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Since the launch of Raising Readers, the question I get most often (aside from "is my child old enough to start audiobooks?") is "I think I'm ready to start vith?" It depends, of course, on your child. Some three-year-olds might be ready to start and others might be
nearer to five when they can handle a longer book. There's no gold star for reading chapter books instead of picture books, so if your child is struggling to listen to a chapter book. There's no gold star for reading chapter books to Ella just after she turned
three, but I felt like she didn't REALLY get the hang of it until she was about 3.5. And age four was when it really got fun and she would just beg and beg for another chapter. Ani started listening in to chapter books around the time she turned three, and around four is when she really caught the bug as well. Also, last year, I wrote a post with some
tips for reading aloud chapter books, so if you're looking for a little more guidance in making the jump, these might help you out! Once you ARE ready, here are 30 books that I've found to be really good for that 3-6 crowd - hopefully one or ten of them will be big hits at your house too! Mercy Watson series by Kate Dicamillo. This is the perfect
introductory series, with full-color illustrations and about 80 pages each (for reference, a standard picture book is 40 pages long). Plus, they're just so darn funny. Toys Go Out by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Paul Zelinsky. The first one is the best, but we read all three and they are all excellent, about three beloved toys who live with a little girl.
They're around 150 pages with a lot of illustrations, so they're a nice place to start with chapter books. Babe the Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith. I need to read this one to Ani now! The BFG by Roald Dahl. I mean, you
just can't go wrong with Roald Dahl. This one has his trademark silliness, plus a plot that moves right along. Wayside School by Louis Sachar. I have to admit that I found these a little too wacky as a child (I was basically born 50 years old), but my sisters were obsessed with them, and my girls have loved them too, about a school where instead of
being one story with 30 classrooms, it's 30 stories high with one classroom on each level. Of course, on the 13th level, things are always pretty crazy! I think Ella has listened to these on audio at least 5 times. Little House on the Prairie series by Laura Ingalls Wilder. I read this to Ella when she was in kindergarten and we thoroughly enjoyed the first
three. I actually like Farmer Boy the best! The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling. I read this when I was little and I still remember it so clearly - the idea of everything you touched turning into chocolate is so exciting. Ella loved it too. A Cricket in Times Square by George Selden. This one is a classic, but I'd never read it until Ella and I read it
together when she was four. It's sweet and little old-fashioned. And it has illustrations by Garth Williams, so of course I was all in. All-of-a-Kind Family by Sydney Taylor. This was one of my FAVORITE series as a child, and one of the reasons I hoped for all girls (never mind the fact that they eventually get a brother after five girls). Reading it to Ella
was a dream come true - it's so charming and makes me want to hide pennies for my girls to dust for. Encyclopedia Brown series by Donald J. Sobol. The mysteries in this are very episodic, which makes them great for reading here and there, rather than having to get all the way through. And my girls love trying to solve the mystery without reading
the answers in the back. James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl. We read this one while we were in Europe, but then we went back and listened to the audio this year, and I liked it better with a professional reading it to me. Ramona series by
Beverly ClearyThis is probably my #1 read-aloud series. I just LOVE Ramona (especially after Ramona the Pest, when I find her a little too obnoxious). We've listened to this series on several road trips and I love the narrator a lot. I just think Beverly Cleary is a masterful writer of ordinary children's lives - decades later and they are still so honest and
real feeling. (We love love love love love love love Mitch and Amy too). Poppy by Avil love Avi, but this series was new to me when I read it to Ella a couple of years ago. It's got all your classic story elements - a brave little mouse, a scary owl, and a journey only a hero can make. Mr. Poppers Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater. I'd read this one as a child, but
couldn't remember a darn thing about it except that he gets a penguin in the mail. It was so fun to watch this story play out when none of us knew how it was going to turn out. Mouse and the Motorcycle series by Beverly Cleary and the mail. It was so fun to watch this story play out when none of us knew how it was going to turn out. Mouse and the Motorcycle series by Beverly Cleary and the mail. It was so fun to watch this story play out when none of us knew how it was going to turn out.
little mouse who meets a boy staying at his hotel and starts riding his toy motorcycle. My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles GannettI have to admit this one is not my favorite (I didn't read it until I read it aloud to Ella and I found it SO PAINFULLY BORING), but I'm including it here because it's a total classic and many many people are rabid fans. Mrs.
Piggle Wiggle by Betty MacDonaldI read these aloud to Ella and then she went back and listened to the audio versions at least a dozen times in the past three years. Note that these books have very long chapters and sometimes we broke them in half so I wasn't reading until nine o clock at night. Hank the Cowdog series by John R. EricksonThese are
laugh-until-you-cry funny and I HIGHLY recommend the audio versions. I think Ella has listened to at least 50 of them. Charlotte's Web by E.B. WhiteThis is actually my very favorite E.B. White book and I'm pretty sure
I read it at least five times as a child. Frindle by Andrew Clements Andrew Clements is just a master of the school calling pens "frindles." Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald DahlI think this is his best one. It was the first book where Ella was just on the edge
of her seat, and I loved every magical, crazy second of it. It was just as good the second time, when I read it to Ani. Pippi Longstocking by Astrid LindgrenWe tried this one as a read-aloud a few years ago, but it somehow didn't click. This year, we listened to the audiobooks and our whole family was completely absorbed. Bunnicula by Deborah
HoweThis series was WILDLY popular at my elementary school libraries and when I finally read it to Ella, she was just as absorbed as they had been. Ani, at 3, found them too scary, but Ella at 5 was delighted. B is for Betsy by Carolyn Haywood. This was the first book where Ella was actively asking me to read one more chapter. They're just so sweet
and old-fashioned. Ivy and Bean series by Anne BarrowsI always love a good series for this age - you can read the first one together and then let them loose with the audiobooks. Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo I'm pretty sure 
about a beloved china rabbit who, as sometimes happens to even the most loved toys, gets lost. The Children of Noisy Village by Astrid LindgrenThis is the same author as Pippi Longstocking, but it doesn't have that same wild exuberance - it's funny and sweet, but much more toned down, and we loved every chapter. Matilda by Roald DahlBart read
this one aloud to Ella when she was about four and a half, and they both loved it. It was one of my childhood favorites too, but Bart had never read it, so it was fun to watch him experience it for the first time. Betsy-Tacy series by Maud LovelaceWe only read the first one together, back when Ella was about 3.5, and they really are better I think for
more like 4 or 5. Super delightful and old-fashioned. And if you'd like a printable copy of this list that you can take to your preschooler or screenshot on your favorite read-alouds! What titles have been popular for your preschooler or
kindergartener? If you liked this post about read aloud books for preschoolers and kindergarteners, you might like these other posts: Janssen Bradshaw Once children have learned the basics of reading with vocabulary controlled early readers, they will want to transition to chapter books. They may seem a bit daunting at first, but there is a wealth of
chapter books, new and old, that are very approachable and kid friendly with lots of illustrations to draw in the young reader and help with context. The advantage of series is that once kids find a book that is a good fit, they will have access to a whole stack of similar books to practice on. This is intended as a list of easy and approachable chapter
