

## Author Links Organized into Reading, Writing & Creating Categories

### Authors Reading Aloud, Books & Sharing

Kate Messner – author of MANY picture books & chapter books have called upon her author/illustrator friends to post videos with great ideas & read alouds.

<https://www.katemessner.com/read-wonder-and-learn-favorite-authors-illustrators-share-resources-for-learning-anywhere-spring-2020/>

THE Peter Reynolds has started a YouTube channel where he will be posting videos where he will share his process and his wonderful books.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9raq7i2d5G8>

Laurie Halse Anderson is the acclaimed author of *Fever 1793* and many other wonderful chapter books for older readers. She reads aloud from *Fever 1793*. (For older grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0H2ocvX73c>

Ben Clanton is featuring a read aloud of his VERY popular Narwhal books.

<http://www.benclanton.com/p/videos.html>

Lauren Tarshis, author of the VERY POPULAR *I Survived* series, is graciously reading her book *I Survived The Titanic 2* chapters at a time and now she is starting *I Survived the Destruction of Pompeii*.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSTW7J41\\_7TVQgNxVrMcEGw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSTW7J41_7TVQgNxVrMcEGw)

Dan Gemeinhart visited with many CB schools a couple of years ago. He is graciously inviting readers to join him in a book club (better for grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>) for his book *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise*. Unfortunately he can't read the whole book, but hopefully hearing the first 6 – 8 chapters you will want to get a copy of the book to finish for yourself. He is making plans to get the book club up and running in a couple of weeks.

Chapter 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0CQU4RE9IQ>

Chapter 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4Q4eD0bnKU>

Chapter 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXbim6-KdWU>

Chapter 4 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gJa\\_fJt8-l](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gJa_fJt8-l)

Chapter 5 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUwYDqonyll>

Chapters 6 – 8 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Az3EWGVYBYE&feature=youtu.be>

Chris Grabenstein reads the first chapter from his book *Shine*.

<https://vimeo.com/369610019>

Cece Bell, author of the graphic novel *El Deafo* shares her book and accompanies her reading with commentary about that time in her life.

Chapter 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5vx-V8SFL4&feature=youtu.be>

Patrick Carman, author of many great chapter books for older readers is offering his book *Skeleton Creek* in audio version. This book is cool in that part of if you would read (or this case have it read to you) then you go online to look at the videos that the main character's best friend does which connect the narrative. This is the first book in a 4-book series. It is recommended for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade ONLY due to the content/some scary videos).

<https://www.patrickcarman.com/scaudio>

Scott Magoon is an author/illustrator of SO MANY wonderful books. He's offering Scott's Studio Storytime. He reads a book then shares drawing tips for the characters from the books he reads.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCk62Tdo0P8UZ44Cl\\_eCT1XQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCk62Tdo0P8UZ44Cl_eCT1XQ)

Floyd Cooper is an amazing author & illustrator with SO MANY beautiful books. This link will take you to a video of him reading aloud *Max and The Tag-Along Moon*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=afFUozv4cbc&app=desktop>

Oliver Jeffers is an author/illustrator of so many wonderful picture books (among them *The Day the Crayons Quit*). Here he shares many of them as a read aloud.

<https://www.oliverjeffers.com/books#/abookaday/>

Ann Braden reads the first chapter from her book, *The Benefits of Being an Octopus*. She will also be posting advice for writing on her website. (Better for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aY6bptV4w8o&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aY6bptV4w8o&feature=emb_logo)

<https://annbradenbooks.com/teachers-librarians/>

Nikki Grimes, author and poet, reads aloud the first chapter from her *Dyamonde Daniel* series.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZ->

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John Schu is the Ambassador of School Libraries. His passion for reading and books is contagious. Here he is reading aloud one of the books in the *Pug* series by Aaron Blabey.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZ->

[5RNkX7ec&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3htEb87Jn6yRNDnrz0tbqS3Qwb5bC7yL6HtI3Q57uDvgIMw8Mdl\\_2CMnk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZ-5RNkX7ec&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3htEb87Jn6yRNDnrz0tbqS3Qwb5bC7yL6HtI3Q57uDvgIMw8Mdl_2CMnk)

Katey Howes is the author of *Be a Maker*. She reads aloud from her fun book and hopefully you'll be inspired to be a maker as well. The second link takes you to a video of Katey making a project you can try at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ppa8U5MisE&app=desktop>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OMGd4SZOQc>

Kenneth Oppel has several YouTube videos where he reads aloud first chapters from several of his books. More appropriate for older readers 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4k5WE3aHq8&list=PLNHp0436t0q13WOJBmzjhCwDoxsp3ye7K>

Jon Scieszka is the author of SO MANY incredible picture books and chapter books. The *Time Warp Trio* is very popular with children. He is getting together with Steven Weinberg to share how they created the art for their series *Astronuts*. They use many art pieces from the Smithsonian which are available for free downloading and creating (2<sup>nd</sup> link below). The 3<sup>rd</sup> link is their mini book they provide so you can learn to create too.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-LVBQsXG8&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.si.edu/openaccess>

<https://www.si.edu/sites/default/files/how-to-make-a-collagasaurus.pdf>

Aaron Reynolds is an author of many funny picture books. Here are a few that he's posted reading aloud.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJXbii5VBWmxETyaVs2Bqaw>

Flipgrid of Authors – Over 100 authors share their books on two separate Flipgrids. A great way to hear about new books you might want to read.

