



Alouds

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Early Elementary

Tornado by Betsy Cromer Byars. INT BYA.

A dog, complete with dog house, is blown into a family's life during a tornado.

The End of the Beginning by Avi. INT AVI.

A snail and an ant, an oddly heroic pair, search for adventure.

Half Magic by Edward Eager. FIC EAG.

Four children find a coin that gives you half of what you wish for.

Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine. INT FIN.

The hilarious antics of Tuffy and his family, as told by the killer cat himself.

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate Di Camillo. FIC DIC.

Opal finds a stray dog at the Winn-Dixie grocery store and takes him home.

Frindle by Andrew Clements. FIC CLE.

Nick likes to liven things up at school, so he invents the word "frindle" and convinces the whole school to use it instead of the word "pen."

The Losers Fight Back by Barbara M. Jooisse. INT JOO.

What does a losing soccer team need? A big kid!

Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling. INT KIP.

Stories that explain how the camel got his large hump and the elephant his long nose.

Later, Gator by Laurence Yep. FIC YEP.

Teddy's supposed to buy a turtle for his brother's birthday, instead he buys a baby alligator.

Older Elementary

The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry. FIC LOWRY.

Surprisingly funny farce featuring rotten parents and smart-aleck kids.

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis. FIC CURTIS.

Elijah is known for two things: being the first child born free in Buxton, Canada, and throwing up on Frederick Douglass.

My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen. 92 P3315A3.

True stories about dogs that the children's author owned and loved.

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg. FIC KON.

Claudia runs away from home to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

The Broken Bike Boy and the Queen of 33rd Street by Sharon Flake. FIC FLAKE.

Queen Marie Rosseau is, in the words of her father, "Queen of Thirty-third Street" and she acts like it until she meets Leroy, an African prince from Senegal.

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos. FIC GAN.

Joey Pigza was born "wired." He can't sit still, can't pay attention, can't follow rules, but he can work at getting better.

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine. FIC LEV.

Ella is blessed (or cursed, depending on how you look at it) by a fairy, with the gift of obedience.

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko. FIC CHO.

Moose's family moves to the Alcatraz prison island so his autistic sister can attend a nearby school.

The Worst Best School Year Ever by Barbara Robinson. FIC ROBINSO.

The Herdmans are the most "resourceful" children in Woodrow Wilson School.

Rules by Cynthia Lord. FIC LOR.

"No toys in the fish tank" is one of many rules Catherine shares with her autistic younger brother, David to help him understand his world.