books that feature as first in a series of books. Please add to this list only books satisfying the format of chapter books, traditionally published, generously illustrated and of reasonable length, vocabulary level and interest for a typical 5-7 year old who's tentatively taking the first steps with chapter books. Comic book format is fine, if the contents are
appropriate. No e-books, please, and only books one could expect to locate in school libraries or vintage collections. All books should be part of a series, where a series would need to consist of at least three books (unless at least two books are already out and the third planned to be published). Only the first book in each series should
be added. A book's total score is based on multiple factors, including the number of people who have voted for it and how highly those voters ranked the book. You must have a goodreads account to vote. To vote on existing books from the list, beside each book there is a link vote for this book clicking it will add that book to your votes. To vote on
books not in the list or books you couldn't find in the list, you can click on the tab add books to this list and then choose from your books, or simply search. I've always practiced the idea of following Riley's lead and interests when it comes to her reading journey and it's been a very rewarding practice so far watching her fall in love with books and
getting to read aloud together every day. But I will tell you — her journey into chapter books was one I almost resisted as I wasn't ready for it (and I wasn't sure she was) at 4 years old because I was afraid she was going to want to leave picture books behind for good — thankfully that wasn't the case. I also thought it would be hard finding good
chapter books for 4 year olds and 5 year olds — which honestly was the reality in the beginning of our chapter book journey (learning curve) but she was more ready for them then I realized and honestly half it was my lack of knowledge of early chapter books and what was out there. But let's start at the beginning of the journey — We were perusing a
used bookstore in St. Augustine during our Fall 2021 road trip when Riley was 4 1/2 years old and she picked out a couple books from the children's section and one of those was a random chapter book. My initial reaction was "sweetie, that's a chapter book and might be too old for you" but she wanted it "because the cousins read chapter books"
and, after looking through the book, I decided it might be an okay fit for her content and her understanding wise. (The book was one of the Wellie Wishers books — Camilla's Mermaid Tale). We finished that book and she was begging for more chapter books and I silently began my (very dramatic) mourning process for our picture book era. (Spoiler: I
was dramatic for no reasons because we read a healthy diet of chapter books and picture books now). I didn't find it the easiest transition if I'm being honest — I felt like a lot of the chapter books were definitely intended for an older audience and the content just wasn't where Riley was at personally and went way over her head. But, despite my own
reservations about journeying into chapter books (for where she was at emotionally and maturity-wise — not just an arbitrary age level assigned) that Riley would enjoy and we found some amazing early chapter books for 4 and 5 year olds and I've honestly really
enjoyed this addition to our reading life. So if you find yourself in the same spot — enjoy this new chapter books that Riley enjoyed at 4-5 years of age. Obviously results may vary on what you deem age appropriate chapter books for your 4 or 5 years of age. Obviously results may vary on what you deem age appropriate chapter books for your 4 or 5 years of age.
based on your own kid and where they are that instead of someone's age assignment to a book. Disclosure: This post may contain affiliate links which means that if you click on a link and purchase something I've talked about or recommended, I'll receive a very small percentage of the sale. Please see my disclosure policy for more info. Best First
Chapter Books For Preschoolers (4 & 5 Years Old) This is the absolute sweetest series (tied for the #1 spot with another series) that we stumbled upon at our local bookstore while looking for early chapter books when Riley was 5 years old but I have no doubt this would have been a perfect chapter book for a 4 year old Riley. A seriously great chapter
book for preschoolers! It has a good amount of illustrations for that transition into chapter books which I really appreciated (though not as much as a few of the other below and not in color) and that helped hold Riley's interest in addition to this adorable dog's adventures and perfect silly voice shining through. It's about a dog named Bo who lives on
a farm with his human family and animal friends. He gets up to all sorts of adventures on the farm and learns lots of important lessons. Perfect for my little dog/animal lover! This is the series that is tied for the coveted favorite spot on this list with The Good Dog series — for both her and I (amazing that we both agree on the two series we love the
most). This was the first series we picked up on this journey and I was heartened at the text to illustration ratio because it was PERFECT for a first chapter book for a 4 year old. Plus it was fun for my girl who loves princesses as much as she loves superheroes and slaving dragons/monsters without it ever venturing into scary for my sensitive little
one. It's about a princess who has a secret identity as a superhero that keeps all the monsters of her kingdom in check. It's so fun and will be beloved by both girls and boys. We just love all the characters and adventures so much — eagerly awaiting the newest release this Spring! This is a new chapter book series for preschoolers+ and we are
eagerly waiting the third book in it that comes out later this year. Lots of bright and beautiful illustrations & perfectly short chapters! Both Riley and I wanted to head to the island of Sol and hang out with Isla because it's just such a warm and inviting setting to get lost in. Plus Riley loved the whole talking to animals thing! The adventures of a girl
named Isla who lives on the island of Sol and has a special gift that nobody knows about — she can talk to animals and they can talk back. This series was an acquired taste for me but Riley loved it immediately at 4 years old. I have really grown to love Eva and the rest of the owls of Treetopolis (even Sue!) and I'm actually really excited that it is
friendship/social variety like Eva often has to! We've also started Unicorn Diaries from this author and Riley liked book 1 but too soon for me to recommend it or for Riley to know if it's a favorite. It's about an owl named Eva who LOVES writing in her diary everything — about school, her friends and all sorts of other adventures and
problems she faces. Eva is just so enthusiastic and positive and it's nice and light for Riley. The series that started it all when Riley was 4 years old! I honestly think she's gotten more out of it at now 5 years old because it's such a great book that is about friendship and explores so many things that arise in friendships and being a good friend that she
is experiencing firsthand in preschool. While this isn't my personal favorite, Riley adores it (I can see why from her perspective) and I appreciate the great messages and discussion points and activities related to the book. It's about a group of friends,
with their own distinct personalities and interests, but all share the desire to have fun playing together and be a good friend to one another. This series is really sweet and gentle and there are plenty of books in the series to keep you busy. With lots of pictures and easy language, it's a really good first chapter book for a kid looking to move away from
(or just expand their reading repertoire) picture books and get into chapter books. This one is all about the adventures of a little mouse and her forest friends in Pine Needle Grove. This is book is so funny and offbeat — I loved it maybe even more than Riley and that's saying something because she really got a kick out of this one. You'll fall in love
with the most unusual of friendships between a boy and the monster under his bed. The monster who lives under his bed - a friendship that starts with the boy who, upon screaming
when seeing the monster for the first time, gets swallowed by the monster in a panic and thus begins the start of this unusual friendship. A classic chapter book series and we've fallen hard for this unusual friendship. A classic chapter book series and thus begins the start of this unusual friendship. A classic chapter book series and we've fallen hard for this unusual friendship.
