

JAN BRETT PICTURE BOOK SHOWCASE



Family Book  
Club Guide

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# Welcome to Read-Aloud Revival's Summer Adventure

Welcome to Read-Aloud Revival's Summer Adventure, where you'll find **just enough structure** to keep your summer days from melting into chaos, and **just enough fun** to keep your kids asking for more.

This guide uses RAR's relaxed, bookish approach to help your whole family enjoy a delightful adventure through books this summer.

Throughout the summer, you'll READ, RELATE, and REMEMBER. And when you've got the time and energy for it, you can follow READ-ALOUD EXTRAS to your heart's content.

Relaxed. Bookish. Fun. Get ready to have a summer adventure your family won't forget.



XO,

Sarah Mackenzie

TIP

Watch Sarah's "Welcome to Your Summer Adventure" video intro [here!](#)



## How to Use This Guide

Summer is best for a **simple schedule**. We recommend taking a relaxed approach to your family's reading life this summer.

RAR's Summer Adventure will help you and your kids love your reading life for years to come, so there's no pressure to cram in a lot of activities.



**Think of this guide as a menu:** you don't order everything on the menu at a restaurant, and you don't need to do everything included in the guide. Just pick and choose whatever best suits your family's appetite!



Simply print this guide or pull it up [here](#) to access it from your phone/tablet.



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# Get Your Books

We have chosen **three** of Jan Brett's delightful "around the world" books that will lead your family through an amazing **Summer Adventure**.



TITLES

[Honey... Honey... Lion!](#)

[Mossy](#)

[The Umbrella](#)

AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

Jan Brett

RECOMMENDED FOR

All ages



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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR: JAN BRETT

With over forty one million books in print, Jan Brett is one of the nation's foremost author illustrators of children's books. Jan lives in a seacoast town in Massachusetts, close to where she grew up. During the summer her family moves to a home in the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts.

**As a child, Jan Brett decided to be an illustrator and spent many hours reading and drawing.**

She says, "I remember the special quiet of rainy days when I felt that I could enter the pages of my beautiful picture books. Now I try to recreate that feeling of believing that the imaginary place I'm drawing really exists. The detail in my work helps to convince me, and I hope others as well, that such places might be real."



Take a tour of Jan's cozy, art-filled home in this [2-min video](#).



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## Print Your Map

If you'd like a map of your reading adventures this summer, **print off the "Summer Adventure Map"** on page 51 to begin your journey!

Print this map on regular **printer paper** (8.5in x 11in) or download and print a **poster-size** at your local print store.



You can find the poster-size PDF on the Jan Brett Summer Adventure page [here](#).



Simply **color** this page, mark your travels with stars or stickers, or you can cut out the **book covers** and attach them to the map.

Use whichever option best serves your family!

And if you want to continue on your **around-the-world** journey after these three books, check out our **"Around the World with Jan Brett" Related Read** recommendations on page 52 for more!

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## Begin

Now it's time to start reading.

Your Adventure Map and the supply lists at the back of this guide will help you gather everything that's needed.

**Share photos of your Summer Adventure** with Jan Brett as you go. If you're a part of RAR Premium, be sure to add your pictures to the **member forum**, and if you're on social, tag **@readaloudrevival** and use the hashtag **#rarsummeradventure** so we don't miss seeing your fun in action! We'll be keeping an eye out for your family's summer adventures.

*Happy reading!*



# How to Use RAR Family Book Club

RAR's Family Book Club helps you to **build a family culture around books**.

Family Book Club is designed as a whole-family experience to help you **make connections** and **build relationships**—with each other, with books, and with the ideas we encounter within them. It's an invitation to enjoy your kids and to be completely present. It's an opportunity to make meaningful and lasting connections with your kids through books.

Just follow those top three steps: **read aloud, relate, and remember**.

If your kids can't get enough, dip into the ideas in the **read-aloud extras** to feed their curiosity and enhance their reading experience.

## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS



1

### READ ALOUD

*(the foundation)*

Reading aloud is the best, most effective way to nurture the relationships that matter most.

2

### RELATE

*(the frosting)*

By engaging in open-ended conversations, our kids feel seen and heard. They experience an invitation to wonder, to get curious, and to connect ideas.

3

### REMEMBER

*(the sprinkles)*

Create a memorable sensory experience with a cozy treat around the table or by listening to our seasonal curated playlists.

4

### READ-ALoud EXTRAS

*(the cherry on top)*

When time and energy allow, you can explore the story further through fun activities and learning opportunities.





Summer  
Adventure  
travelers,  
*let's explore!*



STEP 1:  
READ-ALLOUD

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## Looking Closely

There are few things Sarah Mackenzie enjoys more than looking closely at a picture book and inviting you and your kids to do the same. Watch [this 8-min video](#) together to notice some of this story's particular treasures.



### WHAT WE'LL LOOK AT CLOSELY

**Dedication** A dedication is who the author or illustrator dedicates their book to. This is usually someone who is special to them or who played a significant role in this book.

Do you see who Jan Brett dedicated *Honey . . . Honey . . . Lion!* to Duduetsang Tiego, who was her actual real-life guide in Botswana and who first told her the tale of the honeyguide bird and honey badger.

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**STEP 3:  
REMEMBER**

# Around the Table

The simplest way to help your kids form a happy memory is to make it **sensory** and **social**. You can do both by transforming a meal you're already making into something bookish and fun. We do that by pairing our conversation with something delicious, shared around the table.

Feel free to substitute your own favorite recipes. It doesn't matter if it's homemade, from a box, or store-bought—what matters is that your kids share the experience with you.



Another way to enjoy a sensory experience is to pull up the curated **playlist** for this season. You can find it [here](#).

Let's enjoy some honey—and share it together!

## 🟢 QUICK & EASY OPTION

Pour a bowl of Honey Nut Cheerios to enjoy together.

If a kitchen-adventure sounds like a fun addition this week, check out this fun homemade idea!

## 🌟 HOMEMADE HONEY GUMMIES

Printable recipe can be found on page 59.





STEP 1:  
READ-ALoud

## 1 Get ready . . .

### WORDS TO WATCH FOR

If you'd like, review this list of interesting words with your kids before reading, or have it on hand to provide an explanation as you go. No need to turn this into an assignment. We suggest simply explaining the words and making it a fun game to listen for them, or use them throughout the day!

#### TIP

Remember, read-alouds don't have to be still and silent. If kids are wiggly, let them move quietly nearby or keep their hands busy with quiet toys, coloring, or snacks.

- Curlicues** a decorative curl or twist
- Carapace** the hard upper shell of a turtle
- Entranced** filled with wonder and delight, holding their entire attention
- Viewing pavilion** a small, open-structured, or lightweight building designed to provide shelter while offering unobstructed, panoramic views of landscapes, gardens, or sporting events
- Meteorites** a rock that originated in outer space and has fallen to the surface of a planet or moon
- Geodes** a small cavity or hole in a rock lined with crystals or other mineral matter
- Diorama** a model that represents a scene with three-dimensional figures and objects
- Flora** plants of a particular region or habitat, also a name for a person
- Fauna** animals of a particular region or habitat, also a name for a person

## 2 Read *Mossy*



# Picture Book Map

If you'd like a map of your reading adventures this summer, print off this "Picture Book Map" to begin your journey!

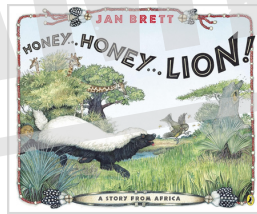
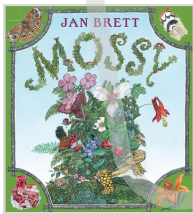
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Cut out these book covers for your small world map:



Cut out these book covers for your world map poster:

