santiago*. Warne, 1969
- [] [] Bemelmans, Ludwig, *Madeline's Rescue*. Viking, 1953.
- [] [] Binzen, Bill, *Miguel's Mountain*. Coward, 1968.
- [] [] Brown, Marcia, *The Bun A Tale from Russia*. Harcourt, 1972.

- [] [] Brown, Marcia, *Dick Whittington and His Cat*. Scribner's, 1959.
- [] [] Clark, Ann Ndan, *In My Mother's House*. Viking, 1941.
- [] [] Clifton, Lucille, *All of Us Come Across the Water*. Holt, 1936.
- [] [] Cooney, Barbara, *Chanticleer and the Fox*. Crowell, 1958.
- [] [] Daugherty, James, *Andy and the Lion*. Viking, 1938.
- [] [] Haley, Gail E. *A Story, A Story*. Atheneum, 1970.
- [] [] Kipling, Rudyard, *Just So Stories*. Doubleday, 1972.
- [] [] LaMorisse, Albert, *The Red Balloon*. Doubleday, 1956.
- [] [] Lexau, Joan M. *Me Day*. Dial, 1971.
- [] [] Lionni, Leo, *Tico and the Golden Wings*. Pantheon, 1964.
- [] [] Lipkind, William and Nicholas Mordvinoff, *Four-Leaf Clover*, Harcourt, 1959.
- [] [] Milne, A.A. *Winnie-The-Pooh*. Dutton, 1954.
- [] [] Mosel, Arlene, *The Funny Little Woman*. Atheneum, 1972.
- [] [] Perrine, Mary, *Salt Boy*. Houghton, 1968.
- [] [] Potter, Beatrix, *The Tale of Jeremy Fisher*. Warne, 1906.
- [] [] Potter, Beatrix, *The Tale of Timmy Tiptoes*. Warne, 1911.
- [] [] Raskin, Ellen, *Who Says Sue, Says Who?* Atheneum, 1973.
- [] [] Schweitzer, Byrd Baylor, *Amigo*. Macmillan, 1963.
- [] [] Steig, William, *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble*. Windmill, 1969.
- [] [] Thomas, Isanthe, *Lordy Aunt Hattie*. Harper, 1973.
- [] [] Zemach, Harve, *Duffy and the Devil*. Farrar, 1973.

Third Grade

- [] [] Atwater, Richard and Florence. *Mr. Popper's Penguins*. Little, 1938.
- [] [] Baum, Frank, *The Wizard of Oz*. Reilly, 1964.
- [] [] Bemelmans, Ludwig, *Parsley*. Harper, 1955.
- [] [] Bianco, Margery, *The Velveteen Rabbit*. Doubleday, 1946.
- [] [] Blue, Rose, *A Quiet Place*. Watts, 1969.
- [] [] Bond, Michael, *A Bear Called Paddington*. Houghton, 1960.
- [] [] Brown, Marcia, *Cinderella*. Scribner's, 1958.
- [] [] Chase, Richard, *Jack and The Three Sillies*. Houghton, 1950.
- [] [] Cleary, Beverly, *Henry Huggins*. Morrow, 1950.
- [] [] Dahl, Roald, *James and the Giant Peach*. Knopf, 1961.
- [] [] DeAngeli, Marguerite, *The Courage of Sarah Noble*. Scribner's, 1954.
- [] [] Grahame, Kenneth, *The Reluctant Dragon*. Holiday, 1953.
- [] [] Grimm Brothers, *King Grisly-Beard*. Farrar, 1973.
- [] [] Holling, Holling C., *Paddle-to-the-Sea*. Houghton, 1941.
- [] [] Hunter, Kristen, *Boss Cat*. Scribner's, 1971.
- [] [] Lawson, Robert, *Ben and Me*. Little, 1939.
- [] [] L'Engle, Madeleine, *Dance in The Desert*. Farrar, 1969.
- [] [] Miles, Miska, *Annie and the Old One*. Little, 1971.
- [] [] Miles, Miska, *Hoagie's Rifle-Gun*. Little, 1970.
- [] [] Milne, A.A. *The House at Pooh Corner*. Dutton, 1954.
- [] [] Potter, Beatrix, *The Tale of Little Pig Robinson*. Warne, 1930.
- [] [] Rounds, Glen, *Ol' Paul*. Holiday, 1951.
- [] [] Sneve, Virginia D., *Jimmy Yellow Hawk*. Holiday, 1972.
- [] [] White, E.B., *Charlotte's Web*. Harper, 1952.
- [] [] Wilder, Laura Ingalls, *The Little House in the Big Woods*, Harper, 1953.

