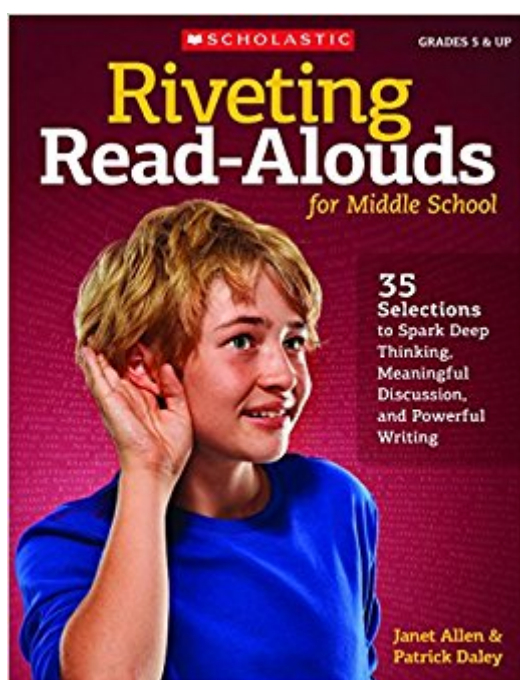


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# Riveting Read-Alouds For Middle School: 35 Selections Guaranteed To Spark Deep Thinking, Meaningful Discussion, And Powerful Writing



## Synopsis

Why read aloud to students in middle school? Reading aloud exposes them to a wide variety of text types and genres, builds background knowledge, models effective reading behaviors, and more. The selections in this book have been carefully chosen to appeal to diverse students and boost their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Each selection comes with a teaching page that includes discussion and writing prompts and more. A powerful way to cultivate students' love of reading!

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Vine "These rare well written passages that are meant to engage students when read aloud. I hope to incorporate them into my classroom. A good resource for educators." --Melissa A.

Palmer Provided via Vine "My wife, who teaches 6th grade, put this product to a mini test, here is what she had to say: Reading aloud to students is important for many reasons, listening is an important skill and it can bring stories alive for students. In this book, the authors give a short summary for each story and provide language and vocabulary to help build student background knowledge. The authors also provide ample opportunity for students to think, talk, and write about each text. There is a variety of texts such as excerpts from novels, non-fiction and poetry. The stories are engaging and would be great to use once or twice a week in class." --Michael

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Patrick Daley was a nationally known expert in adolescent literacy, as well as an advocate for the older struggling reader and for the teachers who teach them. As Senior Vice President of Scholastic Education, Patrick led initiatives that support academic engagement and literacy for all students. He collaborated with numerous education thought leaders, including Alfred Tatum, Ruth Culham, Laura Robb, Irene Fountas, and Gay Su Pinnell. After earning a B.A. in Elementary Education from the University of Vermont and an M. Ed. in Reading and Language from Boston University, Patrick served as an elementary and middle-school classroom teacher and as a district reading specialist. He wrote several books for early learners, young adults, and teachers. In 2011, he received the Books for Kids Lifelong Commitment to Literacy Award. Janet Allen is an international consultant recognized for her comprehensive work in reading education. After teaching reading and English for nearly twenty years in Maine, Janet relocated to the University of Central Florida where she taught reading, writing, and English education courses; directed the Central Florida Writing Project; and, assisted in the creation of the Orange County Literacy Project. She is now a full-time researcher, writer, and consultant in schools and districts involved in rethinking their approaches to literacy and learning.

I stumbled on this book and am so grateful I did! I read aloud to my 10 and 11 year old kids and they love it. But it has gotten harder and harder to find ideas of what to read that will span everyone's interests and comprehension, and some recent squabbles about what to read have endangered our precious family read-aloud tradition. So, we discovered this book just in time! It hits the sweet spot. There are selections here which I will read aloud and others which prompt ideas of longer works which I will seek out to read aloud. And, I appreciated all the educational ideas that accompanied each reading. I am not a middle school teacher so these ideas were great for a parent who might not intuitively think of the questions and discussion prompts. This book will keep us happy and busy for a while!

Every middle school teacher should use this book. It's amazing.

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