



Tips for Parents: Book Week

Children's Book Week is in late November. Encourage your children to develop a lifelong passion for reading by sharing with them some award winning books.

Reading is much more than letting your eyes wander over a page. It is a process of thinking, talking, and writing that begins before you even pick up a book. You can help your child be a more effective reader by teaching your child to ask questions:

- What does the title suggest?
- What might happen in the story?
- What do the pictures remind you of?

Remember that it's okay to stop in the middle of a story and think about what you are reading:

- Is this situation realistic?
- If you were a character in the story, what would you do differently?
- What assumptions is the author making?

After finishing the story, don't just put the book away. Ask more questions. Encourage your children to write down questions and ideas as they read to discuss later with you, a teacher, or a friend. If you teach your children to ask questions, they will begin to think critically on their own.

Celebrate reading by:

- Reading aloud every night
- Exploring your local library
- Writing your own book
- Pretending you are a character in a book
- Reading several books by the same author
- Putting on a play

Children's Choices 2009

GRADES K–2:

BANDIT. Karen Rostoker-Gruber. Vincent Nguyen, III. Marshall Cavendish.

BATs at the library. Brian Lies. Houghton Mifflin.

COTTONBALL COLIN. Jeanne Willis. Tony Ross, III. Eerdmans.

Don't worry bear. Greg Foley. Viking.

The donut chef. Bob Staake. RHCB/Golden Books.

DR. MEOW'S BIG EMERGENCY. Sam Lloyd. Henry Holt.

GOODNIGHT GOON: A PETRIFYING PARODY. Michael Rex. G.P. Putnam's Sons.
I'M THE BEST ARTIST IN THE OCEAN. Kevin Sherry. Dial.
KATIE LOVES THE KITTENS. John Himmelman. Henry Holt.
A KITTEN TALE. Eric Rohmann. RHC/Alfred A. Knopf.
MAYBE A BEAR ATE IT. Robie H. Harris. Michael Emberley, III. Orchard.
NO HUGS TILL SATURDAY. Julie Downing. Clarion.
THE PIGEON WANTS A PUPPY. Mo Willems. Disney.
PRINCESS BABY. Karen Katz. RHC/Schwartz & Wade.
RED TRUCK. Kersten Hamilton. Valeria Petrone, III. Viking.
SALLY AND THE PURPLE SOCKS. Lisze Bechtold. Philomel.
THE SANDMAN. Ralph Fletcher. Richard Cowdrey, III. Henry Holt.
SORT IT OUT. Barbara Mariconda. Sherry Rogers, III. Sylvan Dell.
THOSE DARN SQUIRRELS. Adam Rubin. Daniel Salmieri, III. Clarion.
'T WAS THE DAY BEFORE ZOO DAY. Catherine Ipczade. Ben Hodson, III. Sylvan Dell.
TWELVE TERRIBLE THINGS. Marty Kelley. Tricycle Press.
TWENTY-SIX PRINCESSES. Dave Horowitz. G.P. Putnam's Sons.
THE WAY BACK HOME. Oliver Jeffers. Philomel.
WE'RE GOING ON A LION HUNT. Margery Cuyler. Joe Mathieu, III. Marshall Cavendish.
WHAT A TRIP! Arthur Yorinks. Richard Egielski, III. Michael di Capua.
WHAT DOES MRS. CLAUS DO? Kate Wharton. Christian Slade, III. Tricycle Press.
WHERE'S MY MUMMY? Carolyn Crimi. Candlewick Press.
WHO ATE ALL THE COOKIE DOUGH? Karen Beaumont. Eugene Yelchin, III. Henry Holt.
YOU CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL NAKED! Dianne Billstrom. Don Kilpatrick III, III. G.P. Putnam's Sons.

