Picture Books for School Age Readers

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Why Picture Books?

If a picture is worth a thousand words, imagine the value of many pictures plus a thousand words.

-Ammom & Sherman
Think picture books are just for young readers? Think again!

- Exposure to more complex words or stories
- Develop and Improve Background Knowledge
- Develop and Improve Contextual Decoding Skills/Visual Literacy
- Less Intimidating for Reluctant or Struggling Readers
- Easy access to complex subjects
- Support for English Learners
- Subject Matter Relatable to Many Ages
- Picture Book Art is Compelling, Complex, and Worthy of Study
- Improved Listening Skills
Don’t Pick a "Baby Book"

The Cultural Pushback
Benefits of Reading Aloud to Children of All Ages

• A 2014 survey found that:
  – 41% of frequent readers ages 6 - 10 were read aloud to, while only 13% of infrequent readers were being read to.
  – Reading aloud to children all the way up to age 11 is a predictor that children will become frequent readers.
# Sophisticated Picture Book Qualities

## Content
- Can deal with realistic/complex issues
- Can develop non-traditional structures
- May use complex art and/or text layout to form meaning

## Language
- May use complex vocabulary or intricate wordplay
- May include literary devices such as metaphor, symbolism, or satire

## Illustrations
- May contain visual puns or jokes
- May portray information not provided by the text
Onto the Books!

(New)
Recommended Titles
Books that work for storytime & beyond

A Greyhound, a Groundhog by Emily Jenkins

Not Quite Narwal by Jessie Sima
Storytime & Beyond

The Night Gardener by Terry and Eric Fan

The Book of Mistakes by Corinna Luyken
Perfect Fit for Grades 1-3

XO, OX: A Love Story by Adam Rex

The Hole story of the Doughnut by Pat Miller
Grades 1-3

Waiting for Pumpsie
by Barry Wittenstein

This is How We Do It
by Matt Lamothe
Grades 1-3

The Thing Lou Couldn’t Do
by Ashley Spires

What Do You Do With an Idea
by Kobi Yamada
Perfect Fit for Grades 3-6

Out of Wonder by Kwame Alexander

Grand Canyon by Jason Chin
Grades 3-6

Nothing Rhymes with Orange by Adam Rex

The Secret Subway by Shana Corey
Amazing Animals Books

Coyote Moon
by Maria Giangerrari

Fabulous Frogs
by Martin Jenkins
Amazing Animals

Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist
By Jess Keating

They All Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel
Biographies with Program Potential

I am Jim Henson by Brad Meltzer

Lighter than Air by Matthew Clark Smith
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Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions
by Chris Barton

Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing
by Kay A. Haring

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