

## Read Aloud Copyright Information

### **SCHOLASTIC**

Good news if your students/teachers are reading Scholastic books during this difficult time. Here's a statement:

"Dear Teacher,

These are challenging times for all of us and we are particularly sensitive to the needs of children to continue their learning and to reap the many benefits that literature brings them. We at Scholastic are in full support of providing a wide range of online learning activities for kids during this time of school closures. If you haven't yet, please check out our Scholastic Learn At Home initiative for educators, administrators, and families.

We have been moved by the numerous requests we've received from teachers across the country who are trying to address these needs by posting readings of books online for students to access. We want to support you in your efforts and ask that if you choose to read your book online to your students you follow these guidelines:

- 1) At the beginning of your video, please state that you are presenting your reading "with permission from Scholastic."
- 2) Our preference is that you post your reading through your school's platform or another closed group or platform with limited access for your students. However, we recognize this may not be possible, in which case you may post it through a more publicly accessible platform, such as YouTube.
- 3) Since we view this as a way to compensate for the closure of schools, please delete your video or disable access by the end of this current school year, no later than June 30, 2020.
- 4) Please reply to [tradepublicity@scholastic.com](mailto:tradepublicity@scholastic.com) with your name, school, city, and state, and the title and author/illustrator of the book you intend to read online. By posting a reading, you are agreeing to abide by the above terms.
- 5) Finally, we would love to follow along with your read-aloud, so please tag Scholastic's social media handles in any posts affiliated with it!

Twitter: @Scholastic

Instagram: @ScholasticInc

Facebook: @Scholastic

YouTube: @Scholastic

Thank you for all you are doing to help students and their families through this difficult time."

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### **HARPER COLLINS**

Through May 31, Harper Collins is granting permission for teachers and librarians to do live (no recordings) readings of all their titles.

For Teen titles, Epic Reads! HarperCollins will be posting Q&A/AMAs on Twitter on Wednesdays, and video content on Fridays on Instagram. Please see the following announcement links through Epic Reads:

<https://www.instagram.com/stories/epicreads/>

## **PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE**

In order to encourage reading and classroom read-aloud experiences, and to support schools and public libraries forced to close by the escalating COVID-19 outbreak, Penguin Random House is permitting teachers, librarians and booksellers to create and share story time and read-aloud videos and live events, according to the following guidelines:

For Teachers and Educators providing distance learning to students in a virtual classroom setting:

- Story time or classroom read-aloud videos in which a Penguin Random House book is read aloud and the book is displayed (for picture books) may be created and posted to closed educational platforms such as Google Classroom, Schoology, Edmodo and Discovery Education, in order to replicate the read-aloud book experience that would otherwise be available to educators in the classroom.
- If a Teacher or Educator plans to share a story time video by recording a video, uploading it to a YouTube channel, and posting a link to that YouTube video inside a closed educational platform, that YouTube video must be designated as "Unlisted" (not "Public") when uploading. See screenshot for how to choose "Unlisted" while uploading on YouTube.
- These story time and classroom read-aloud videos may be hosted on the educational platform and/or YouTube (as an "Unlisted" file) until the end of the current school year, after which we request that they be removed from the educational platform and/or from YouTube, unless this permission is extended for the next school semester.

Reporting requirements – We ask that all educators, librarians and booksellers please notify us via email (addressed to [StoryTimeTempPermission@penguinrandomhouse.com](mailto:StoryTimeTempPermission@penguinrandomhouse.com)) when you post or stream a story time or read-aloud video or live event, providing the following information:

- Name and address of the library, school, or store
- Title, author and ISBN of the book that is read
- Contact information for the individual responsible for the reading
- The educational or social media platform on which the video or live event is posted or held and a link to that video or live event