we've had so far-dinosaurs, Middle Ages & knights, Ancient Egypt! This is going to be a series that I know is going to be a series that I know is going to be reread through the years and that she'll love even more when she's a bit older. Some things go over her head at 5.5 years old but overall this has been a really good fit and she LOVES some of the things we've learned because of
these books. Not as many illustrations as many of the above books but it definitely still held her attention. It's about a brother and sister who find a magic treehouse in the woods that leads them to some extraordinary time-traveling adventures. We actually started the first two when she was 4, early on in our chapter book adventures, and I felt like so
much of it went over her head so I slowed down on this series until more recently and I think it's a better fit at 5 years old (though still a little more intended for a teeny bit older as Bean starts off in 2nd grade). This is one book series that will really make Riley beg me for just one more chapter at night because Ivy and Bean are always up to
something and it's hard to put down the book to see how they will get out of it. I think the series gets better and better honestly and we are book 8. (I love it too — it so gives me Ramona the Pest vibes from my childhood). A thing to note — Bean is very mischievous and sassy and, while we find so much in the humor in this book and laugh a lot, I do
always tend to remind Riley that some of the names Bean and her sister sling at one another aren't the most kind and that perhaps some of the mischievous choices Bean makes are not in fact the best. So if things like that bother you in chapter book for younger kids/preschoolers — probably steer clear of it. The series is about two spunky friends —
reluctant friends at first who think they'd never be friends because they are so different — and all their adventures they get up to and problems they try to solve all the while always seeming to find trouble! As a fantasy book lover I was excited to stumble upon this one and hoped Riley would get into it so I was delighted when she asked me to get the
next book in the series. It's a really nice, basic introduction into fantasy for younger readers. Lots of adventure and fun in this long-running series. A young prince and his friend go on adventures and quests in the fantastical and magical land of Wrenly where they live. I'd love more recommendations for good early chapter books in this vein for
preschoolers! Have you read any of these chapter books for 4 and 5 year olds. Gerald wishes to dance, but his clumsiness brings him down. However, he discovers a new rhythm, realizing he can dance with a different beat. Colorful illustrations and rhyme make Gerald the most loveable giraffe. When Curious George visits a chocolate factory, things
are bound to go awry! Follow this always inquisitive character as he goes behind the scenes to see how chocolates are made. (And causes a little trouble along the way!) What happens when your best friend moves away, and nothing seems to be going right? Children will relate to Franklin's many troubles AND see how Franklin figures out how to turn
letters to Butternut Street residents, hoping to find acceptance. Beware, this heartwarming story may inspire your next pet adoption! See Can I Be Your Dog? here >> *Popular How Do Dinosaurs Books series Navigate the challenges of learning to read with laughter as dinosaurs showcase their antics. A humorous book for both parents and children
Don't miss out on this book! Going to school can be scary, but with the right mindset, you can conquer all and become King of Kindergarten! Would you like to have a dragon for a pet? In this humorous story, a boy envisions life with a perfect pet dragon. With a dragon as a pet, always keep a fire extinguisher handy and NEVER feed him broccoli!
*Classic book for 5 year olds When Peter Rabbit doesn't heed the warning from his mother to stay out of Mr. McGregor's garden, he has to make a tricky escape! This classic has been around for over 100 years and is a must read for all children! *"A sunny, smart, tongue-in-cheek tale." —The New York Times Book Review Join a boy and his pet
elephant rejected from a pet club for a Strictly No Elephants policy. On their journey home, they befriend a girl with a pet skunk, forming their own special club. This heartwarming book explores the true meaning of friendship. #1 Best Seller (and great for reviewing the alphabet!) "Skit skat skoodle doot flip flop flee!" Kids will get to know all the
letters in the alphabet and be rhyming along in no time with this timeless classic. "I'll meet you at the top of the coconut tree!" See Chicka Boom Boom here >> *Award Winning Best Books Ages 3-5 Truman the tortoise, grows concerned when Sarah takes the number 11 bus. In a heartwarming tale, join Truman on his brave adventure in
devotion to his friend. Discover where your bathwater goes as Jackson, skeptical of the bath monster, stops taking baths. However, without dirty water, he may become the bath monster here >> *Great book for kindergarten separation While school is about to start for Chester the raccoon, he's scared and doesn't
want to go. To help, Chester's mother shares a family secret called the kissing hand. See this sweet book here >> *Classic 4-5 year old book Love You Forever is an anthem for every parent to read to their child. Watch as one mother holds, cares for, and loves her baby unconditionally as he grows into an adult. This is a sweet book to read before bed
See these night time stories for more ideas at bedtime. *Editor's Pick for Best Books Ages 3-5 Terrance, a turtle in search of the perfect shell, finds love in a cardboard box. Despite others' opinions, he discovers the sweetness in this heartwarming tale. See The Box Turtle Here >> *From the Creators of the Gruffalo In this
epic adventure, a tiny snail meets a humpback whale. The two travel far and wide. The snail is delighted to see so much of the world! Until the whale swims too close to shore... *Crazy popular! This hysterical read-aloud will have everyone laughing! Enjoy the song as it builds up and ends with quite the winky wonky donkey. *Our family favorite! Tikki
Tikki Tembo has an extraordinarily long name as is the tradition for first born sons. But when his long name gets him in trouble, it will be up to his little brother to save him. This is truly a book the entire family will enjoy. *Classic Storybook No one agrees to help the little red hen as she plants wheat, and nurtures it until it's ready to harvest. One day
she is ready to bake bread and no one wants to help. Discover the outcome in this Kindergarten favorite perfect for sequencing story events! *unique collection of enchanting stories short enough to read at bedtime. Collect the entire series for ages 1-5
"What's the best way to stop sleepwalking?" Answer: sprinkle Legos on the floor! "Why do giraffes have long necks?" Answer: Because they have smelly feet! If your 5-year-old loves to laugh, this is a must-have book! *#1 Bestseller Jim the Chimpanzee is grumpy! His friends try to make him feel better, but it just doesn't help. This book reminds us
that maybe sometimes it's okay to be grumpy! Cookie is surrounded by smart pastries in the bakery. She longs to be a smart cookie. Will she discover what makes her special? Discover the best 5-year-old books that seamlessly fit into a captivating series. Engage young readers by introducing them to a collection where if they love one, they'll love
them all! #1 Best Seller Join the fashionable and groovy Pete the Cat in three different adventures. Catchy phrases and colorful illustrations will have your kids eager to take part in all of the stories of this musical and cool, blue cat. *Ready to Read Books for 5 Year Olds In the first book in this popular series Henry is feeling a bit lonely. Until he meets
a new lovable companion, Mudge. *#1 Best Seller Introduce your little one to Mouse and discover what can happen if you give a mouse a cookie! Young children will read this classic story again and again. Other favorite in this series! Now the
crazy lady is swallowing...animals! Follow along with the original song as she fills her home full of pets in this zany twist. Zoom Squirrel has a new superpower from a mystery reader. Will he find out who the mystery reader is? Enjoy this new beginning-reader series from beloved author, Mo Willems. Explore books featuring unicorns and mermaids,
perfect for 5-year-old girls (and loved by boys too!). *#1 Best Seller What happens when you give your unicorn a tutu? Enjoy vibrant illustrations, and a fun and entertaining story about a girl and her unicorn. This beginning reader features easy-to-read text, colorful illustrations, and silly humor to keep your 5 year old girl engaged. Watch as Truly
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science to our preschoolers. See Little Kids First Big Book of Why here >> If your child loves these, don't miss Little Kids First Big Book of Space and Little Kids First Big Book of Dinosaurs. These are the best books 5 year olds can read themselves. They are all specifically picked to be perfect for early readers. *#1 Best Seller Big shark is hungry!
