

RAR January 2017 Bonus Episode – Sarah Mackenzie

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Hey, hey, hey, Sarah Mackenzie here with a brand new season of the Read Aloud Revival podcast for you. This is season 10. We have a great lineup of guests for you this season, including folks like Sally and Nathan Clarkson, Jim Hodges, Sally Lloyd Jones – some really fabulous authors, yeah, you're going to want to stick around. If you're new to the Read Aloud Revival podcast, welcome. On this podcast we're dedicated to helping parents make meaningful and lasting connections with their kids through books and we're really, really glad you're here. You are in great company. The Read Aloud Revival podcast has been downloaded over one and a half million times in tens of thousands of homes all over the world. Now, it's a new year and we've got some great things coming down the Read Aloud Revival pipeline. You don't want to miss any of our upcoming free resources including updates to our listeners' favorite: the Read Aloud Revival booklist. So, to get access to that booklist, updates on the booklist, as well as the best resources we have to help you connect with your kids through books, you want to head to ReadAloudRevival.com and pop your email into the page there, that way you won't miss a thing and you definitely won't be wondering what you should read next with your kids. Our booklist takes all that guess work out of choosing your next Read Aloud. We are super focused on helping you ensure that your next Read Aloud is a big hit. We think our list will help you do that.

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2:00 Two swings of the pendulum

Now, I want to kick off season 10 today with something of a bonus episode. Today, I want to share with you the writers who I think are publishing some of the very best books today. There are two swings of the pendulum I see a lot of; one swing of the pendulum is where parents and teachers don't really care what kids are reading as long as they're reading, as if the simple act of reading, no matter what it is, is worthwhile and beneficial for children, and I don't actually think that describes you, probably, if you're listening to this podcast, but just in case it does, I want to assure you that it does matter. It matters a lot what your child is reading. Just like it matters what kind of food your kids put into their bodies, it matters a lot what kind of food your child puts into his or her soul, and that's what happens when we read. Look, every human gravitates towards story; it's how we were made. It's how we tick. It's a universal human condition to be disposed toward stories. The question is where do we want our kids to get their stories? Humans are predisposed toward stories and so they're looking for them, they're seeking them out. It's why the movie business, the movie industry is billions of dollars worth because they make billions of dollars worth of stories that we watch on the big screen. Most homes turn on the TV at night. Why? Because they're looking for stories. They want to be told a story; a sports game is a story, a sitcom is a story, a movie is a story, a conversation with a friend oftentimes is just filled with stories. As parents we have the privilege and the responsibility of choosing where

our children get their stories. So, if you feel like you aren't often guiding your child toward better reading material because you're not really sure what's worthwhile and what's not, most especially if you're not sure what's worthwhile that's being published today, then this episode is for you. I'm going to share with you some of my favorite authors who are publishing wonderful books today.

4:00 The other side of the question

Now, there's something else that I hear quite a bit as well, particularly in the homeschooling community. And as we have a lot of homeschooling families listening to this podcast, this one's especially pertinent. It's the idea that old books are better than new books. Did I ruffle your feathers yet? Let's unpack this a bit. There's an idea out there, maybe you hold this idea too, that books that were published in say, the 1950's or earlier are pretty much automatically better than books that are published today. And while there are truly a lot of outstanding old books, in fact, many on our own Read Aloud Revival book list would fit that description, that time period, I would like to encourage anyone who has the tendency to feel like old books are basically always better than new books or anyone who is suspicious that children's publishing isn't putting out anything good today, I really want to challenge that, and that's because, the truth is, some of the best children's books ever written are being published right now. Now, this is not to say that the old wonderful books, the classics, the books that we hold dear and we know to be some of the best children's literature ever written, this is not to bring them down or to say that they're not all they're cracked up to be, not at all.

In this podcast episode I am not trying to degrade the wonderful classic children's literature that graces our kid's bookshelves at all. What I am trying to do is widen our community's experience of literature. If you're only allowing your kids to read older books or if you have a tendency to feel like their reading older books is more worthwhile than them reading new ones, I would like to challenge that. I'd like to just take a second and really think through why that may not actually be true, and help you find the best children's books that are being published today. Now, I'm going to give you a list of books in this episode, and I'll tell you what, I'm not going to give you every excellent, awesome book that's been published today because that would take us a really long time. There's a lot of really, really wonderful stuff being published today. But I am going to give you a few of my favorites and that's because I would really like to see that if you have a suspicion about some of these new books and think, 'I don't know, I just don't see anything good coming out of the children's publishing market.' I think, maybe, you might be looking in the wrong direction. In fact, when I've had some conversations with people who are generally suspicious of children's book publishing and generally think older books are better than newer books it becomes apparent to me that they're not actually reading the best books for kids. They see what's turned out at the supermarket, at the big box stores, what the marketers are putting face out on those bookshelves at the stores but they're not actually seeing, or reading, what's winning a Newbery or some of the best, most transformative and magical books that are coming out today, and they're being written by people who are alive and writing amazing work right now. I think that's worth celebrating and I think that we should all rally around them and

support them, and the beautiful, wonderful work that they're doing, because the wonderful books that are being published today are going to become the classics of tomorrow.

7:05 Books that are mirrors and windows

Children do need excellent books that address the world as it is today. I believe it is absolutely essential for our children to read books about kids who live in a world that's similar to their own. Of course, they also need to read books about children who are living in a world very different from their own. This is what Grace Lin meant in her TED Talk when she talked about how children's books serve as both mirrors and windows. Mirrors, in that they show you life in a character's world that looks very similar to your own and help you process your own world and live with heroic virtue and be inspired to be the hero or heroine of your own story, but also not just mirrors, but windows into worlds that look different than your own so you can develop the kind of empathy and compassion that will serve our world so much that our world is so starving for, right? If we want our kids to slip into another man's shoes and to really grow in empathy and compassion, to be inspired to be the heroes and heroines of their own stories then we need to give them stories of fantasy, stories from yesterday, stories of long ago, and stories today.

8:30 Addressing modern issues

There's a common concern I hear from a lot of parents about modern books addressing modern issues, but I really think there's a danger in saying that kid's books shouldn't tackle hard issues that are relevant to our kids today. That's because

books have the ability to help our kids develop compassion for others in situations that are not their own. Shoot! Books help me as an adult have compassion for others who live very differently than I do, and I really believe that new books, the best ones anyway, they will be able to nourish our child's moral imagination even in the midst of modern issues. Issues that are hard and maybe uncomfortable and don't show up in those old books because they weren't relevant to that time period. This is supremely important to helping our kids understand that moral reality still stands. Just like in those old classics that we love, those old family classics like *Little Women* and *All of a Kind Family* and *Cheaper by the Dozen* and I could think of a million of them, the moral reality stands in those old days but it also stands today, in the world in which they live in today. Here's the thing: there are truly brilliant authors doing magnificent work today, publishing amazing wonderful children's books right now at this very moment, so if you're holding to either swing of that pendulum I was talking about, the one side of the pendulum thinking that any book is better than no book as long as your kids are reading it, doesn't matter what they're reading, or the other side of the pendulum that says your children can only read the old best classics because anything else is inferior, I want to encourage you to seek out some work by the best writers of today.

10:15 Book marketing

Now, I know that when you go to a big box chain bookstore, or to a Target or a Wal-mart, you're seeing particular books facing out on the shelves. You've got to just ignore that! You need to know, first of all, that publishers pay a pretty penny for that space, it's marketing! Right? It's exactly like when you go to the grocery store and certain



brands pay to be at eye level and not to be on the bottom or the top shelves, OK? It's the same thing in the book world. Publishers pay an enormous amount of money to have that front and center space in bookstores. So if your idea of 'well, the only books being published today are character based or based on TV or not awesome' it's probably because marketing has made you think so, based on what they're putting out in front of you rather than what is truly the best stuff being published today. So, on today's show I'm going to give you a handful of authors to choose from and my challenge to you is to read one of these books with your kids or maybe on your own and see if you aren't surprised.

11:00 Sarah's challenge

If you have that idea that there isn't good literature being published for children today I am going to challenge you today! I want to take you on! I want you to try something from this list and then come back and tell me what you think. I am totally determined to debunk this idea that no great books are being published today because it's just dead wrong and anyone who's reading today's best children's books knows it. Listen, tomorrow's classics are being written today. And I'll be darned if some of the books on this list aren't among them. Now, before I launch in I want to be clear. There are so many amazing and truly gifted writers; I could not possibly include them all on this list. So, this is a very short list, because I really wanted to give you a list that I think you could grab any book from this list and then just tell me, what do you think? This is tomorrow's classic or not. This is just dipping your toe in, it's not a comprehensive list. Use this list to help choose books for your kids that will transform them. If you feel like you don't really know what a

good book looks like, pick one of these. Use this list to disabuse yourself of that idea that no good books are being published today. Here's something else: excellent picture books by today's authors and illustrators abound! And we are very committed to great picture books at the Read Aloud Revival. In fact, we have monthly lists that showcase some of the best picture books for each month around the year and if you haven't seen those, you just need to go to RARBooklist.com to get access to those. We update that every single month; we have an awesome picture book list of the best books for reading that particular month based on whatever theme we've chosen. But today's list, we're going to focus on books for middle grades and up. It's different than a picture book list; it's not going to have any picture books on this list today. Now, you don't have to keep track of all these books as I start rattling them off. They're all in the Show Notes. Head to ReadAloudRevival.com, look for the Bonus Episode in season 10 and you'll be able to grab the whole book list there. We'll have easy to click links for you there and you don't have to stop what you're doing, stop folding laundry, stop walking the dog, pull over on the side of the road, whatever it is you're doing to jot down these titles, we've already done it for you.

13:10 The marvels of Andrew Peterson

OK, are you ready? The first author I want to highlight is Andrew Peterson. Andrew Peterson, you probably know because he's a famous musician, but he's also the writer of The Wingfeather Saga which starts with The Dark Sea of Darkness. It's a set of five books and he describes it himself as The Princess Bride meets Lord of the Rings, and I think that's a pretty great

description. In fact, I would say if you consider Chronicles of Narnia classics, try Andrew Peterson's The Wingfeather Saga, you will be blown away!

13:30 The wonders of Linda Sue Park

Next up, Linda Sue Park. Now I am a major Linda Sue Park fan. She's written a lot of incredible books but specifically today, I want to highlight A Single Shard which won a Newbery award. This is a story about, gosh, courage, loyalty, perseverance. It's set in Korea and I would say if you like books like Johnny Tremain or books where there's really inspiring story of a mentor and an apprentice then A Single Shard is one that you should give a chance. I read it, could barely put it down, enjoyed it so much.

14:20 The glory of Jennifer Trafton

Another book is The Rise and Fall of Mount Majestic and this one is by Jennifer Trafton. This would be my favorite read aloud of 2016. Of every single thing that I read to my kids in 2016, this was the most fun. I would say if you like George MacDonald's Princess and the Goblin, Princess and Curdie books, if you like E. Nesbitt's Five Children and It, yeah, you're going to like Rise and Fall of Mount Majestic. It is oh, fantasy but it's not intense, it's funny. It's silly in the best possible way and so you can read this one with a child whose older siblings maybe like Lord of the Rings and Chronicles of Narnia but this one is much less intense. My daughter, who's four, listened to this one with us and she loved the whole thing. But I read it to my 15, 13, and 11 year olds and they loved it, too. So that's The

Rise and Fall of Mount Majestic by Jennifer Trafton.

15:20 The amazing Penderwicks

The Penderwicks, have you not read The Penderwicks yet? I love The Penderwicks. The first book in The Penderwicks series easily makes it to my very top, tippy top list of the best children's books being published today. This one is written by Jeanne Birdsall. I love, love this book. I have yet to meet a child who did not love this book. I would say if you like The Railway Children by E. Nesbitt or Gone With the Wind by Elizabeth Enright you'll enjoy The Penderwicks. It's a classic in the making for sure.

15:45 The miracle of S.D. Smith

S. D. Smith is a Read Aloud Revival favorite author, in fact he was on the Read Aloud Revival, you can listen to his episode if you go to ReadAloudRevival.com and look for older podcast episodes. He's written Green Ember, Ember Falls, The Black Star of Kingston. You want to start with The Green Ember. This is another one for anyone who loves The Chronicles of Narnia. It's fantasy, it's a little more intense than The Rise and Fall of Mount Majestic by Jennifer Trafton, so I'd say it's for a little bit of an older audience than that one if you have sensitive kiddos. If you don't, then you could read it with your young kids. I know plenty of four, five, and six year olds who have heard it with their siblings and S. D. Smith is definitely a favorite around here.