<https://flipgrid.com/d935fd>

<https://flipgrid.com/d6e229>

Authors Everywhere is a YouTube channel with authors/illustrators sharing their ideas for reading, writing and creating.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCowhHSUaWp3KJDcuIOnR0vw/videos>

Author Read alouds – This link will take you to a YouTube page that has dozens of authors reading aloud from their work.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3>

The Junior Library Guild is offering tons of free books online to hear read aloud or some you can read on your own. No log in required.

<https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/at-home>

Tumble Books offers MANY titles for ALL ages.

<https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/home.aspx>

Harper Collins Kids is offering lots of read aloud videos and activities for the VERY popular Pete the Cat books. They also have other books available on their YouTube channel.

<https://www.harpercollins.com/childrens/pete-the-cat-activities-songs-educational-videos/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/HarperKids>

## Illustrating & Creating

Jarrett Lerner – A VERY creative author with great ideas. Give some of them a try. He will also be reading chapters from a new (unpublished) book on Mondays and Thursdays.

<https://jarrettlerner.com/activities/>

<https://jarrettlerner.com/blog/>

Debbie Ridpath Ohi is SUCH a creative author/illustrator. Her site is filled with lots of great ideas you can do at home using your imagination. She also has links to videos of her sharing her books.

<https://www.debbieohi.com/>

Here's a link to the author Michael Ian Black reading aloud Bored followed by a drawing demo from Debbie:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dd3jyzCkvDc&feature=youtu.be>

Here's a link to her YouTube channel with other great books read aloud and illustrating demonstrations.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-AQuTYL0w43GpzzEcuDJGA>

Mo Willems is the famous creator of the Elephant & Piggie series along with the Pigeon. He is doing daily Lunch Doodles for the kids to draw along.

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=%23MoLunchDoodles](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=%23MoLunchDoodles)

Jarrett J. Krosoczka – Jarrett is the author/illustrator of so many amazing picture books, chapter books, and graphic novels. On his website he is featuring daily drawing lessons. The YouTube link takes you to his archived sessions.

<http://www.studioijk.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/studioijk>

Vashti Harrison is an AMAZING illustrator who creates stunning pictures. Her book, *Hair Love*, won an Oscar for an animated short.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc4pN50-2m1Vcrbarli1yMg>

Dav Pilkey is celebrating reading this week with Scholastic's Reading Gives You Super Powers.

[https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/reading-resources/dav-pilkey-reading-gives-you-superpowers.html?eml=PNL%2F%2F20200321%2F%2F%2F%2Fnewsletter%2Fnone%2F%2F%2F%2F&mi\\_u=210505640&ET\\_CID=20200321\\_PNL\\_Newsletter\\_DavPilkey\\_RET\\_964&ET\\_RID=1141655077](https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/reading-resources/dav-pilkey-reading-gives-you-superpowers.html?eml=PNL%2F%2F20200321%2F%2F%2F%2Fnewsletter%2Fnone%2F%2F%2F%2F&mi_u=210505640&ET_CID=20200321_PNL_Newsletter_DavPilkey_RET_964&ET_RID=1141655077)

Dav offers suggestions for creating graphic novels - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5MgYqkvuWM>

Here he is offering weekly drawing tip:

<https://kids.scholastic.com/kids/books/dav-pilkey-at-home/>

Jeff Kinney offers drawing tips for how he draws Greg.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzyMHe6t7dY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vN3HS-YjXa0>

Grace Lin offers tips on how to draw dragons and other fun characters. She also includes some reading aloud from her chapter books.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/gracepacy/videos>

Chris Eliopoulos is the illustrator of the biographical series Ordinary People Change the World. Join him as he demonstrates illustrating some of the people from his series.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo9zP8JAiBQN1sR57YlqXzA/videos?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo9zP8JAiBQN1sR57YlqXzA/videos?view_as=subscriber)

## Writing & Poetry

Amy Ludwig VanDerwater is an AMAZING author/poet. Her site has links to writer's notebooks ideas and TONS of poetry. The second link takes you to her YouTube channel where she's curated her WN activities. SO GOOD!!!!!!

<http://www.sharingournotebooks.amylv.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuZ7EMD9jTpwnd6SldCflnw>

Bruce Hale is offering writing tips on his website.

