

Reading Profiles: Solutions and Strategies for the Young Female Reader



SOME KEY QUESTIONS FOR LIBRARIANS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS TO CONSIDER

What are young children reading?

What are their reading habits?

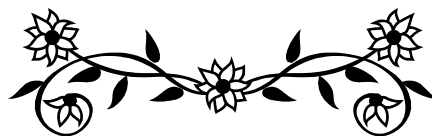
What is the difference between boys' and girls' reading profiles?

How can parents encourage their daughters and sons to read?

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Strategies for Encouraging Your Daughter to Read

- Model reading in the home by having magazines, newspapers, and a variety of books available.
- Buy books based on films or television shows. These are hooks that lead to a renewed interest in texts.
- Encourage your daughter to write down the lyrics of her favourite songs. Music is the bridge to both writing and reading poetry.
- Take your daughter to a book store in a mall during a shopping day. Allow her to select her individual style of reading. Encourage her to buy a gift certificate for a friend.
- Take books out of the local library. Model the love of reading within your community.
- Visit the school library and talk to the librarian about strategies for promoting reading.
- Buy books on CD and play them in the car or at home.
- Select biographies of your daughter's heroes in the bookstore. She will be engaged in reading about them.
- Encourage your daughter to write a letter to her favourite author to give feedback about a book.
- Form a book club and invite your daughter to read its selection. She may want to bring a friend as a participant.
- Buy books of a topical nature written for young women.
- If your daughter loves sports, try to find books about her favourite athletes.
- Never criticize your daughter's tastes in books. Instead, offer to read one that she has recommended. Nothing succeeds like the bond between readers.



Reads everywhere, reads all of the time

- *The Sign of The Seahorse: A Tale of Adventure in Two Acts by Graeme Base*
- *The War Between The Vowels and The Consonants by Priscilla Turner*
- *Where The Forest Meets The Sky by Jeannie Baker*
- *Circle Unbroken by Margot Theis Raven, illustrated by E.B. Lewis*
- *The Magic Gourd by Baba Wagué Diakité*
- *Children of The Dragon by Sherry Garland*
- *If I Were In Charge, The Rules Would Be Different by James Proimos*

Interested In Current Events and History

- *The Road from Home: The Story of an Armenian Girl by David Kherdian*
- *Lottie's Courage: A Contraband Slave's Story by Phyllis Hall Haislip*
- *Five Creatures by Emily Jenkins, illustrated by Tomek Bogacki*
- *Boxes for Katje by Candace Fleming*
- *Dreaming in Black and White by Reinhardt Jung, translated by Anthea Bell*
- *Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez*
- *My Pal Victor by Diane Gonsales Bertrand, illustrated by Robert Sweetland, translated by Eida de La Vega*
- *Girls That Rocked The World 2: From Harriet Tubman to Mia Hamm by Michelle Roeh, illustrated by Jerry McCann*
- *Nothing Here But Stones by Nancy Oswald*
- *Ida B and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster and (Possibly) Save The World by Katherine Hannigan*

Loves a variety of books: browses through all kinds of genres ad titles

- *Hana's Suitcase by Karen Levine*
- *It's Love We Don't Understand by Bart Moeyaert, translated by Wanda Boeke*
- *A Song for Ba by Paul Yee, paintings by Jan Peng Wong*
- *Whale Snow by Debbie Dahl Edwardson, illustrated by Annie Patterson*
- *The Biggest Snowman Ever by Steven Kroll, illustrated by Jeni Bassett*
- *Working Like A Dog: The Story of Working Dogs Through History by Gena K. Gorrell*
- *My Name Was Hussein by Hristo Kyuchukov, illustrated by Allan Eitzen*
- *The Man Who Walked Between The Two Towers by Mordecai Gerstein*
- *Encyclopedia Preshistorica Dinosaurs by Robert Sabuda and Matthew Reinhart*

Selective: chooses specific titles with a focus on human issues and science

- *Witness by Karen Herse*
- *Face Relations: 11 Stories about Seeing Beyond Color by Marilyn Singer (Editor)*
- *Meltdown: A Race Against Nuclear Disaster at Three Mile Island: A Reporter's Story by Wilborn Hampton*
- *My Name Is Celia by Monica Brown*
- *Food Rules by Bill Haduch*
- *The Chimpanzees I Love by Jane Goodall*
- *Interrupted Journey: Saving Endangered Sea Turtles by Kathryn Lasky, photographs by G. Knight*
- *Here Comes Our Bride by Ifeoma Oryefulu*
- *Brave Harriet by Marissa Moss, illustrated by C.F. Payne*

- *Home by Jeannie Baker*
- *Egyptology by Emily Sands, illustrated by Helen Ward*
- *Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog by Pamela S. Turner, illustrated by Yan Nascimbene*

Dreamer: loves to escape in novels and atmospheres of specific settings

- *Escape from Memory by Margaret Peterson Haddix*
- *The Children of Green Knowe by L.M. Boston*
- *Houdini by Clinton Cox*
- *Ridiculous Poems for Intelligent Children by Robin Hirsch*
- *Shakespeare by Michael Rosen*
- *Heart to Heart by Jan Greenberg*
- *The Brimstone Journals by Ronald Koertge*
- *Short Takes by Charles R. Smith*
- *The Crow Girl: The Children of Crow Cove by Bodil Bredsdorff, translated by Faith Ingwerson and Richard Jackson Books*
- *The Grim Grotto (A Series of Unfortunate Events, Book 11) by Lemony Snicket*
- *The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis*
- *Ruby's Wish by Shirin Yim Bridges*
- *Do Princesses Wear Hiking Boots? By Carmela Lavigna Coyle, illustrated by Mike Gordon*
- *A Family of Poems: My Favourite Poetry for Children by Caroline Kennedy, illustrated by Jon J. Muth*





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