The Read-Aloud Handbook: Seventh Edition

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Synopsis

The classic million-copy bestselling handbook on reading aloud to children "revised and updated Recommend by "Dear Abby" upon its first publication in 1982, millions of parents and educators have turned to Jim Trelease’s beloved classic for more than three decades to help countless children become avid readers through awakening their imaginations and improving their language skills. It has also been a staple in schools of education for new teachers. This updated edition of The Read-Aloud Handbook discusses the benefits, the rewards, and the importance of reading aloud to children of a new generation. Supported by delightful anecdotes as well as the latest research (including the good and bad news on digital learning), The Read-Aloud Handbook offers proven techniques and strategies for helping children discover the pleasures of reading and setting them on the road to becoming lifelong readers.

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Customer Reviews

You already believe in reading aloud and feel comfortable enough doing it... so do you really need a Read Aloud Handbook? You probably don’t NEED it, but I think you’ll be grateful to have this book. As both a parent of young children and as a teacher of low-income middle school students (on a break to stay at home while my kids are young), I’m getting so much from it. The biggest lure for me was the Handbook’s "Treasury" - the annotated list of great read-aloud books that makes up the last third of the Handbook. I get overwhelmed when selecting books and wanted to be able to choose
from a list of reliably loveable books for my children, as well as to make sure I wasn't missing any especially good choices for my middle school students. I'm pleased with the Treasury so far, both in the quality of books described and in the range of ages represented (There are a great few pages on reading to infants in Ch. 3 and any age toddler-8th grade should find several great recommendations in the Treasury). The bulk of the books described are picture books, short novels, and longer novels (100 pages and up), but there are some recommendations for poetry and reference books as well. The first 170 pages of the Handbook covers topics like why we should be reading aloud, suggestions for reading aloud at each stage of development from infant up, tips for Sustained Silent Reading, and good and bad news about the growing dependence on digital reading. I'm surprised at how much I enjoyed these chapters. Here’s what I loved:* Inspiring: Trelease gives more than a sales-pitch for reading aloud - he makes the love and joy of reading with children contagious. I was already "sold" on reading aloud, but feel re-energized to make read-alouds more frequent and more fun.

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