16:30 The Ashton Place phenomenon

OK, so The Incurrible Children of Ashton Place – have you read this book yet? Oh my word, this is by Maryrose Wood. I love this book so much that we’re having Maryrose Wood on for an Author Access Event in 2017 in Read Aloud Revival membership so that our Read Aloud Revival members’ kids can meet her. This one will completely surprise you that it wasn’t written a long time ago. It is so wonderful. The language is just delightful. It is perfect, by the way, to read with your best British accent. If you love Mary Poppins, try this. If your kids enjoyed The Nanny Mcphee movies, try reading The Incurrible Children of Ashton Place. Will not disappoint! It’s a whole series - that’s just the first one. The Mysterious Howling is book number one.

17:20The genius of Kate DiCamillo

OK, so one of the best children’s book authors today, undoubtedly is Kate DiCamillo. I love her work. Now, here’s the thing about Kate’s books. Kate’s books are always sad. They’re always – except for her Mercy Watson books which are completely delightful – all of her middle grade novels have definitely an element of sadness, they definitely have something deep happening, they’re not light reading in that they’re not light-hearted but there are usually lots of places to laugh, they’re funny, deep, they’re meaningful. They’re the kinds of books that I think kids will read and then they will grow up and go, “That’s a book that really shaped me or helped turn me into a reader.” The one I’m going to highlight today (it was really hard to pick just one) is Because of Winn Dixie which I think is one of her

best. I tried to think of a classic that I could compare it to for you but it’s really unlike anything else you’ll read, so I don’t know that I can. You can really pick anything by Kate DiCamillo and you will be pleased but Because of Winn Dixie I think is one of her best.

18:30 The astonishing Avi

Another favorite around here at the Read Aloud Revival is Avi. And we had Avi on for an Author Access Event, in fact, if you haven’t seen it, you can go into the Read Aloud Revival shop at ReadAloudRevival.com/shop and you can grab the video replay of Avi in our membership talking to kids and our community. It was amazing. He is just the dearest man. Poppy is my own favorite of his books although I think The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle is another one that will very likely make its way onto many classics lists in the future. I really think Poppy is one of his best works. It’s an entire series. I would just start with the one called Poppy itself. I don’t think it’s the first in the series but it’s still the one I’d start with. It makes a really great audio book in the car. And, oh gosh, I’m trying to think of one to compare it to. I would say if your kids, or if you consider Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh as a classic that you enjoy, you’ll enjoy Poppy as well. OK, so far I’ve told you all living authors, and I’m going to keep doing that in just a second.

19:40 The delicious worlds of Natalie Babbitt

But this one author just passed away in October 2016 but was definitely worth highlighting here on our best writer’s of today because some of her books are just outstanding. Tuck Everlasting and the Search for Delicious written by Natalie

Babbitt. Natalie Babbitt is an amazing writer and I really feel like if you are a family that loves fairytales, if you love reading Andrew Lang's fairytales or Grimm Fairytales, Natalie Babbitt's novels are just spectacular. Tuck Everlasting is so rich. I read that one with my kids and then we watched the movie afterwards and we kind of compared them just in casual conversation – we weren't drawing venn diagrams or anything, we were just talking about what was similar, what was different about the book, and it's a book that will stay with you. And she tackles some very, very meaningful themes in her books in just the most delightful of ways. Search for Delicious is a great example of that. Basically, a kingdom is out of sorts because people have a different opinion about what is delicious and so the characters in the book have to embark on a journey to figure out what is delicious, what is the true meaning of delicious. It is a really fun read aloud.

20:50 The fascinating Patricia MacLachlan

OK, so here's a great example of someone who's writing classics – undoubtedly, anyone would put Sarah, Plain and Tall on a list of classics, right? Patricia MacLachlan is an excellent example of a living author who is writing just amazing books, nailing it over and over again. Sarah, Plain and Tall, in fact, that whole series is an excellent example of that. So, next time you hear someone say, "Well, publishers just aren't publishing anything good," or "There aren't any living authors who are doing amazing work," you can just hand them Sarah, Plain and Tall and ask them what they think of that!

