

LITERACY AND ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Bloom, B. Wolf! When a hungry, nearly penniless itinerant wolf decides to make a meal of some barnyard animals, he finds that they won't even look up from their books. "This is a farm for educated animals," they tell him. The wolf is caught so off guard that he forgets about his appetite and enrolls in school. jP Bloom

Bogart, J. Jeremiah Learns to Read. Jeremiah knows how to build fences, cook pancakes, make syrup, and grow delicious vegetables, but he doesn't know how to read. Determined to do just that, this snowy-bearded grandfather joins some local children on their way to school. At bedtime one night, he shares a book of poetry with his wife and, captured by the beauty of the words, she, too, decides she must learn to read. j PAR PIC Bogart

Bunting, E. The Wednesday Surprise. Anna and Grandma are planning a surprise for Dad's birthday. Dad thinks he has received all his presents, but Grandma stands up and gives him the best one of all: she reads aloud the stories that Anna has taught her. j PAR PIC Bunting

Daly, N. Once Upon A Time. Sarie struggles when she reads aloud in class in her South African school, but then she and her friend Auntie Anna find a book about Cinderella and begin to read together. jP Daly

Johnson, D. Papa's Stories. Kindergarten-Grade 3-Kari loves it when her father reads to her; she especially loves the way the stories change every time he reads them. One day, when she brings home an older child, she discovers that "Little Miss Too-Big-for-Her-Red-Britches" is really Little Red Riding Hood, and that her father can't read. She offers to teach him as soon as she learns how, and he slowly reads Little Red Riding Hood to her, revealing that he has been learning with her mother's help. j PAR PIC Johnson

Miles, B. Hey! I'm Reading! For children just beginning to read, this book has simple and positive instructions on the basics of learning to read. j 372.41 M643

Paterson, K. Marvin One Too Many. Marvin's class is learning to read but he is behind everyone else. Then one day a snowstorm keeps his whole family home and his sister shows him how to sound out his favorite word, "cow." Then Marvin learns his father was the last one in his class to learn to read, too, and he thinks that maybe reading isn't dumb after all. Now he cannot wait to learn even more words in class. jE Paterson

Polacco, P. Thank You, Mr. Falker. Trisha's grandpa shows her how sweet knowledge can be, and she is very excited to learn to read, but as she goes from Kindergarten through fourth grade she just cannot seem to understand the letters and numbers on the page. She tries to hide it but her classmates tease her and Trisha starts to feel that she really is dumb. But when she enters fifth grade her new teacher, Mr. Falker, seems

to understand what Trisha is going through and helps her to not only read, but also feel better about herself. j PAR PIC Polacco

Rahaman, V. Read for Me, Mama. Joseph is learning to read and he loves books, especially when someone reads to him, but his mother never seems to have time to read to him. When Joseph learns that his mother has been avoiding reading to him because she cannot read, they begin to learn together while his mom goes to a vocational school to learn to read. j PAR PIC Rahaman

Stanek, M. I Speak English for My Mom. Lupe, a young Mexican American, must translate for her mother who speaks only Spanish until Mrs. Gomez decides to learn English in order to get a better job. j PAR PIC Stanek

Stanek, M. My Mom Can't Read. When Tina asks her mother for help in first-grade reading, she discovers to her shock that her mother can't read. A concerned teacher helps them to find tutors and they both learn to read together. j PAR PIC Stanek

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