

# MIGHT I SUGGEST?

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**Midnight Zoo**



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**Jasmine Skies**



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**Marshmallow Skye**



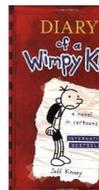
Cressida Cowell  
**How to train your Dragon**



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**Withering Tights**



Jeff Kinney  
**Diary of a Wimpy kid**



Derek Landy  
**Skulduggery Pleasant**



Sienna Mercer  
**Switched**



James Patterson  
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**Coraline**



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**Small change for Stuart**



# HOW TO GROW A READER



Take one reluctant reader and ...



Spend time together, share the experience.

At the end of this you will have



Read to her and ask her to read to you. You will love it .

**ONE FULL SIZE READER!**  
(Be careful - they keep growing if you keep sharing books)

Be a role model and be seen reading.



Have fun!  
Headstands are not compulsory (but you can if you want to)

# HOW TO CREATE A LIFE LONG READER.

Be a role model. Talk about reading and how you use it at work and in your everyday life. Let your daughter see you read.

Join your local library and encourage your daughter to use the school one. Come and visit on parents evening, ask her to show you around the library so she knows you are interested. We would love to meet you.

Make reading a family activity. Encourage her to read with a younger sibling, friend or relative. We have a special collection of 'Babysitting Books'. They are great and anyone else who enjoys a good picture book can look at them too.



Read to her, you are **never** too old to be read to, it's a joy at all ages.

Let her read what she likes. If she seems stuck on a particular genre or author suggest she makes an appointment with our **Book Doctor**. The Book Doctor will assess the patient, diagnose the reading ailment and prescribe a new course of fiction.

If English is not your family's first language ask in the local library about dual language books.



Use a bookmark. She needs to know she can start and stop at leisure. She should know that life is too short to keep reading a book that she isn't enjoying when there are so many wonderful books that she will find

## amazing.

When she finds the right one you will have to prise it from her hands and reassure her that the bookmark will keep her place until she comes back to it.

Expect things to go wrong. Sometimes she just won't want to read. Don't turn it into a battle and don't be tempted to use reading as a punishment.

"If you don't read at least one chapter you can't watch TV". Sounds good in theory but it could turn her off reading for life.



**DON'T DO IT.** Look how many adults don't eat green vegetables because someone once made them. Don't make reading like eating

## overcooked cabbage.

Read to her to model reading with expression. It's great fun (most of the time!) You show her how to do it, and she will enjoy the experience so much more. Relax and throw yourself into it; it's the only way. Try not to be embarrassed, there is no need. Release your inner actor!

Even the dog will want a story



Praise her and don't worry too much about mistakes. Fluent readers will skip or misread words sometimes.

There have been some amazing book to film adaptations recently. **The Hunger Games** has had the most determined non readers begging for a copy. Make the most of this. Read whatever is the latest **SENSATION** and talk to her about it then visit the cinema with her if you can. If you share the experience you will be able to compare the book and film.

Be positive about reading- all types count; newspapers, magazines, comics even the TV guide! Ask your daughter to find a recipe for you when you want to cook

We take reservations for books, not bribes.



something new; encourage her to check programme times when you are next visiting the cinema. She will soon realize how important reading is in everyday life and you won't have to say a word.

Enjoy yourself. Reading should be a pleasure. If it isn't you aren't reading the right book. Put it down and get another one straight away!

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