

## Day #18, Activity #18

### Reading Out Loud

*“The fire of literacy is created by the emotional sparks between a child, a book, and the person reading.”*

—Mem Fox, children’s author

**Have you discovered the pleasures of reading out loud?**

**Write about them.**

What are your earliest memories of reading out loud? Where were you? Do you remember the room? Do you remember who read to you? Do you remember the book? Maybe you have no memories of this. What do you think of reading out loud?

Who reads to you out loud today? Why do you enjoy listening to them? What do you like or not like about the experience? How is it different from reading silently to yourself? Did (or does) your teacher read to you in school? What’s that like? How does it affect you?

I have been reading out loud, for many years. It’s part of my job and just about one of the best ways in the world to spend your time. And what better time to read out loud than right now. Most of you are inside your homes with family members. So, find a good book and start reading out loud. Begin today. And be sure to check below for a few good “Out Loud” reads.

Write about your earliest memories of reading out loud.

Or

Write about a book you would recommend to us all. Tell us about it and what effect it had on you and why we should read it.

Or

Make a list of as many books as you can think of that you have read in your life. Or just your top ten and write one sentence about each book describing your connection to it.