Will little shark be his snack? Colorful and bright illustrations grab the interest of early readers and give them clues to help decode the story. See Big Shark, Little Shark here >> Young readers will dive into these easy first books and build confidence as they read. *#1 Best Seller & Award Winning Book Piggie has a surprise for Gerald. But Gerald
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in just the right chapter book can add a new dimension to your read aloud time. The qualities of the best chapter books to read aloud to 4-6 year olds are simple. The books must: Have relatively short chapters Incorporate engaging and memorable characters Tell quirky and unique adventures In addition, if you are reading aloud to children of
different ages, all of the following choices are excellent for older kids, as well. Note: this list contains Amazon and Bookshop affiliate links. Purchases made through these links may earn a commission for this blog. Bookshop affiliate links. Purchases made through these links may earn a commission for this blog. Bookshop affiliate links. Purchases made through these links may earn a commission for this blog. Bookshop affiliate links. Purchases made through these links may earn a commission for this blog. Bookshop affiliate links.
trilogy of books is mentioned on several of my book lists. I include it here again because, frankly, it always takes me by surprise that I still meet people who have never heard of My Father's Dragon. That is a good reminder to me, too. Not everyone has had equal exposure to children's books. Anyway... this is my number one recommendation for a veryone has had equal exposure to children's books. Anyway... this is my number one recommendation for a veryone has had equal exposure to children's books.
first chapter read aloud. I am not exaggerating when I say we have read all three books at least 5 times. The story follows Elmer who runs aways with a knapsack full of assorted items like rubber bands and lollipops. He is on a mission to rescue a baby dragon, but he can only do so if he is clever enough to get past a bunch of rather self-absorbed wild
animals. When my son's kindergarten teachers read this aloud and my son came home and insisted I read it again, too. It is that good. The Very Far North (series) by Dan Bar-El Find it: Bookshop | Amazon This is my new favorite read aloud, and I don't say that lightly! Duane the polar bear has a curiosity and sense of adventure that leads him
first to a shipwreck where he meets C.C. the Owl. He then encounters more new friends like Handsome the musk ox, Magic the arctic fox, and Major Puffin. Together, they explore the wonders of the northern landscape. The cast of animals is as diverse in their personalities as they are in species and the thread of the story focuses on learning to
appreciate one's friends. An absolute must-read book, and an excellent choice for kids of all ages. Teddy and Co. by Cynthia Voight Find it: Amazon | Bookshop This is an absolutely adorable story about a group of toys who love to explore the world. I loved how Teddy was always lost in his philosophical thoughts, and Umpah the elephant was a grand
baker. When several new toys join the group, Mr. B the rabbit with a frilly collar, and a doll who wants to be a queen, the others find they take a bit of getting used to. This is one of those books that I actually think works better as a read aloud than an independent read and it struck me as a sort of modern Winnie-the-Pooh. A Mouse Called Wolf by
Dick King-Smith Find it: Bookshop | Amazon On this blog I have frequently recommended the books of prolific author Dick King-Smith. His books are excellent choices for kids reading and listening to chapter books for the first time. He is best known book is Babe: The Gallant Pig and The Water Horse but A Mouse Called Wolf is another book with
enduring appeal. A young mouse named after Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart uses his talent for singing to entertain and help others. The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum Find it: Bookshop | Amazon When I first started reading this to the boys I was a bit nervous. A few years ago I had attempted it, but my older son was scared off by the cyclone
This time around, however, the boys gobbled it up. They simply refused to let me put it down. I even had to do recaps of the action while I brushed my younger son's teeth! The movie (while wonderful in its own right) is not an acceptable substitute. Read this original "American Fairy Tale" with your kids. A word of advice: because this book is now in
the public domain there are a lot of iffy versions out there. You need to make sure you get a copy with the original color illustrations. Catwings (series) by Ursula K. Le Guin, illustrated by S. D. Schindler Find it: Amazon | Bookshop Le Guin's classic fantasy adventure about winged cats is a short novel about 50 pages long. Four flying cats leave the
city for the country, where they must overcome danger. Not to worry, all ends happily. Catwings novels make exceptional read alouds, especially for early elementary-aged children. Detective Gordon: The First Case by Ulf Nilsson Find it: Bookshop | Amazon I read this charming Swedish import to both my kids a few months ago. Detective Gordon, the
local crime stopper, has more of a penchant for tea and cakes than he does for police work, and don't even think about asking him to use the gun. He gets a small but enthusiastic assistant when he meets up with a young mouse, who he mistakenly takes for the criminal in a case he has to solve. Together they concoct a plan to discover the real thief,
who has stolen all of Squirrel's nuts. The lovely, colorful illustrations are a wonderful accompaniment. Jenny and the Cat Club (series) by Esther Averill Find it: Bookshop | Amazon Averill started writing about Jenny and her gang of feline friends in the 1940s and they still hold up today. These are short chapter books and go quickly for kids with less
than stellar attention spans. The Adventures of a South Pole Pig: A novel of snow and courage by Chris Kurtz Find it: Amazon | Bookshop I just read this aloud to both boys when they were ages 8 and 4 and we all found it quite delightful. Atop her manure pile, Flora dreams of exciting adventures; she longs to get out into the world! She want to go on
an expedition and run with the sled dogs! There's just one problem. She's a pig. Finding herself on a ship headed for Antarctica, she digs deep inside her optimistic and brave little self to make her dreams come true Prince Puggly of Spud and the Kingdom of Spiff by Robert Paul Weston Find it: Amazon This delightful novel is written entirely in verse
The premise is wonderfully silly: in the Kingdom of Spiff everyone is obsessed with fashion, and ridiculously elaborate fashion at that. Well, almost everyone, the Princess prefers pajamas... and books. In Spud, however, things are a bit different and when Puggly of Spud and Frannie of Spiff meet up they set out to teach the others a thing or two about
what is really important. This is really fun to read aloud because of the fantastical vocabulary and the rhyming couplets. Even the font is "fancified." I do, however, recommend it for more experienced listeners. I certainly think a 5 year old can listen to it, but it is not the usual fare and I found that mini recaps of the action before we began each
reading session to be extra-helpful. Nevertheless, it was a hit. This post may contain affiliate links, including Amazon.com. Click here to read my affiliate policy. Ever wondered what classic children's chapter books are worth adding to your family's library? These 50 chapter book picks are child and parent approved, and make for excellent family
read-alouds! Get your children hooked on classic books from an early age-or use this reading list to fill in the gaps with children's classics you may have missed when you were little. One of the best gifts you can give your children's classics you may have missed when you were little. One of the best gifts you can give your children's classics you may have missed when you were little.
