

EPISODE **105**

Favorite Early Reader Books (for kids who are learning to read)

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In This Episode

Sarah shares some of her very favorite books for emerging readers. These are books that your kids will be excited about, and YOU will enjoy them as well - total win!

Listen to why reading aloud is still critical at this stage of the game, why your kids need to read words - lots and lots of words! - and how series can help them do that, and get Sarah's suggestions for books that your kids will truly enjoy.

The Listening Guide

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

2:41 Fluency and stages of reading development

4:48 It's ALL OK

7:14 Books for kids 'in the process'

8:46 Lots of options

12:40 Get the list

13:50 Readers by All About Reading

19:16 Early/easy reader books + Cynthia Rylant

22:14 Another favorite author/illustrator

24:08 Arnold Lobel - a master!

26:02 Little Bear

27:10 Mouse & Mole, Ling & Ting and Frances

29:15 Fox & Crow and Inch & Roly

30:00 Mo Willems and reading from memory

31:12 Classics!

33:01 Let the kids speak

"When your child is just learning to read, every time they come to the page and they're sounding out words it's hard. **It's like scaling a mountain for them intellectually.** So if they get a few times where they get to come to the page and know what it says without having to do all the hard work, **that feels good, they feel like a reader, and those are experiences we want to give our kids.**"

Quotes and Questions

* **A critical part of the journey ...**

"When kids are just learning to read or they're just becoming more fluent and confident readers they're actually at a **critical part of their learning to love reading journey.**"

* **When kids are learning to read ...**

"We need to make sure we're spending more time reading aloud to our kids than we are doing those 'how to' read sessions."

Are you balancing reading aloud with learning to read sessions?

* **It's all OK.**

"Early readers, for example, kids who learn to read fluently early - they are not consistently better readers when they're older students, they're not consistently better readers when they're adults – **it just really doesn't matter that much whether your child becomes proficient and fluent at reading at the age of 6 or at the age of 9 or at the age of 11.** So, let that be a relief to you."

* **In praise of series books ...**

"I think series books are a fabulous way to help a child get through that beginning fluency stage to solid fluency. This is because **for a child to become a really good, fluent reader, reading eventually needs to become easy for them.**"

Show Notes

Books from today's episode:

- Charlotte's Web
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle
- My Father's Dragon
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
- Mercy Watson books
- Nate the Great
- Encyclopedia Brown
- Magic Tree House books
- Mr. Putter and Tabby books
- Little Bear
- Inch and Roly
- Fox and Crow are Not Friends
- Little House on the Prairie series
- Teaching from Rest
- Ling and Ting Books
- Frog and Toad Collection
- Strega Nona and Her Tomatoes
- Strega Nona and the Twins
- Go, Dog. Go!
- Frog and Toad Audio
- Are You My Mother?
- The Boxcar Children

- [The Princess in Black series](#)
- [The Read-Aloud Family](#)
- [Owl at Home](#)
- [Mouse Tales](#)
- [Mouse Soup](#)
- [Uncle Elephant](#)
- [Mouse and Mole](#)
- [Bread and Jam for Frances](#)
- [There is a Bird on Your Head!](#)
- [Elephants Cannot Dance!](#)
- [Elephant and Piggie Biggie!](#)
- [Great Day for Up](#)
- [Ten Apples Up On Top!](#)
- [One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish](#)
- [Mr. Brown Can Moo!](#)
- [The Best Nest](#)

Other links from today's show:

- [Series Books That Will Turn Your Struggling Reader Into a Voracious One](#)
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