21:10 The sensation of Claire Vanderpool

Another author who I have just recently discovered because so many people in the Read Aloud Revival community have told me about her is Claire Vanderpool. I've read Navigating Early, a really moving book. I have not yet read Moon Over Manifest although my oldest daughter has, easily is one of her favorite books. She said it just makes it right to the top. I would say if you like Mark Twain, if you consider Mark Twain's classics as just totally worthy, you want to try Claire Vanderpool. That's my impression anyway after reading Navigating Early. If you're a Huck Finn fan, trying Navigating Early and see what happens. They're not similar in time period or plot, they're just similar in tone, or something. I'm not even really sure. I'm trying to pinpoint why that is, but it's a really truly beautiful novel.

22:00 The feats of Lois Lowry

Lois Lowry is another excellent living author who's just knocking it out of the park. Of course, if you haven't read Number the Stars which is the story of the Danish resistance in World War II, it is so moving. Really, a fast read aloud, but one that will stick with your kids and give you great opportunities for some meaningful discussions. Of course, her book, The Giver, it is a book that will give you some of the richest conversations with your kids about the nature of humanity and the role of compassion and the role of government in the lives of the people, and what it means to be autonomous and what it means to do right in the face of injustice. It is a very, very good book; definitely for your older set, not for your real young kids.

23:00 The sensation of Jonathan Auxier

OK, so if you haven't listened to episode 57 of the Read Aloud Revival podcast you want to do that because Jonathan Auxier joins me. That's my favorite episode – I'm just going to unabashedly say. My 13 year old, Alison, helped me interview Jonathan Auxier for that and it was so much fun. I thought maybe it was my own perception but my team told me it was one of their favorites and then when we posted it we heard so many people on Instagram and Facebook and in the Show Notes tell us, "Oh yeah, this is awesome!"

Jonathan Auxier is the author of Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes and Sophie Quire and the Last Storyguard. I've read Peter Nimble, Sophie and the Last Storyguard is next on my reading pile, right next to my nightstand. And, just – you know what – I started reading Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes and realized I'm going to have to read this book with my commonplace journal right next to me. They are not your ordinary fantasy books; so many rich deep meaningful things happening there in the most delightful way. You find your way copying out passages and laughing out loud and stopping and thinking, "Whoa! What just happened there?" So if you are not sure about today's children's book authors you need to listen to episode 57, acquaint yourself with Mr. Auxier, and tell me what you think then. I was really blown away and I think Jonathan is an excellent example of an author who is just nailing it.

24:15 The surprise of N.D. Wilson

Here's another one, another one who's been on the Read Aloud Revival podcast, too, he was on episode 44, and that's N. D. Wilson who's the

author of a gazillion books. The one I want to highlight today is 100 Cupboards. When you hear N. D. Wilson on episode 44 talk about the role of magic in stories, what his intent is in writing fantasy for children, and why he thinks it's so critically, critically important particularly for Christians to reading good fantasy it will knock your socks off. N. D. Wilson, episode 44 – just magical. And really, he's written several books for adults, Death by Living, Notes from the Tilt-a-Whirl that will really, really make an impression on you but for your kids, 100 Cupboards that's about as good as a scary book can get.

25:15 Books are a gateway

OK, so are you convinced yet? Here's the thing: books are a gateway. They give us occasion to talk about the good stuff, the hard stuff, the ugly, the beautiful, the evil, the overwhelmingly good; all the wonderful things about the world and all the worst possible things about what we do with the world. When we share stories with our kids, especially the best stories we can find, we create an opportunity to have really meaningful conversations with our kids about books, and to transform them and shape them. I would love to know what you thought about this list - what you would add to it, so you can head to the podcast Show Notes to tell me. Those are going to be up at ReadAloudRevival.com. Just look for the Bonus Episode and I want to encourage you to read the best books coming out of the publishing world today. You can always come here to the Read Aloud Revival; we're reading them voraciously so we can help you know what is best coming right off the presses. Start with any of these and that should give you hope and encouragement that some of the best books ever written for children are being written right now.

26:10 Let the Kids Speak

Now it's time for Let the Kids Speak. This is my favorite part of the podcast where kids tell us about their favorite stories that have been read aloud to them.