GRADES 3–4

BABYMOUSE #8: PUPPY LOVE. Jennifer L. Holm. Matthew Holm. III. Random House.
BABYMOUSE #9: MONSTER MASH. Jennifer L. Holm. Matthew Holm. III. Random House.
THE BIG LITTLE BOOK OF HAPPY SADNESS. Colin Thompson. Kane/Miller.
BOYS OF STEEL. Marc Tyler Nobleman. RHC/Alfred A. Knopf.
CAR SCIENCE. Richard Hammond. DK Publishing.
DR. FRANKENSTEIN'S HUMAN BODY. Richard Walker. DK Publishing.
EASY EARTH-FRIENDLY CRAFTS IN 5 STEPS. Anna Llimós. Enslow Elementary.
FLORIDA PANTHERS. William Caper. Bearport.
HOW STRONG IS IT? Ben Hillman. Scholastic Reference.
HOW TO SPEAK CAT. Sarah Whitehead. Scholastic Reference.
HOW TO SPEAK DOG. Sarah Whitehead. Scholastic Reference.
I, VIVALDI. Janice Shefelman. Tom Shefelman. Eerdman's.
KIT'S WORLD. Harriet Brown and Teri Witkowski. Walter Rane, Philip Hood, Susan McAliley, Susan Moore, and Jean-Paul Tibbles, III. American Girl.
MAGIC TREE HOUSE #40: EVE OF THE EMPEROR PENGUIN. Mary Pope

Osborne. Sal Murdocca. Random House.
MANNY RAMIREZ AND THE BOSTON RED SOX. Michael Sandler. Bearport.
ONE HEN. Katie Smith Milway. Eugenie Fernandes. Kids Can Press.
ONE MILLION THINGS. Peter Chrisp. DK Publishing.
PARARESCUEMEN IN ACTION. Michael Sandler. Kane/Miller.
PUPPY POWER. Judy Cox. Steve Björkman, III. Holiday House.
SINGING TO THE SUN. Vivian French. Jackie Morris, III. Kane/Miller.
SIR REGINALD'S LOGBOOK. Matt Hammill. Kids Can Press.
SOUTHERN SEA OTTERS. Jeanette Leardi. Bearport.
SPOOKY CEMETERIES. Dinah Williams. Bearport.
STUCK IN THE MUD. Jane Clarke. Garry Parsons, III. Bloomsbury USA.
TITANICAT. Marty Crisp. Robert Papp, III. Sleeping Bear Press.
TOM BRADY AND THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS. Michael Sandler. Bearport.
TOY DANCE PARTY. Emily Jenkins. Paul O. Zelinsky, III. RHCBS/Schwartz & Wade.
TWO BOBBIES : A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival. Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery. Jean Cassels, III. Bloomsbury USA.
UNDERWEAR. Ruth Freeman Swain. John O'Brien, III. Holiday House.
WILLOW. Denise Brennan-Nelson and Rosemarie Brennan. Cyd Moore, III. Sleeping Bear Press.
WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK: EXTREME JR. EDITION. David Borgenicht and Justin Heimberg. Chuck Gonzales, III. Chronicle.

GRADES 5–6

100 MOST DANGEROUS THINGS ON THE PLANET. Anna Claybourne. Scholastic Reference.
39 CLUES. Rick Riordan. Scholastic Press.
AMULET. Kazu Kibuishi. Graphix.
AS IF BEING 12¾ IS BAD ENOUGH, MY OTHER IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT! Donna Gephart. RHCBS/Delacorte.
BARNABY GRIMES: CURSE OF THE NIGHT WOLF. Paul Stewart. Chris Riddell, III. RHCBS/David Fickling.
THE BIG FIELD. Mike Lupica. Philomel.
BRONTE'S BOOK CLUB. Kristiana Gregory. Holiday House.
CANDY APPLE #7. Eliza Willard. Scholastic Paperbacks.
THE CROSSROADS. Chris Grabenstein. Random House.
DANCE! Apryl Lundsten. Helen Dardik, III. American Girl.
THE DIAMOND OF DARKHOLD. Jeanne Duprau. Random House.
DUEL! BURR AND HAMILTON'S DEADLY WAR OF WORDS. Dennis Brindell Fradin. Larry Day, III. Bloomsbury USA.
GODS OF MANHATTAN. Scott Mebus. Dutton.
IT'S ONLY TEMPORARY. Sally Warner. Viking.
JIMMY'S STARS. Mary Ann Rodman. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux.
THE MAGICIAN. Michael Scott. RHCBS/Delacorte.
MY LETTER TO THE WORLD AND OTHER POEMS. Emily Dickinson. Isabelle Arsenault, III. Kids Can Press.
MY ONE HUNDRED ADVENTURES. Polly Horvath. RHCBS/Schwartz & Wade.