happens-you cuddle next to each other on the couch and as the stories unfurl your child takes it in, to blossom out with empathy, imagination, and gradually they stop dancing on the couch and learn to sit, and look, and listen. Then, when they're a little
older, say three or four, you pick out a chapter book-with illustrations-and introduce them to the life-changing concept of the To Be Continued story. You make fun voices and you read with feeling and you pause to explain when you need to, and they get hooked on read-alouds forevermore. You can whip that book out to tame the most chaotic waiting
room experience. You can slip in a chapter when you and your child need some alone time together. You might find that reading together as a family will change your life. But then, what chapter books should you read to your children? There are many fantastic
children's chapter books published each year, but I'm not an expert in those. I'll recommend what I do know, and that's classic children's literature. I was blessed with a large family of six kids growing up, and we read aloud daily: a chapter book with Mom in the mornings, a different chapter book with Dad after supper. We read a variety, not just
fiction or classics, but many of our favourites-our repeat read alouds-were classics. That's the book list I'm giving you today. This is a sampling of some of the excellent classic chapter books we read as a family, with a few mixed in that I discovered or read on my own. Read these aloud to your children, or students, or grandchildren. Read these to
yourself if you missed out on them growing up, or just want to build your own foundation in the classics as an adult reader. Notes: Most of the authors on this list wrote multiple chapter books for children, so if you like a book you read by them see what else is in their bibliography. I just chose one book or series per author, because this list was
Don't be afraid of "big" or dated vocabulary. Children can comprehend a lot through context. The following list is ordered roughly from earliest reads (that you can start at about age 4), to books suited for older children (young teens). However, if you're reading aloud to multiple kids, don't worry too much about pigeon-holing an age. If you start a
book that seems too scary/advanced for the youngest listener, let the older children continue it on their own and move onto something else for the family read-aloud. (Click the book's title to go to the Amazon page for pricing options and to read more reviews!) This 1958 book-the first in a series-follows the adventures of a kind and well-spoken bear
personalities, which make them feel like old friends the more you re-read their stories. The Wind in the Willows is a gentle, come-and-go book that makes it perfect to read to your kids as a bedtime story. Kipling certainly has a way with words. Even though we're quite removed from the setting (a forest in India) and the time of writing (1890s), our 4-
year-old son loves these stories! Growing up, this story about the orphan Heidi made me want to run in the fresh air of the Alps and drink limitless goat's milk. It's a wonderful story of childhood, friendship, and the beauty of a simple life. There are few books that are so universally spellbinding for children as are these. My husband and son are
working through the series together now, and I know it will be the first of many readings. This story reads very much like a fairy tale, with repetition, various quests, and the innocence and goodness of the heroine. The other books in the series are equally imaginative, so if your family likes this one you can keep going! While out in the English
countryside one day, five siblings discover a strange creature that can grant wishes-but only one wish per day, and it expires at sunset. Nesbit was a popular children's author at the turn of the century, and was an inspiration to C. S. Lewis, who read her books as a child. This is another series we read over and over again growing up. In fact, our first
 major family road trip was themed after these books-we visited sites where Laura lived, and studied the historical backdrop for her novels. This is the first volume in a fun, mid-century series about five children who solve mysteries. Growing up, I loved the interesting locations that the Hollisters visited and the skills they'd pick up in each. Reading th
books to my son now, I'm equally impressed with how intelligent, capable, and close knit they are. This was the very first chapter book I read, and I've spoken to a number of other bookworms who say the same. It's a quintessential part of childhood to read Charlotte's Web. So if you never did, go back and patch that gap! Based on a true story, Misty
is about the wild horses of Assateaque Island, and about two children from neighboring Chincoteague who hope to race one. While beach-combing near her home in Scotland, eight-year-old Kirstie discovers a very large, strange egg. Naturally, she brings it home and waits for it to hatch(: Lang was a Victorian author who collected folk and fairy tales
from around the world into his immensely popular "color fairy book" series. This first volume includes classic children's bedtime stories like Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, and The Forty Thieves. Related: Head to this post for more classic fairy tale collections for your home library, as well as a list of all of the Langs' color fairy books in order. This
series follows the adventures of an English doctor who can communicate with animals in their own languages. Like many great children's books, Doctor Dolittle started as stories told by a parent to his children and the book itself is dreamlike-odd,
whimsical, rarely making sense. So don't expect a neatly-plotted narrative, but do expect something captivating and unexpected. A poor boy finds one of five golden tickets that grants him entry into Willy Wonka's candy factory for an exclusive tour. I think most children will find this an easy premise to get in to(: Life has its challenges when you're
only six inches tall. The Clock family lives comfortably under the floorboards of the "Big People's" house, secretly borrowing the things get complicated when Arrietty Clock makes friends with a human Boy. I grew up with the 90s cover art editions, but I was surprised to learn this
kids' mystery series actually began in 1924! The first 19 novels are by the original author, although dozens of sequels have followed since. Here's the original 1924 edition, and here's the original Italian fairy tale about a wooden puppet's
quest to become a real boy. In fact, Pinocchio is one of the most-translated books in the world. I highly recommend seeing if you can get the edition that's illustrated by Greg Hildebrandt; the stunning pictures bring the story to life-no pun intended(; Note: When I read this to my younger children, I skipped over some parts I felt would be too dark for
them. Remember: you're the parent, you get to use your discretion! Did you know that the man who created James Bond is also responsible for this delightful children's story? The book is quite a bit different from the 1968 musical, so except some surprises! Written in 1872, this is an early fantasy novel for children. It tells the story of lonely princess
Irene, her friend Curdie, and the vengeful goblin race that lives in the nearby mines. If you're a fan of the classic Disney movie, be prepared for something a little different with this book. One main difference is that book Mary Poppins is not as kind as movie Mary Poppins! There are actually eight Mary Poppins books, as Travers wrote all the up
through the 1980s. This based-on-real-events story is about a tomboy girl growing up on the frontier in the 1860s. Fans of Laura Ingalls Wilder will enjoy this! A close-knit Jewish family share joys and hardships in New York's Lower East Side at the turn of the century. A great pick for fans of Little Women. Twain's "ode to boyhood" is extremely
readable for modern-day children; it's funny, relatable, and sometimes edge-of-your-seat exciting. The wizard Merlyn mentors "the Wart," an orphan boy who will one day become the famous King Arthur. We loved the illustrated edition from Dennis Nolan-look for that! The Disney movie is, in fact, based on a delightful series about the white mouse
Miss Bianca and her daring rescue missions. As a child, I found these books exciting and genuinely edge-of-your-seat. The novels were illustrated by Garth Williams, who you'll recognize from the Little House series and Charlotte's Web. Perfect for fans of the Little House books, this autobiographical series features a male protagonist coming of age in
the early 1900s. A story of a young Quaker girl, set against the backdrop of pre-Civil War America and the Underground Railroad. De Angeli's books often featured overlooked or culturally diverse peoples. On an ocean crossing, a Swiss pastor and his family are shipwrecked on a desert island, where they must learn to survive and rebuild their lives.