Fourth Grade

- [] [] Andersen, Hans Christian, *The Nightingale*. Scribner's, 1965.
- [] [] Bishop, Claire H., *Twenty and Ten*. Viking, 1964.
- [] [] Burch, Robert, *D. J.'s Worst Enemy*. Viking, 1965.
- [] [] Byers, Betsy, *The House of Wings*. Viking, 1972.
- [] [] Clark, Ann Nolan, *Little Navaho Bluebird*. Viking, 1943.
- [] [] Dahl, Roald, *The Magic Finger*. Harper, 1966.
- [] [] Estes, Elanor, *The Hundred Dresses*. Harcourt, 1944.
- [] [] Gates, Doris, *Blue Willow*. Viking, 1940.
- [] [] George, Jean, *My Side of the Mountain*. Dutton, 1959.
- [] [] Greenfield, Eloise, *Sister*. Crowell, 1974.
- [] [] Hamilton, Virginia, *The Time-Ago Tales of Jahdu*. Macmillan, 1969.
- [] [] Konigsberg, E.L., *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*. Atheneum, 1969.
- [] [] L'Engle, Madeleine, *A Wrinkle in Time*. Farrar, 1962.
- [] [] Lenski, Lois, *Strawberry Girl*. Lippincott, 1945.
- [] [] Lewis, C.S., *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. Macmillan, 1950.
- [] [] Mathis, Sharon Bell, *Sidewalk Story*. Viking, 1972.
- [] [] Potter, Beatrix, *The Tale of Ginger and Pickles*. Warne, 1909.
- [] [] Robertson, Keith, *Henry Reed, Inc.* Viking, 1958.
- [] [] Rounds, Glen, *The Blind Colt*. Holiday, 1941.
- [] [] Sendak, Jack, *The Magic Tears*. Harper, 1971.
- [] [] Snyder, Zelpha Keatley, *The Egypt Game*. Atheneum, 1968.
- [] [] Taylor, Sydney, *All-of-A-Kind Family*. Follett, 1971.
- [] [] Weik, Mary H., *The Jazz Man*. Atheneum, 1966.
- [] [] White, E.B., *Stuart Little*. Harper, 1945.
- [] [] Yashima, Taro, *Crow Boy*. Viking, 1965.

Fifth Grade

- [] [] Alexander, Lloyd, *The Marvelous Misadventures of Sebastian Dutton*. Dutton, 1970.
- [] [] Andersen, Hans Christian, *The Steadfast Tin Soldier*. Scribner's, 1953.
- [] [] Armstrong, William, *Sounder*. Harper, 1969.
- [] [] Behn, Harry, *The Faraway Lure*. World, 1963.
- [] [] Boston, L.M., *A Stranger at Green Knowe*. Harcourt, 1961.
- [] [] Brink, Carol Ryrie, *Caddie Woodlawn*. Macmillan, 1963.
- [] [] Burnford, Sheila, *The Incredible Journey*. Little, 1961.
- [] [] Cleaver, Vera and Bill Cleaver, *Where the Lillies Bloom*. Lippincott, 1967.
- [] [] Clifton, Lucille, *The Times They Used to Be*. Holt, 1974.
- [] [] Druon, Maurice, *Litsou of the Green Thumb*. Scribner's, 1958.
- [] [] Holm, Anne, *North to Freedom*. World, 1965.
- [] [] Hunt, Irene, *Across Five Aprils*. Follett, 1964.
- [] [] Kelly, Eric, *The Trumpeter of Krakow*. Macmillan, 1966.
- [] [] Kim, Yong-I.K., *Blue in the Seed*. Little, 1964.
- [] [] Krumgold, Joseph, . . . and *Now Miguel*. Crowell, 1953.
- [] [] Kjelgaard, James A., *Big Red*. Holiday, 1945.
- [] [] Konigsburg, E.L., *About the B'Nai Bagels*. Atheneum, 1969.
- [] [] Lawson, Robert, *Rabbit Hill*. Viking, 1944.

