

Helping your Child to Read

Excerpt from Chapter 7 Recommended Book Lists

Must Read Books

There are so many wonderful books that the list is endless. The following books I would recommend as “Must Read Books”, whether you read them to your child or they read them to or with you. These are books that most children will want to return to for many years.

Amazing Grace. Mary Hoffman. Frances Lincoln

Amazing Grace is a modern tale of hopes, aspirations and role models, that is pitched perfectly for the very young reader. In the story Grace rightly thinks she can be anything or anyone she wants to be. But when she wants to audition for the school play her classmates tell her she can't play Peter Pan because she's a girl, and because she's black. Simple language describes an everyday situation that transforms Grace into an extraordinary girl. A wonderful, hopeful, and yet realistic, story for children.

Gorilla- Anthony Browne. Candlewick

Hannah spends all of her time reading gorilla books, watching gorilla TV shows, and drawing gorilla pictures. She has gorillas on her bedside lamp and even on her box of cereal. Hannah loves gorillas and longs to see a real one, but her father is always too busy - or too tired - to take her to the zoo. Then, on the night before her birthday, something extraordinary happens - and Hannah's wish comes gloriously true.

There are numerous other stories by Anthony Browne that children will adore such as “Willy and Hugh”, “Voices in the Park”, “Zoo,” “The Tunnel,” “My Dad,” “My Mum”. The

illustrations are excellent, there is so much hidden in them. Browne often deals with familiar and sensitive issues.

All About Alfie. Shirley Hughes. HarperCollins

A generation of children has grown up with Alfie and his little sister, Annie Rose. The treasury brings four of their favourite adventures together! A collection of four short stories previously published individually and including: "Alfie Gets in First," "Alfie's Feet," "Alfie Gives a Hand," and "An Evening at Alfie's." Buy them in this book or separately. There are more Alfie and Annie Rose stories that your child will enjoy. You can't go wrong with any books by Shirley Hughes.

(*.just a sample from an extensive list*)

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