I've always loved the mystery of this story, and the way the gloom gets pushed back as the children discover and tend the garden. Rawls' book Where the Red Fern Grows is perhaps better known, but I actually preferred this novel instead. Mostly because this one has a happy ending. And I love the premise of Jay scouring the Ozark mountains to
capture escaped circus monkeys! Pretty memorable summer, I'd say. I'm biased as a huge Montgomery novels). For more books like
Anne of Green Gables, check out this reading list. Yes, there's so much move to the story, as you'll learn when you read the original novel! What child doesn't love a treasure hunt? This sea-yarn is steeped in adventure and action. We watched the Muppet Treasure Island movie with my son, but I can't wait til he's just a
little older and we can read the real thing! This is one of the books that made me fall in love with British literature from an early age. Twenty French schoolchildren agree to hide ten Jewish refugee children. With the Nazis coming, everyone's courage and ingenuity will be put to the test. This forerunner of the horse story genre is told as an
autobiography of a horse growing up in Victorian England. It was an instant bestseller, and actually served to inspire reforms in animal welfare. While Tolkien's story and you could start it younger! My dad read this to us every
Christmas, and its pages are as cozy and familiar to me as a favourite blanket. If you can find it, grab the hardcover edition illustrated by Greg Hildebrandt. Children will find plenty to relate to in the March sisters' escapades. Even after 150 years, the story is fresh and very accessible. Here's my review of the BBC Little Women miniseries, if you want
to watch after you finish the book! And if you love Alcott's novel, here are more books like Little Women. Picture Robinson-but without adults. This is an action-packed, desert island survival story, with three shipwrecked boys as protagonists. One summer, two cousins discover an abandoned lakeside resort.
Well, it's almost abandoned...they find two residents who never left, and the mystery begins to unfold. What if you could live forever? Ten-year-old Winnie Foster meets a family who can-and soon, she's faced with an important choice of her own. This Newberry Medal winner tells the biographical story of Nathaniel Bowditch, a sailor and mathematical
genius. An inspiring tale of adventure and virtue, with a dash of romance. Set in the Netherlands, a poverty-stricken brother and sister enter to win a famous ice skating race. The author includes detailed descriptions of Holland and its culture, so this might be a better pick for older kids who don't mind pausing the action for the sake of world-
building. Was it just me, or does every child dream of "living off the land"? I always loved this story because Sam Gribley gets to do just that when he runs away to the Catskill Mountains to test his survival skills. Set in the South during the Great Depression, Taylor's novel deals with some intense subjects (racism, bullying) without being too graphic
This fantasy/science fiction follows the unusual adventures of the Murray children as they quest to find their father, who went missing while working on a secret government project. If your children enjoy this, here are other classic children enjoy this, here are other classic children as they quest to find their father, who went missing while working on a secret government project. If your children enjoy this, here are other classic children enjoy this enjo
when her tribe sails away. She fends for herself, hoping that one day her people will return for her. Want this book list of all the greatest children's classics in one spot? Here are the titles and authors in a printable checklist format that you can download and save: What are your family's favourite classic books to read together? Reawaken your passion
for reading by discovering books you love and connecting with like-minded readers. Skip to content A book's total score is based on multiple factors, including the number of people who have voted for it and how highly those voters ranked the book. You must have a goodreads account to vote. To vote on existing books from the list, beside each book
there is a link vote for this book clicking it will add that books to your votes. To vote on books not in the list, you can click on the tab add books to this list and then choose from your books, or simply search. Is it normal to read chapter books in kindergarten? While picture books are just fine for kindergarten, I highly search.
recommend using some chapter books in kindergarten during read aloud time as well. Why, you might be asking? Here the thing- Chapter books are wonderful for young listeners too because they really help kids with their reading comprehension and listening skills. They are forced to picture the events from the story in their imagination instead of
having pictures to clearly guide them. This highly improves a child's comprehension skills. (Speaking of comprehension cube!) Let's dive in to the 50 best read aloud chapter books for kindergarten. Choosing a good book for a read aloud is super important because you want to make sure it
engages students and captures their attention. Books that have a drawing every few pages are nice but not absolutely necessary. This can definitely help keep kids engaged during this time. I look for books that have powerful or funny characters, are silly and will make students laugh or teach a lesson or moral. At age 5 and 6, children still tend to
have a fairly short attention span. If you get them to focus on a task for 30-45 minutes, that's pretty great! My biggest recommendation at this age would be to read chapter books with fairly short chapters. I loved reading 1-2 chapters of a book during a short 10-15 minute block throughout our school day. Kindergarten can be exhausting! This is a
great time for student's busy brains to decompress as they are taken away on a magical adventure through the power of words. YOU MIGHT LIKE: 14 Cheap Ways to Get Books for Your Classroom Early chapter books are a great idea to use for read aloud time even in kindergarten. Let's look at this HUGE list of 50 great chapter books to read to your
kindergarten class! {Affiliate Disclosure: The books below are all Amazon affiliate links which means that I make a small commission if you purchase the product through an affiliate link blog for kindergarten teachers!} Willy Wonka's famous chocolate factory
is opening at last! But only five lucky children will be allowed inside. Charlie is in for the ride of his life! The Magic Tree House whisks Jack and Annie away to the decks of that ill-fated ship, the Titanic. There, they must help two children find their way to a lifeboat, all while they are in danger of becoming victims of that tragic night themselves. The
pig named Wilbur and the wise spider named Charlotte warm the hearts of readers everywhere. When the ever-curious Ralph spots Keith's red toy motorcycle, he vows to ride it. So when Keith leaves the bike unattended in his room one day, Ralph makes his move. But with all this freedom (and speed!) come a lot of obstacles. Stuart Little is no
ordinary mouse. Born to a family of humans, he lives in New York City with his parents, his older brother George, and Snowbell the cat. Though he's shy and thoughtful, he's also a true lover of adventure. In Anne of Green Gables, the book introduces us to the Cuthberts of Prince Edward Island. When Marilla and Matthew intend to adopt a boy to
help them on their farm, they receive an unexpected surprise—a fiery-haired, imaginative girl named Anne. Fly "second to the right and straight on till morning" with Peter. Wendy, John, and Michael Darling as they meet Tinkerbell, the Lost Boys and the menacing Captain Hook. Miss Mush is dishing out her famous Mushroom Surprise in the Wayside
School cafeteria. Ron says it tastes like hot dogs and grape jelly. Clean your plate and you'll turn green in time for class picture day. Wear your craziest outfit and you'll turn green in time for class picture day. Wear your craziest outfit and you'll fit right in between Maurecia in her striped bikini and Calvin, who's wearing his birthday tattoo. Say cheese! The Mercy Watson Series is a beloved series to read in kindergarten. This
is just one story out of a bunch! To Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mercy is not just a pig — she's a porcine wonder. And to the portly and good-natured Mercy, the Watsons are an excellent source of buttered toast, not to mention that buttery-toasty feeling she gets when she snuggles into bed with them. This is not, however, so good for the Watsons' bed.