- [] [] L'Engle, Madeleine, *A Wind in the Door*. Farrar, 1972.
- [] [] MacDonald, George, *The Princess and the Goblin*. Macmillan, 1951.
- [] [] Singer, Isaac Bashevis, *A Day of Pleasure: Stories of a Boy Growing Up in Warsaw*. Farrar, 1969.
- [] [] Slote, Arthur, *Jake*. Lippincott, 1971.
- [] [] Steele, William O. *The Spooky Thing*. Harcourt, 1960.
- [] [] Sterling, Dorothy, *Mary Jane*. Doubleday, 1959.
- [] [] Travers, Pamela, *Mary Poppins*. Harcourt, 1934.
- [] [] Turkle, Brinton, *Fiddler of High Lonesome*. Viking, 1968.

Sixth Grade

- [] [] Armer, Laura, *Waterless Mountain*. McKay, 1931.
- [] [] Baker, Betty, *Killer-of-Death*. Harper, 1963.
- [] [] Benchley, Nathaniel, *Only the Earth and Sky Last Forever*. Harper, 1972.
- [] [] Behn, Harry, *The Faraway Lurs*. World, 1963.
- [] [] Burch, Robert, *Queenie Peavy*. Viking, 1966.
- [] [] Cameron, Eleanor, *A Room Made of Windows*. Little, 1971.
- [] [] Carroll, Lewis, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Macmillan, 1963.
- [] [] Christopher, John, *The White Mountains*. Macmillan, 1967.
- [] [] Clark, Ann Nolan, *Secret of the Andes*. Viking, 1951.
- [] [] Fox, Paula, *The Slave Dancer*. Bradbury, 1973.
- [] [] Grahame, Kenneth, *The Wind in the Willows*. Scribner's, 1933.
- [] [] Harris, Christie, *Raven's Cry*. McClelland, 1972.
- [] [] Haugaard, Erik, *A Slave's Tale*. Houghton, 1965.
- [] [] Hunter, Kristen, *The Soul Brothers and Sister Lou*. Scribner's, 1968.
- [] [] Ish-Kirhor, Sulamith, *A Boy of Old Prague*. Pantheon, 1963.
- [] [] Jarrell, Randall, *The Bat Poet*. Macmillan, 1964.
- [] [] Krumgold, Joseph, *Onion John*. Crowell, 1959.
- [] [] Lester, Julius, *To Be A Slave*. Dial, 1968.
- [] [] Merrill, Jean, *The Pushcart War*. Hale, 1964.
- [] [] Mukerji, Dahn, *Gay-Neck*. Dutton, 1927.
- [] [] O'Dell, Scott, *Sing Down the Moon*. Houghton, 1970.
- [] [] Pyle, Howard, *The Story of King Arthur and His Knights*. Dover, 1965.
- [] [] Speare, Elizabeth, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*. Houghton, 1958.
- [] [] Sutcliff, Rosemary, *The Lantern Bearers*. Walck, 1959.
- [] [] Walsh, Jill Patton, *Fireweed*. Farrar, 1970.