Child1: My name is Solomon. [Mom: How old are you?] Four. [Mom: And where do you live?]. Dubai. [Mom: Dubai. What's your favorite book?] Chu's First Day of School. [Mom: ?? First Day of School by Neil Gaiman and Adam Rex. Why do you like this book?] Because I like the cheetah. [Mom: His classmate, the cheetah?] Yeah. [Mom: Do you like cheetahs?] Yeah. [Mom: Do you like books about animals?] Yeah. [Mom: What does Chew do in the book?] He sneezed.

Child2: My name is Aston. I'm four, and I'm from Indiana and my favorite book is Apple Farmer Annie because she makes applesauce and Little House in the Big Woods.

Child3: Hi, I'm Aiden. I'm six years old. I live in Dell, Missouri. My favorite book is **[**inaudible**]** and my favorite part is ... from the treasure box because ...

Child4: Hi, I'm Alison, and I'm from Jaywood, Missouri and I'm four years old and my favorite book is Wyberry Wyatt and my favorite part is when the little girl asks Miss Merryweather if the lion be's quiet can the lion be here for storytime tomorrow?

Child5: Hi, my name is Sun, and I'm five years old and I live in Virginia. And my favorite book is Charlotte's Web. I like the book because Wilbur, this pig, was about to die when some men from a farm were trying to butcher him. This kind of a spider, it's called Charlotte saved Wilbur's life from being butchered and I like it again because he went to the county fair, I like that. I like those

stories most of all because it's about spiders and this little girl who raised the pig on a bottle and her name was Fern and her brother was named Avery and he tried to knock Charlotte down into a candy jar with a frog.

Child6: My name is Hannah, I live in **[**inaudible**]** New Hampshire. I'm 10 years old. I like **[**inaudible**]** I like it because it has lots of action **[**inaudible**]** it has lots of mystery. It's a series that I can always read them.

Child7: Hi, my name's Allegra. I'm six years old. I live in Bend, Oregon. Six Across the Chimney is my favorite book. I like Sarah and Eric because they helped their grandfather dig up the Viking king's grave.

Child8: Hi, my name is Wyatt. I am 10 years old and live in Bend, Oregon. My favorite book is The Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe. My favorite part about the book is when the war is ended. My favorite character in the book is Aslan because he represents Jesus.

Child9: [Mom: What's your name?] Jane. [Mom: How old are you?] three [Mom: Where do you live?] Indiana. [Mom: And what's your favorite story to read together?] Frog and Toad. [Mom: Which Frog and Toad story's your favorite?] The one that ****inaudible**** [Mom: Does that make you laugh?] Yeah. [Mom: Can you say bye bye?] Bye bye.

Child10: My name is Sadie, and I'm four years old, and I live in California. And my favorite book is A Book Without Pictures. And my favorite part is when they say poo poo, but it's so funny, and I really like it because I just like that part, because every time my little brother says it I always say it.

Child11: My name is Natalia, I'm six years old, I live in California, and my favorite book is Little

House in the Big Woods because when the mom and dad dance that's why I like it.

Oh, that was fun. Thanks kids. I love, love, love hearing from you. Hey, if your kids haven't left a message to be aired on the Read Aloud Revival, they can do that by going to ReadAloudRevival.com, scrolling to the bottom of the page, it's very easy to do, you'll see just how easy when you go leave a message yourself. You can coach your child right through that message, you can have them repeat after you, or you can ask them the questions, we do editing on our end before it goes out, so don't feel like that message has to be polished and perfect in order to send to us. We're happy to clean it up and put it on air, we just love hearing from your kids. Hey, we're wrapping up the 2017 31 day Read Aloud Challenge. If you haven't seen any of this yet, you've got to head to social media and search for #RAR31days, this is so much fun. We're giving away over \$1,000 in prizes to 50 lucky participants. If you're participating, don't forget to register for prizes at the end of the month. I'll send you an email to remind you, and if you're not participating because you didn't know it was coming, that's because you're not on the email list, so head to ReadAloudRevival.com and pop your email into the page there so you don't miss out on the fun things we do, just like this, all year long. Hey, I appreciate you so much. It's going to be a fantastic new season of the podcast, so grateful you're here. We'll be back in just one week. We're going to be talking to Sally and Nathan Clarkson about how books and reading shaped his life as an out-of-the-box kid, and her life as a mother who was handling an out-of-the-box kid. We'll be getting into it next week, can't wait to see you there, until then go build your family culture around books.