<https://brucehale.com/writers-tips-videos/>

Lindsay Currie is an author of spooky chapter books. Her website has helpful tips for young writers to write their own spooky stories. The YouTube link has videos of her reading the first chapter from her latest book *Scratch Scratch* and advice on writing spooky stories.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2f4vNuJ948PS1OZQfSXd0A>

<https://www.lindsaycurrie.com/>

Elly Swartz is a chapter book author who has a page on her website of her reading the first chapter from many of her books, plus writing tips & videos.

<https://ellyswartz.com/writing-tips>

This link will take you to Elly reading her chapter book *Smart Cookie* aloud.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo9zP8JAiBQN1sR57YlqXzA/videos?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo9zP8JAiBQN1sR57YlqXzA/videos?view_as=subscriber)

Melissa Stewart is a fabulous NONFICTION author who offers tips to young writers on how to make their nonfiction writing better.

[https://www.melissa-stewart.com/videos/video\\_mini\\_lessons.html](https://www.melissa-stewart.com/videos/video_mini_lessons.html)

THE Kate DiCamillo is offering writing advice and sharing tips. However, you need to have a Facebook account to access them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yA1CTuZ27Bs&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCPRdZ7R3RM>

Josh Funk writes fun books for kids and he has a lot of great activities on his site for kids.

<https://www.joshfunkbooks.com/stuff-for-kids>

Ralph Fletcher is an amazing writer and human being. He was my mentor when learning to teach writing, and he helped me learn to keep a writer's notebook. He is giving tips to young writers. He continues to add sessions as he does them. So far there are 5.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEgyC6oeXl4&list=UUzcOdiZaBtSb1x60zDFhH7g&index=4>

Charles Waters recites his poems from his new poetry book, *Dictionary for a Better World*. It's a timely book that I recommend ALL families to add to their home libraries.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeTWO8EA10I>

Joyce Sidman is an incredible poet and her website offers lessons on how to get our children writing poetry.

<http://www.joycesidman.com/teachers/poetry-ideas/>

Laura Purdie Salas is the author of over 100 books. Here she reads 3 of her Can Be books. After hearing them try writing your own \_\_\_\_\_ Can Be.

<https://laurasalas.com/poems-for-teachers/read-aloud-videos-for-all-three-can-be-books/>

Lynda Mullaly Hunt, author of *Fish in a Tree*, and many chapter books for older readers is offering writing advice. Scroll to the bottom of the page to access videos of her sharing advice to young writers.

<https://www.lyndamullalyhunt.com/for-readers/spring-into-extra-time-at-home-page-2020/>

Lita Judge is an author & illustrator who offers young writers how to create a book using a storyboard.

<https://vimeo.com/399686349>

LitWorld's Global Heart Map Project is a world-wide effort to have us share what's in our Heart Maps. Heart Maps have been used by so many teachers in our district and this is a great way to go beyond our four walls.

<https://www.litworld.org/heartmaps>

Writers Speak to Kids where NBC interviews many authors about where their ideas come from.

<https://www.nbclearn.com/writers-speak-to-kids>

## Miscellaneous

THE J.K. Rowling and her publishing company created a website for the kids to do for fun while they are home. Whether you are new to the Wizarding World or you've been to it through the amazing books, give this site a try.

<https://www.wizardingworld.com/collections/harry-potter-at-home>

Real authors. Real illustrators. Real time. A calendar of various authors & illustrators making themselves through Facebook or Instagram.

<https://www.stimolalive.com/>

Kids Ask Authors is a website that features authors answering kids' questions. Be sure to click on the individual links to hear the podcast recording of the questions/answers.

<https://www.kidsaskauthors.com/>

KidLit TV has many wonderful books being read aloud, many read by the authors themselves.

<https://kidlit.tv/>

American Association of School Librarians – This link will connect you the “Best Websites” for teaching and learning.

<https://standards.aasl.org/project/bw19/>

Harper Collins Publishers has a page on their website with information and ways to connect kids & parents to literature.

<https://www.harpercollins.com/childrens/harper-at-home/>

Storyline Online has many books read aloud by actors/actresses.

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Storytime with Ryan and Craig - Wonderful books are read aloud by 2 friends who bring a bit of humor to their reading/sharing.

<https://www.ryanandcraig.com/read-alouds>

Vooks is a kid-safe streaming library of read-aloud, animated storybooks. Free for one month.

<https://www.vooks.com>

Scholastic for fiction and nonfiction. It's free with sign-up:

[https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome/grades-3-5.html?promo\\_code=6294&magazineName=classroommagazines](https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome/grades-3-5.html?promo_code=6294&magazineName=classroommagazines)

**\*\* This link will give you access to Capstone books which has a variety of genres, including graphic novels (which many of you like to read).**

[www.mycapstonelibrary.com](http://www.mycapstonelibrary.com)

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