

EPISODE **84**

# Books for Kids Who Don't Love Reading Yet

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## In This Episode

So maybe you have a child who CAN read, but they don't love to ...

What's a parent to do? Well, in this episode, Sarah is sharing lots of ideas, plus 7 books that might just make your reluctant reader into a voracious one!

## The Listening Guide

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

- 2:08 Different Kinds of Stories
- 4:50 Finding the Right Jelly Beans (Books)
- 7:18 Books to Help Your Kids Fall in love with Reading
- 8:40 The Edge of Extinction Series
- 10:40 Andrew Clements's Books
- 13:10 The Chronicles of Narnia
- 14:38 The Fablehaven Series
- 16:25 The Hunger Games (Teens)
- 19:25 Tell Us!
- 20:17 Let the Kids Speak

“You wouldn’t give your child a licorice flavored jelly bean and have them eat it and if they said, ‘I don’t like this, I just don’t like jelly beans,’ that’s not necessarily true, right? They just don’t like licorice flavored jelly beans, but they may very well like one of the other flavors. Books are the same way ...”

## Quotes and Questions

### \* **Keep the goal in mind.**

"The number one thing I think we've got to remember here is that the goal is to help our kids fall in love with stories."

*Yes - The enjoyment in the act of reading doesn't need to come first!*

### \* **Audiobooks count.**

"I would bet that you'll have a better success rate if you release yourself from the expectation that reading from a page is somehow better or preferred to hearing books out loud because that's just simply not true."

*Need more encouragement on that one? Listen [here!](#)*

### \* **So that the impetus for reading comes from within ...**

"The strategy of reading aloud the first book, or even the first chapter or two, not even the whole book but just the first chapter or two, is a really solid strategy. It helps your child feel on your side instead of at odds with you. It helps them, kind of, get into the story without much effort. And then, a lot of times the impetus to keep reading comes from within themselves and not from you, which is really fantastic."

*Try this at home. Read a little and make copies of sequels, audiobooks or similar books available and see what happens!*

### \* **One-on-one book clubs.**

"There are so many good conversations just waiting to be had about these books and your teenager is very likely to want to read them. I would suggest that you either read them aloud or you can get them on audio book or that you hand the first book to your teen and you read the first book as well and you set a coffee date in two weeks (or a week because it probably won't take them that long to read it because it's a page-turner) and say, "We're going to go to a coffee shop and we're both going to get something nice to drink and we're going to just chat about our favorite parts of the book ..."

*Have you ever had a one-one book club with your kids? They are so fun and create such warm memories!*

## Show Notes

### Books from today's episode:

- [RAR # 82: Why Fidgeting is a Good Sign \(and what brain science has to say about reading aloud\), Dr. Michael Gurian](#)
- [Series That Will Turn Your Struggling Reader into a Voracious Reader](#)
- [RAR #64: Helping Resistant Readers Fall in Love with Books, Laura Martin](#)
- [Premium Membership](#)
- [The Read-Aloud Family](#)
- Get the RAR Booklist [here](#) or text the word "books" to 345345

### Other links from today's show:

- [Anne of Green Gables](#)
- [Fablehaven](#)
- [Nate the Great](#)
- [Encyclopedia Brown](#)
- [Hank the Cowdog](#)
- [The Boxcar Children](#)
- [Calvin and Hobbes](#)
- [Frindle](#)
- [Harry Potter](#)
- [Pride and Prejudice](#)
- [Edge of Extinction: The Ark Plan](#)
- [Edge of Extinction: Code Name Flood](#)
- [Garfield](#)
- [The Hunger Games](#)

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- [The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe](#)
- [Lost and Found](#)
- [Redwall](#)
- [About Average](#)
- [The Map Trap](#)
- [The Keepers of the School](#)
- [The Mother-Daughter Book Club](#)

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