BOOM! CRACK! As the bed and its occupants slowly sink through the floor, Mercy escapes in a flash... Four young orphans discover an abandoned boxcar and move in, embarking on a life of self-reliance and hard work — but they also enter a world of freedom and adventure. Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny are afraid of the grandfather they've never
met, and to escape his custody they set out on their own, working odd jobs to make money for necessities. Meet the World's Funniest First Grader—Junie B. Jones! Your students will fall in love with her immediately! When middle-grader Jack Jones, his sister Emma, and best buddy Albert find themselves aboard a runaway train, the three adventurers
must work together to stop it—before it's too late! Meet the Ingalls family—Laura, Ma, Pa, Mary, and baby Carrie, who all live in a cozy log cabin in the big woods of Wisconsin in the 1870s. Though many of their neighbors are wolves and panthers and bears, the woods feel like home, thanks to Ma's homemade cheese and butter and the joyful sounds
of Pa's fiddle. Tommy and his sister Annika have a new neighbor, and her name is Pippi Longstocking. She has crazy red pigtails, no parents to tell her what to do, a horse that lives on her porch, and a flair for the outrageous that seems to lead to one adventure after another! A classic of American humor, the adventures of a house painter and his
brood of high-stepping penguins. Love is in the air! Nancy and Bree decide to play matchmaker, but nothing works out as planned. Will love conquer all in the end? Stanley can slide under doors, mail
himself across the country in an envelope, and fly like a kite! After a big storm blows his stuffed dog Muddy away, Hedgehog must search far and wide for his beloved friend. Along the way, he discovers new friends who help him on his journey. When a fortuneteller's tent appears in the market square of the city of Baltese, orphan Peter Augustus
Duchene knows the questions that he needs to ask: Does his sister still live? And if so, how can he find her? The fortuneteller's mysterious answer (an elephant will lead him there!) Matilda is a sweet, exceptional young girl, but her parents think she's just a nuisance. She expects school to be different but there she has to face Miss
Trunchbull, a kid-hating terror of a headmistress. When Matilda is attacked by the Trunchbull what she deserves and Matilda may be just the one to do it! It's Omri's birthday, but all he gets from his best friend, Patrick,
is a little plastic Indian toy. Trying to hide his disappointment, Omri puts the Indian in a metal cupboard and locks the door with a mysterious skeleton key, he will transform his ordinary plastic Indian into a real live man from an altogether different time and
place! Omri and the tiny warrior called Little Bear could hardly be more different, yet soon the two forge a very special friendship. More than anything in the world, Andrew Marcus wants freckles. His classmate Nicky where he got them, Nicky
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just says he was born with them. Some help he is!That's when Sharon offers Andrew her secret freckle juice recipe—for fifty cents, she promises, Andrew can look just like Nicky. His freckleless days are over! He rushes home to whip up the concoction. Grape juice, vinegar, mustard... Like the rest of his family, Louis is a trumpeter swan. But unlike

his four brothers and sisters. Louis can't trumpet joyfully. In fact, he can't even make a sound. And since he can't trumpet his love, the beautiful swan Serena pays absolutely no attention to him. Louis tries everything he can think of to win Serena's affection—he even goes to school to learn to read and write. But nothing seems to work. Then his father steals him a real brass trumpet. Is a musical instrument the key to winning Louis his love? Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Abilene, who adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost. . . . In this first in a series of delightful chapter books, Fancy Nancy takes on the role of detective. When one of Nancy's classmate's most treasured possessions disappear from the three meanest farmers around, and they know the identity of the thief—it's Fantastic Mr. Fox! Working alone they could never catch him; but now fat Boggis, squat Bunce, and skinny Bean have joined forces, and they have Mr. Fox would rather die than surrender. Only the most fantastic plan can save him now. The classic story of Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man and the Lion that every kid should know! The narrator states that her naughty little sister is stubborn and greedy and full of mischief. She tries to cut off the cat's tail and eats all the trifle at Harry's party! How much bother can one little sister be?! A sweet and hilarious chapter book about a boy and a bat, two unlikely friends who bond over loneliness, jellyrolls and Darth Vader. This series has easy-to-read text, high-interest content and fast-paced plots and illustrations on every page. In book #6, the Dragon Masters travel to the Land of Pyramids in search of the secret Pyramid of the Seven Dragons. There are several puzzles they'll need to solve in order to reach the hidden stone. Will the Dragon Masters find the prime Dragons. There are several puzzles they'll need to solve in order to reach the hidden stone. nearly one hundred rooms, and her uncle keeps himself locked up. And at night, she hears the sound of crying down one of the long corridors. The gardens surrounding the large property are Mary's only escape. Then, Mary discovers a secret garden, surrounded by walls and locked with a missing key. With the help of two unexpected companions, Mary discovers a way in—and becomes determined to bring the garden back to life. The Princess in Black and her friends are enjoying a day of sun and sea on Princess Sneezewort's royal boat when a real, live mermaid princess emerges from the waves! Eeeeeee! Zoey and Sassafras, the trusty cat, can only solve problems by using science in this book! Each story features a new magical animal with a problem that must be solved using science. Amelia Bedelia books are so silly and loved by kids everywhere! Meet Ivy & Bean. Bean has lots of friends, loves stomping in puddles and hates being bored. Ivy has just moved in next door. Ivy seems nice, wears dresses and sparkly headbands—which makes Bean think she's too boring to be friends with. But after Ivy comes to Bean's rescue, they become the best of friends and begin a series of silly, sneaky, imaginative, sometimes naughty, and always hilarious adventures. The two best friends come across an enthusiastic school of fish one morning. Unfortunately, Mr. Blowfish, their teacher, has come down with a cold, and class will have to be cancelled . . . until Professor Knowell (Narwhal) and Super Teacher (Jelly) volunteer to help out! The perfect combination of Mary Poppins and Nanny McPhee, Mrs. Piggle Wiggle is a hilarious story with lots of problem-solving skills. It's perfect for adding discussion with your students throughout the book. This book is an oldie but a goodie, and students still love it today! The Littles are a family of very small people who live inside a wall! When the family who owns the house goes on vacation, a real adventure begins when cats and mice take over. The two littlest Littles must try to save the day so they can get back to their normal lives. When Princesses Olivia and Juniper agree to help Queen Jennifer with some important royal business, they are assigned to deliver a package to Stony Mountain, the home of the dragons aren't so scary after all? Nate the Great has a new case! His friend Annie has lost a picture. She wants Nate to help her find it. Nate the Great must get all the facts, ask the right questions, and narrow the list of suspects so he can solve the mystery. This is a fun-filled little adventure series about three unlikely animals who solve unpredictable mysteries with friendship, teamwork and humor. This is a fun-filled little adventure series about three unlikely animals who solve unpredictable mysteries with friendship, teamwork and humor. series is by the same author as "The Princess and the Dragon" series. Princess Olivia has always been fascinated by magic wands, so she's very excited when her mother, Queen Jennifer, lets her use the Magic Wand of Summerland to tidy up the castle. But trouble starts when the queen leaves, and Olivia and Juniper fight over the wand. Will the sisters come to their senses before the queen returns? In a blink of an eye, four best friends all get their biggest wish—they're whisked off to Never Land, home to Tinker Bell and her fairy friends. Having a little sister like four-year-old Ramona isn't always easy for Beezus Quimby. With a wild imagination, disregard for order and an appetite