

Tips for Enhancing Leisure Reading

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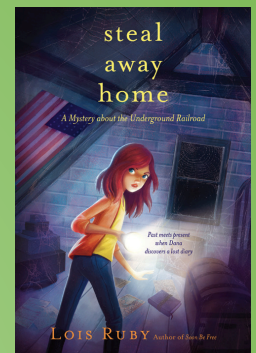
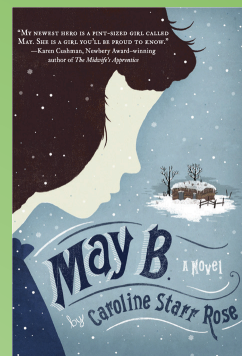
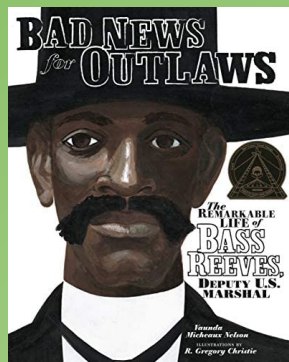
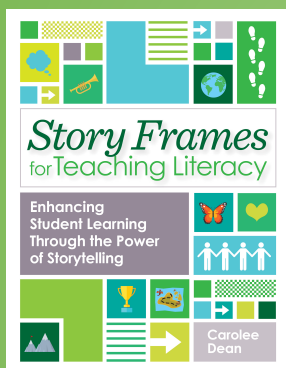
Authors with Books Appearing in the Story Frames Plot Analyses

Vaunda Micheaux Nelson – Retired librarian and author of *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal*

Lois Ruby – Retired Librarian and author of *Steal Away Home*

Caroline Starr Rose – Former teacher and author of *May B.* and *A Race Around the World: The True Story of Nellie Bly & Elizabeth Bisland*

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Tips for Enhancing Leisure Reading

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1. **Be a Book Lover** – Actions speak louder than words. Show your kids that leisure reading is important. Turn off the TV and open a book. During that exciting summer trip, take some down time to pick up a book. Make sure everyone has a book to read on the plane. Listen to family friendly audio books during road trips. Show excitement for books. Visit a fun, new bookstore during your family vacation.
2. **Provide Access to Books and Other Reading Materials** – Make visiting the bookstore or library a fun filled activity, even if you are just browsing for books online. Remember that your local bookstore can order almost any book for you. If you can't find a title on the shelf, just ask your bookseller for help. Your local library can also order almost any title through interlibrary loan if they don't have it themselves. Participate in summer reading programs at your local library. Get kids their own library cards. Explore children's magazines at the library or get a subscription in your child's name to build a sense of ownership.
3. **Encourage Exploration** - If we are truly hoping to raise life-long readers, kids need permission to pick their own titles and have the freedom to dabble and abandon and re-read. Let them delve into topics or series that are meaningful to them like avid grown-up readers do. If we want young readers to cherish their reading experience, give them ample opportunity to fall in love, which means allowing for false starts and returning to old favorites.
4. **Read Books Together**– The read aloud experience allows us to bond with and share books with kids that are beyond their current reading ability no matter what their age. Sharing books with grandparents can be a real treasure. Listening to books read aloud provides exposure to rich vocabulary and complex sentence structures. We don't want kids to guess incorrectly at words they don't know and miss out on meaning or become frustrated. The read aloud experience lets children know we are available to help them make meaning. Audio books can be great as supplements, but they are no substitute for book sharing with a caring adult. Children and even teens are never too old for book sharing. Watch a movie based on the book (but only after reading the book together) and have a fun discussion about the differences between the movie and the book. To practice reading aloud, kids can read books to their pets or even a stuffed animal.
5. **Make Reading Connections** – When you read aloud with children, show them how you make connections to your personal experience and prior knowledge. Talk out loud about the questions that come to your mind as you read. Admit if you are a little confused and need to go back to clarify your understanding, or just go back and read a passage because it is beautifully written or hilarious. One of the most important things we can do to encourage lifelong reading is to show kids that books are fun!

Note: If your child is on an IEP or 504 Plan, check with your school to see if they have access to bookshare.org or Learning Ally.

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