Little Rabbit Trails 99 Ways to Read Aloud

- 1. Read during breakfast
- 2. Read while kids play with play dough
- 3. Read at the beach while kids sculpt in the sand
- 4. Read with a picture journal to draw what you are reading about
- 5. Read with coloring books
- 6. Read while they play with blocks
- 7. Read outside on a nice day with popsicles or GIANT slices of watermelon
- 8. Read at a botanical garden
- 9. Read someplace that has a connection to your book
- 10. Read while kids eat popcorn
- 11. Read during a fancy tea time
- 12. Read before nap time
- 13. Read during lunch
- 14. Read while children pretending you are a Queen/King and they are your royal court
- 15. Read with a silly voice
- 16. Read while kids draw something in nature
- 17. Read in your bed cuddling with kids
- 18. Read while kids paint a picture
- 19. Read while kids play with LEGO
- 20. Read under a tree
- 21. Read while kids pull weeds
- 22. Read while children clean their rooms
- 23. Read while kids cuddle in sleeping bags next to fireplace or in a tent
- 24. Read with a British accent (or any other accent)
- 25. Read while kids draw a picture to mail to someone
- 26. Read while your kids fold laundry

- 27. Read cuddling in your child's bed
- 28. Read during dinner
- 29. Read at a farm
- 30. Read while your children pick apples in an orchard
- 31. Read while your children hold yoga poses
- 32. Read when waiting in the car
- 33. Read in the dark looking at your Christmas tree, menorah, or other holiday lights
- 34. Read at a related historical site
- 35. Read while kids jump on a trampoline
- 36. Read outside laying on a blanket looking at clouds
- 37. Read while kids swing on a swing
- 38. Read while kids are in bed at night
- 39. Read with themed music quietly playing in the background
- 40. Read while a prism is painting rainbows on the walls (Pollyanna anyone?)
- 41. Read inside a blanket fort
- 42. Read while kids make ice cream in a bag or jar
- 43. Read while your kids are finishing a craft
- 44. Read while eating milk and cookies
- 45. Read inside a row boat
- 46. Read with Grandma
- 47. Read under the covers (or in a dark room) with a flashlight
- 48. Read While doing sidewalk chalk
- 49. Read in a rocking Chair together
- 50. Read and make up a game of word bingo
- 51. Read while floating down a river
- 52. Read next to a cool statue.
- 53. Read on a college campus near you
- 54. Read outside a museum that is related and then go inside to find things that relate
- 55. Read while kids sit in homemade cardboard cars eating popcorn (you're the movie)
- 56. Read in a park sandbox
- 57. Read while kids paint your toe nails
- 58. Read while drinking homemade Italian sodas (with cream...YUM!)
- 59. Read while kids play with leftover piece of bread dough
- 60. Read while kids style each other's hair
- 61. Read while decorating cookies
- 62. Read while making snow angels
- 63. Read while wrapped up in blankets and drinking hot coco
- 64. Read with the intent of looking up every work a child does not know
- 65. Read while children are doing a handy craft like cross stitch, knitting or crocheting
- 66. Read while sculpting something related in clay
- 67. Read while making a beaded necklace
- 68. Read and pick a funny thing to do every time you read a certain word
- 69. Read near and airport and watch the planes take off
- 70. Read while watching people fly kites and then give it a try yourself
- 71. Read in a Japanese garden

- 72. Read at a farmer's market after purchasing some yummy fruits to munch on
- 73. Read at the zoo especially if there is an animal to observe that relates to your book
- 74. Read inside a box castle that you make
- 75. Read with your pets
- 76. Read on the top bunk of a bunk bed
- 77. Read while floating around in a pool
- 78. Read in a totally random place your children would not expect
- 79. Read at a national park
- 80. Read while the kids make a comic book version of the book
- 81. Read aloud taking turns to read (with your strong readers)
- 82. Read with one young child and let them read words like "and", "the", "or, and so on
- 83. Read while children are picking up your yard
- 84. Read under the stars
- 85. Read while looking at a rainbow
- 86. Read while children plant fall bulbs
- 87. Read while children make personalized cinnamon rolls, cook them, and eat them
- 88. Read while dressed up like characters from the book
- 89. Read and use different voices for each character
- 90. Read and let the children act it out as you read
- 91. Read in your pajamas in the middle of the day
- 92. Read in a tree house
- 93. Read while kids pick wild flowers
- 94. Read while kids wash a car
- 95. Read in your parked car and play Chinese Fire Drill every time you YELL "CHINESE FIRE DRILL" (You get out for the car, run around it till you get back to your own door and get back in as fast as you can)
- 96. Read while visiting someone who can't leave their house
- 97. Read outside while watching cows or other livestock
- 98. Read near a waterfall
- 99. Read in the mountains



Great Classic Read Alouds to Start With

Below you will find a beginners list. These are great starter books and readings for different ages, but you know your children best. If your 4 or 5-year-old already sit still for chapter books and short stories then both the picture books and Chapter books would be great to choose from. The poetry and documents list also has material that can be used for different ages. I know each homeschooling family is different so I also included a few choices for kids middle school and high school age. I call these the **Deep Reads**. These will be great to read and discuss. I also strongly suggest that you haven't read all the books on this list then you should.

