



Happy Father's Day!

Reading aloud is a great activity for dads and kids to share. Here are some great books—both classic and new—featuring fathers and their children:

Dad and Me in the Morning by Patricia Lakin, illustrated by Robert G. Steele (1994)
Jacob is deaf, but the focus of this story is the love he shares with his dad. Ages 4-8.

Fishing in the Air by Sharon Creech, illustrated by Chris Raschka (2000)
A Newberry and a Caldecott winner collaborate to portray a special outing. Ages 4-8.

Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale by Mo Willems (2004)
A Caldecott Honor Book full of the humor and pathos of daily life. Ages 2-8.

Little Loon and Papa by Toni Buzzeo, illustrated by Margaret Spengler (2004)
Papa Loon helps Little Loon overcome his fear of diving. Maine author. Ages 4-8.

Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle (2004)
A voyage underwater reveals the nurturing of the male seahorse. Ages 4-8.

My Dad by Anthony Browne (2001)
This witty catalog of one dad's best qualities ends with his love for his child. Ages 2-8.

Night Shift Daddy by Eileen Spinelli, illustrated by Melissa Iwai (2000)
A father puts his daughter to bed; in the morning, she puts him to bed. Ages 4-8.

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen (1987)
This classic Caldecott winner shows a magical winter excursion in the woods. Ages 4-8.

Papa, Do You Love Me? by Barbara Joosse, illustrated by Barbara Lavalley (2005)
Set in Maasailand, Africa, this book shows a father's unconditional love. Ages 3-8.

Pete's a Pizza by William Steig (1998)
A creative dad cheers his grumpy son by turning him into a pizza. Ages 2-8.

Tom and Pippo Read a Story by Helen Oxenbury (1998)
A board book version of the 1988 story of a father and son reading together. Ages 0-3.

Up! by Kristine O'Connell George, illustrated by Hiroe Nakata (2005)
Father and toddler spend a day at the park. Spare text full of energy and joy. Ages 0-5.

The Very Best Daddy of All by Marion Dane Bauer, illustrated by Leslie Wu (2004)
Soothing, repetitive text celebrates fathers—both animals and humans. Ages 2-6.

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