Holidays are always "book days." Some books you might want to consider ordering for winter Holiday reading or giving are:

- Ages 5 - 8 Adshead, Gladys. *Brownies - It's Christmas*. Walck, 1935.
- Ages 9 - 12 Andersen, Hans Christian. *The Little Match Girl*. Houghton, 1968.
- Ages 4 - 8 Anrooy, Franz Van. *The Bird Tree*. Harcourt, 1967.
- Ages 8 - 12 ACEI. *Told Under the Christmas Tree*. Macmillan, 1962.
- Ages 10- 16 Balch, Glenn. *Christmas Horse*. Apollo, 1970.
- Ages 8 - 12 Branley, Franklyn. *The Christmas Sky*. Crowell, 1966.
- Ages 4 - 6 Brown, Margaret Wise. *Christmas in the Barn*. Crowell, 1972.
- Ages 8 - 10 Burch, Robert. *Renfroe's Christmas*. Viking, 1968.
- Ages 8 - 11 Chancellor, Betty. *A Child's Christmas Cookbook*. Harvey, 1974.
- Ages 8 - 11 Cunningham, Julia. *Onion Journey*. Pantheon, 1967.
- Ages 8 - 10 DeAngeli, Marguerite. *Turkey for Christmas*. Westminster, 1965.

- Ages 8 - 12 Dickens, Charles, *A Christmas Carol*. Atheneum, 1966.
 Ages 4 - 7 DuVoisin, Roger. *Petunia's Christmas*. Knopf, 1952.
 Ages 10-12 Epstein, Morris. *A Pictorial Treasury of Jewish Holidays and Customs*. Ktav, 1959.
 Ages 9 - 12 Gaer, Joseph. *Holidays Around the World*. Little, 1953.
 Ages 8 - 12 Gilbert, Arthur and Oscar Tarcov. *Your Neighbor Celebrates*. Ktav, 1957.
 Ages 4 - 8 Graham, Lorenz. *Every Man His Heart Lay Down*. Crowell, 1970.
 Ages 8 - 12 Hoban, Russell. *Emmet Otter's Jug-Band Christmas*. Parents, 1971.
 Ages 4 - 8 Hyman, Trina S. *How Six Found Christmas*. Little, 1969.
 Ages 7 - 10 Menotti, Gian-Carlo. *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. McGraw, 1952.
 Ages 4 - 8 Moore, Clement. *The Night Before Christmas*. Grossett, 1949.
 Ages 6 - 8 Prieto, Marian. *The Wise Rooster - El Gallo Sabio*. Day, 1962.
 Ages 4 - 8 Rockwell, Anne. *Belfana: A Christmas Story*. Atheneum, 1974.
 Ages 6 - 12 Rollings, Charlemae. *Christmas Gift*. Follett, 1963.
 Ages 8 - 12 Sawyer, Ruth. *Joy to the World*. Little, 1966.
 Ages 7 - 11 Simon, Norma. *Hanukka*. Crowell, 1966.
 Ages 7 - 10 Tudor, Tasha. *Becky's Christmas*. Viking, 1961.
 Ages 5 - 8 Uchida, Yoshiko. *The Forever Christmas Tree*. Scribner, 1963.
 Ages 6 - 10 St. John, Wylly. *Christmas Tree Mystery*. Viking, 1969.
 Ages 4 - 8 Willard, Nancy. *The Merry History of a Christmas Pie*. Putnam, 1974.

Books ought to be an integral part of bicentennial projects. If you are looking for good books to use, write for the following: "1776" an 81 page annotated bibliography: \$1.00, The Children's Department, Newburgh Free Library, 101 Grand Street, Newburgh, N.Y. 12550.

"American Bicentennial Reading" a kit containing a poster, a frieze, 50 bookmarks, 50 reading records, an Author Message folder, and a planning pamphlet: \$10.00, Children's Book Council, 67 Irving Place, New York, N.Y. 10003.

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REMINDER

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 December 31, 1975