For a larger list of books visit www.littlerabbittrails.com/classic-books

Picture Books

- Aesop's Fables, Aesop
- Beatrix Potter Complete Collection, Beatrix Potter
- Casey at the Bat, Ernest Thayer
- A Children's Garden of Verses, Robert Louis Stevenson
- The Emperor's New Clothes, Anderson
- Green Eggs and Ham, Dr Seuss
- The Giving Tree, Shel Silverstein
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears,
- Hansel and Gretel, Brothers Grimm
- Harold and the Purple Crayon, Crockett Johnosn
- <u>Lafcadio, The Lion Who Shot Back, Shel Silverstein</u>
- The Little Engine That Could, Watty Piper
- <u>The Little House</u>, Virginia Lee Burton
- The Little Red Hen, Paul Galdone
- <u>The Lorax</u>, Dr Seuss
- Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes
- Now We Are Six, A.A. Milne (poetry with simple illustrations)
- Oh, The Places You'll Go, Dr. Seuss
- Paul Revere's Ride, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- The Pied Piper of Hamelin, Robert Browning
- <u>Puss in Boots</u>, Jerry Pinkney
- <u>Rikki-Tikki-Tavi</u>, Rudyard Kipling
- Rip Van Winkle, Washington Irving
- Sir Conference and the Dragon of Pi, Cindy Neuschwander
- The Sneeches, Dr Seuss
- Stone Soup, Ann McGovern
- <u>The Story of Ferdinand</u>, Munro Leaf

- The Story Of The Other Wise Man, Henry Van Dykee
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Paul Galdone
- The Three Little Pigs, Little golden Books
- The Ugly Duckling, Anderson
- 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, Clement Moore
- <u>The Velveteen Rabbit</u>, Margery Williams
- What's Your Angle Pythagoras? Julie Ellis
- When We Were Very Young A. A. Milne (poetry with simple illustrations)

Chapter Books and Short Stories

- Hans Christian Anderson Fairy Tales, Hans Christian Anderson
- Alice In Wonderland, Lewis Carroll
- <u>Betsy-Tacy Treasury</u>, <u>Maud Hart Lovelace</u>
- Charlotte's Web, E.B. White
- Charly and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl
- Cheaper by the Dozen, Frank B. Gilbreth
- <u>Doctor Dolittle</u>, Hugh Lofting
- The Door in the Wall, Marguerite de Angeli
- The Family Under the Bridge, Natalie Savage Carlson
- Grimm's Fairy Tales (pre read...some can be very intense), Grimm Brothers
- <u>Little House in the Big Woods, Laura Ingalls Wilder</u>
- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH, Robert C. O'brien
- Peter Pan,, J.M. Barrie
- <u>The Phantom Toll Booth</u>, Norton Juster
- <u>Pippi Longstockings</u>, Astrid Lindgren
- <u>Pollyanna</u>, <u>Eleanor H. Porter</u>
- Sarah Plain and Tall, Patricia MacLachlan
- The Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson Burnett
- The Secret School, Avi
- Spiderwick Chronicles (Set 1), Holly Diterlizzi
- The Trumpet of the Swan, E.B. White
- The Wind in the Willows, Kenneth Grahame
- Winnie-the-Pooh, A. A. Milne
- The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, L.Frank Baum

Read Alouds for large Age Range

- A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens
- Anne of Green Gables, L.M. Montgomery
- Frankenstein, Mary Shelley
- Gulliver's Travel, Jonathan Swift
- The Happy Prince and other Tales, Oscar Wilde
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, J.K. Rowling

- <u>Hatchet</u>, Gary Paulsen
- <u>Heidi,</u> Johanna Spyri
- Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain
- Island of the Blue Dolphins, Scott O'Dell
- The Jungle Book, Rudyard Kipling
- Journey to the Center of The Earth, Jules Verne
- The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Washington Irvin
- The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe, C.S. Lewis
- <u>Little Britches</u>, Ralph Moody
- The Little House Series, Laura Ingalls Wilder
- <u>Little Men</u>, Louisa May Alcott
- The Little Prince, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
- Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
- Masterpiece, Elise Broach
- Mathematicians are People, Too, Dale Seymore Publications
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Kate DiCamillo
- Robin Hood, Howard Pyle
- Rudyard Kipling's Just So Stories, Rudyard Kipling
- Tales from the Arabian Nights, Muhsin Mahdi
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain
- Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson

Deep Reads

- Anthem, Ayn Rand
- <u>Animal Farm</u>, Orwell
- The Art of War, SunTzu
- Asimov on Numbers Issac Asimov
- A Beginners Guide to Constructing the Universe
- <u>Bendigo Shafter</u> Louis L'amour
- <u>The Chosen</u>, Chaim Potok
- The Dream Giver, Bruce Wilkinson
- <u>Fahrenheit 451</u> Ray Bradbury
- Flatland Abbott
- The Dream Giver, Wilkinson
- Enders Game, Orson Scott Card
- <u>The Giver</u>, Lois Lowry
- <u>The Hiding Place</u>, Corrie Ten Boom
- <u>The Hunger Games</u>, Suzanne Collins
- Lonesome Gods, Louis L'amour
- Man's Search For Meaning, Viktor E. Frankl
- Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas, Douglas
- <u>Walden</u>, Henry David Thoreau

Poetry and Documents

- The Allegory of the Cave Plato
- Christmas Bells, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- The Declaration of Independence
- <u>Fog</u> Carl Sandburg
- The Gettysburg Address, Abraham Lincoln
- I Have a Dream Martin Luther King Jr.
- If, Kipling
- Invictus, William Ernest Henley
- <u>Jabberwocky</u>, Lewis Carroll
- Lincoln, Man of the People, Edwin Markham
- My Shadow, Robert Lewis Stevenson
- O Captain! My Captain, Walt Whitman
- Old Ironside Oliver Holmes Sr.
- The Present Crisis James Lowell
- <u>The Raven</u>, Edgar Allen Poe
- Sonnet 18 Shakespeare
- The Star Spangle Banner Frances Scott Keys
- <u>Still I Rise</u> Maya Angelo
- The Tyger William Blake
- The Road Not Taken Robert Frost



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