for chaos, Ramona makes it hard for Beezus to be the responsible older sister she knows she ought to be...especially when Ramona threatens to ruin Beezus's birthday party. Ramona likes that she's old enough to be counted on, but must everything depend on her? Mrs. Quimby has gone back to work so that Mr. Quimby can return to school, and Ramona is expected to be good for Mrs. Kemp while her parents are away, to be brave enough to ride the school bus by herself, and to put up with being teased by Danny the Yard Ape. Henry Huggins would do anything to get the bike of his dreams. But every idea he has keeps falling flat. Selling bubble gum on the playground gets him in trouble with his teacher. There's the paper route, but Henry's dog Ribsy nearly ruins that with his nose for mischief. Even pesky little Ramona Quimby manages to get in the way of Henry's chance at a bike. But it's with the help of his best friend Beezus that there may be a way. Your favorite teachers and students are here from "The Wayside Series." Everyone is scrambling to prepare for the all-important Ultimate Test, but meanwhile, there is a mysterious Cloud of Doom looming above them... Mr. and Mrs. Watson's porcine wonder, Mercy, loves nothing more than a ride in the car. It takes a fair amount of nudging and bribing and a "You are such a good sport, darling" to get the portly pig out of the driver's seat, but once the convertible is on the road, Mercy loves the feel of the wind tickling her ears and the sun on her snout. One day the Watsons' motoring ritual takes an unexpected turn, however, when their elderly neighbor Baby Lincoln pops up in the backseat! Patrick Picklebottom has a knack for critical thinking. So it's not too surprising that he and his best friend, Claire, keep coming across everyday mysteries. In school, at the local ice cream shop, during a history fair - even in his own house - Patrick constantly comes across new cases to crack. When Marvin moves to a new neighborhood, he wants nothing more than to make a good impression on his new teammates. After all, Marvin loves baseball more than anything, and all he wants is to prove he's worth his spot on the team. And with his lucky baseball bat in hand, what could go wrong? Picture books will always have a special place in my heart as well in kindergarten! I have tons of posts with read aloud ideas that you can check out below: First Day of Kindergarten Read Alouds 27 Back to School Read Alouds Apple Themed Read Alouds for Kindergarten Houds for Kindergarten Houds for Kindergarten Hopefully you enjoyed this list of 50 best read aloud chapter books for 5 year olds. A great book can take readers of any age on a journey full of magic and fun adventures, with or without pictures! Classic chapter books can be the perfect read-aloud series from fifth grade all the way down to kindergarten. Give them a chance in your class and you and your students might just fall in love! Following on from the very popular 50 Classic Picture Books list, today I am sharing over 25+ Classic Picture Books to read with 5-8 year olds. The classic read alouds in this collection have stood the test of time, and the list includes simple novels and a few story collections that children in the early elementary/primary years will enjoy. All published prior to 1980, these are the books that we loved as children that are perfect for reading aloud to our own kids - though older children will enjoy many of these as independent reads too. Some see these classic books as not conforming with modern social values so please do take a moment to read reviews and age recommendations for any titles you are unfamiliar with. As with all of our Best Books for Kids collections, each title is linked to an Amazon and Book Depository page where you can find further information (these are affiliate links). RELATED: Make your read aloud time the most amazing part of your day with this collection on 45 read aloud time! I hope this list re-connects you with a story or two that you had forgotten all about and that you will take pleasure in re-visiting at least one of these classic chapter Books for 5-8 Year Olds 1. The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne. First published in 1926. Including the original stories from Winnie the Pooh and The House at Pooh Corner, readers will love joining Christopher Robin, Pooh Bear and their friends on their adventures in the Hundred Acre Wood. Available: Amazon 2. When We Were Very Young (1924) and Now We Are Six (1927) by A. A. Milne These volumes of poetry by the creator of Winnie the Pooh share fabulous tales of all manner of things in fabulous verse. 3. The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame. First published in 1908. This classic tale of the adventures of Mole, Ratty, Badger and the lovable roque, Mr Toad, is one of our personal favourities. This is a shorter version of the original story with new artwork by Robert Ingpen. Available: Amazon 4. The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum. First published in 1900. Follow the adventures of Dorothy and Toto as their Kansas house is swept away by a cyclone and they find themselves in the land of Oz. Here Dorothy meets the Munchkins and joins the Scarecrow, Tin Woodman, and the Cowardly Lion on an unforgettable journey to the Emerald City, where lives the all-powerful Wizard of Oz. Available: Amazon 5. Charlotte's Web by E. B. White. First published in 1952. Some Pig. Humble. Radiant. These are the words in Charlotte's who simply wants a friend and the love of a girl named Fern, who saved Wilbur's life when he was born the runt of his litter. Available: Amazon 6. Raggedy Ann Stories by Johnny Gruelle. First published in 1918. The first collection of stories starring Raggedy Ann remains calm and optimistic, looking for the good in every situation. Available: Amazon 7. The Complete Adventures of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie by May Gibbs. First published in 1918. The fabulous adventures of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie, two gum-nut brothers, who head off on a quest through the Australian bush to see 'humans.' Available: Amazon 8. Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie. First published in 1911. One starry night, Peter Pan and Tinker Bell lead the three Darling children over the rooftops of London and away to Neverland-the island where lost boys play, mermaids splash and fairies make mischief. But a villainous-looking gang of pirates lurk in the docks, led by the terrifying Captain James Hook. Magic and excitement are in the air, but if Captain Hook has his way, before long, someone will be walking the plank and swimming with the crocodiles. Available: Amazon List continues below. 9. Mr Popper is sent a penguin, life for his family is never quite the same again. They go from one penguin living in the icebox, to housing 12 penguins, all of whom must be fed! "Popper's Performing Penguins, First Time on Any Stage, Direct from the South Pole" is born and their on tour adventures are captivating hilarious to children. Available: Amazon 10. The Adventures of the Wishing Chair by Enid Blyton. First published in 1937. When searching for a gift for their mother, Mollie and Peter find a magic wishing chair with the power to grow wings and fly. The chair takes them home and they decide to keep the chair in their playhouse and that is when the adventures really begin! Available: Amazon 11. The Tale of Peter Rabbit (and other stories in the series) by Beatrix Potter. First published in 1902. The original adventures of the cheeky little rabbit who always manages to find himself in a scrape...and always manages to find himself in a scrape...and always manages to find himself in a scrape...and always manages to escape. Available: Amazon 12. The Boxcar Children, Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny who create a home for themselves in an abandoned boxcar in the forest before going to live with a kind uncle. Available: Amazon 13. The Complete Book of the Flower Fairies by Cicely Mary Barker. First published in 1927. Beautiful illustrations and captivating verse, perfect for any fairy lover. Available: Amazon 14. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. First published in 1964. Willy Wonka's famous chocolate factory is opening at last but only five lucky children will be allowed inside! Join the kind and honest Charlie Bucket and his Grandpa as they enjoy the experience of a lifetime! Available: Amazon 15. 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fight to save the land of Narnia. Available: Amazon You may also like: Christie Burnett is a teacher, author and mother of two. She created Childhood 101 as a place for teachers and parents to find engaging, high quality learning ideas.

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