THE MYSTERY OF THE FOOL AND THE VANISHER. Ruth Ellwand. David Ellwand, Ill. Candlewick Press.
PEELED. Joan Bauer. G.P. Putnam's Sons.
PIGLING. Dan Jolley. Anne Timmons, Ill. Lerner.
THE SAVAGE. David Almond. Dave McKean, Ill. Candlewick Press.
SIR FARTSALOT HUNTS THE BOOGER. Kevin Bolger. Razorbill.
STOLEN CHILDREN. Peg Kehret. Dutton.
SWORDS. Ben Boos. Candlewick Press.
THIRTEEN. Lauren Myracle. Dutton.
A THOUSAND NEVER EVERS. RHCBD/Delacorte.
THE WILLOUGHBY. Lois Lowry. Walter Lorraine.
WINNING WORDS. Charles R. Smith Jr. Candlewick Press.
ZORGAMAZOO. Robert Paul Weston. Razorbill.

Young Adult's Choices 2009:

The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel. Michael Scott. Random House, Delacorte.
Beastly. Alex Flinn. HarperCollins, HarperTeen.
Bunker 10. J.A. Henderson. Harcourt.
Chess Rumble. G. Neri. Jesse Joshua Watson, Art by. Lee & Low.
Cool Stuff 2.0 and How It Works. Chris Woodford and Jon Woodcock. DK Publishing.
Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy. Ally Carter. Hyperion.
Deep and Dark and Dangerous. Mary Downing Hahn. Houghton Mifflin, Clarion.
Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Jeff Kinney. Harry N. Abrams, Amulet.
Epic. Connor Kostick. Penguin, Viking.
Evolution, Me & Other Freaks of Nature. Robin Brande. Random House, Knopf.
Flawless. Sara Shepard. HarperCollins, HarperTeen.
Football Genius. Tim Green. HarperCollins.
Get Well Soon. Julie Halpern. Holtzbrinck, Feiwel and Friends.
Gym Candy. Carl Deuker. Houghton Mifflin.
Homeboyz. Alan Lawrence Sitomer. Hyperion, Jump at the Sun.
How to Take the Ex Out of Exboyfriend. Janette Rallison. Penguin, G.P. Putnam's Sons.
Jinx. Meg Cabot. HarperCollins, HarperTeen.
Masquerade. Melissa de la Cruz. Hyperion.
Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac. Gabrielle Zevin. Farrar Straus Giroux.
Peak. Roland Smith. Harcourt.
Reef. Scubazoo. DK Publishing.
Repossessed. A.M. Jenkins. HarperCollins, HarperTeen.
Right Behind You. Gail Giles. Little, Brown.
Schooled. Gordon Korman. Hyperion.
Skulduggery Pleasant. Derek Landy. HarperCollins.
Story of a Girl. Sara Zarr. Little, Brown.
Thirteen Reasons Why. Jay Asher. Penguin, Razorbill.
The Titan's Curse. Rick Riordan. Hyperion, Miramax.

Twisted. Laurie Halse Anderson. Penguin, Viking.
The Wizard Heir. Cinda Williams Chima. Hyperion.

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