



BILBY



Books I Love Best Yearly

Children's Choice Awards

Brought to you by The QLD Branch
Children's Book Council of Australia



For parents, teachers and librarians

How to encourage children to enjoy reading

If children do not enjoy reading when they are young they are unlikely to do so when they are older

- Ask the child what TV shows and movies s/he likes, what console or online games s/he plays, what are their interests and find him a few books on similar themes, with similar storylines or qualities.
- Give a mix of fiction and non-fiction. Suggest reading the first 3 pages - if you don't like it, you don't have to read any more. It's okay to put a book down if it doesn't interest you.
- If a child says they don't like reading, it's probably because s/he hasn't found a book they want to read. There is a book out there for every one - the trick is matching up the child and the book.
- Read out loud to the younger children often, share a book, and model reading.
- Have a set comfortable place or space to read.
- Allow freedom in choice of book.
- Megan Daley's blog [Creating lifelong readers](#)
- [Developing a love of reading by Peter Taylor](#)

Ask your local public librarian or the bookseller at your local independent bookstore - these people are professionals and are only too happy to assist you to find the book your child will love and get it into their hands.