

EPISODE **52**

# Bonding Through Reading Aloud

Guest: Tricia Goyer

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## Meet Tricia Goyer



Tricia Goyer is a writer, speaker, and homeschooling mom.

She is the author of over 50 books and the mother of ten children.

She writes both fiction and non-fiction with a heart for encouraging women. You can find out more at her [website](#), [blog](#), and podcast called [Living Inspired](#).

## In This Episode

Sarah and Tricia talk about the deep connections Tricia has formed with her children through reading aloud. Tricia shares that the seeds planed by reading aloud when her children were young are now bearing fruit in the lives of her grown children as they live lives of service and creativity. Tricia also has some great tips for young writers at the end of the podcast.

## The Listening Guide

**Use this guide to skip to parts that most interest you, or listen to the entire podcast.**

- 2:10 A little background from Tricia
- 5:00 The drama and holiness of adoption
- 6:00 Reading aloud as family bonding
- 11:00 Adoption and homeschooling
- 13:50 More read-aloud recommendations from Tricia
- 17:00 Writing in Tricia's day to day
- 21:00 Modeling for our children
- 24:15 Tricia's writing schedule
- 26:20 Books from Tricia's childhood
- 29:30 How writing has influenced Tricia's children
- 37:40 Let the Kids Speak

## Quotes and Questions

### \* **Modeling through her work.**

“We say we want our kids to grow up and use their talents and do big things for our God or follow the goals that they have set for themselves. I think we really need to model that.”

### \* **Making a space for emotions.**

“She was able to kind of communicate with me her emotions and her fears through a novel, which I think was so helpful ... it just opened these wonderful conversations.”

Stories, even the difficult ones, can make a space for talking about difficult emotions. When we read aloud we create a shared context for approaching these conversations in a way that adds a little distance.

### \* **It's about connection.**

“It's not just about the education - it's about us really connecting, and them being connected to me as their mom.”

Tricia was talking specifically about connecting with her children who were adopted. But in [Episode 50](#) Jen Pepito said that connection with our kids is one of the biggest benefits of reading aloud.

*How can you limit distractions and prioritize connection this week?*

### \* **Reading is enough! (But marshmallows are tasty!)**

“They just have this rich education that I didn't plan on and so they don't even know that we totally miss making homemade marshmallows ...”

We each have our own list of “essential” homeschooling experiences that make us feel guilty—the laundry list of ideas that are impractical because of our season of life or temperament.

If making marshmallows happens to be on your list, Elizabeth Foss shares [an easy recipe in the Christmas section](#) of this tremendous post!

## Show Notes

### Books from today's episode:

- [The Big Sky series](#)
- [Seven Brides for Seven Bachelors series](#)
- [Life Interrupted](#)
- [Teen Mom, You're Stronger Than You Think](#)
- [Love Finds You in Lonesome Prairie Montana](#)
- [In Between by Jenny B. Jones](#)
- [The Golden Goblet](#)
- [Mara Daughter of the Nile](#)
- [Hittite Warrior](#)
- [Whit's End Mealtime Devotions](#)
- [Teaching from Rest](#)
- [Little House on the Prairie](#)
- [Nancy Drew](#)
- [Encyclopedia Brown](#)
- [Miss Spitfire](#)
- [Besty-Tacy](#)
- [Anne of Green Gables](#)

### Other links from today's show:

- [Tricia's site](#)
- [Tricia's homeschooling posts](#)
- [Sonlight curriculum](#)
- [Bookshark curriculum](#)
- [The RAR Booklist](#)

To find more resources to help you build your family culture around books, visit [ReadAloudRevival.com](http://ReadAloudRevival.com).