

Spreading out from Stories (Plenary)

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Taking it Further

Most of the books and websites about storytelling are about telling stories from memory, rather than reading printed stories aloud, but similar techniques can be used for both. Some of the titles below relate to storytelling for younger children, but most of the points apply throughout the age range.

Books about Storytelling:

Most titles are in print. If not, try on-line second hand book sources, or libraries.

Hartman, Bob	Anyone can tell a story (Mainly on Bible stories, but very useful points) Lion Hudson, 2002. 0745945872
Lipman, Doug	Improving your Storytelling August House, 1999. 9780874835304
McDonald, Margaret R	The Storyteller's Start-Up Book (Includes several stories to tell) August House, 1993. 9780874833058
McDonald, Simon	Little Book of Puppets in Stories Featherstone Education, 2005. 1905019335
Medlicott, Mary	Cooking up a Story: Recipes for Storytime with Young Children Featherstone Education, 2004. 1905019009
Trelease, Jim	The Read-Aloud Handbook Penguin, 2001. 0141001615

Especially useful for Stories in School:

Barton, Bob & Booth, David	Stories in the Classroom
Ellis, Gail	Tell it Again (relates stories to the whole curriculum)
Wright, Andrew	Creating Stories with Children
Wright, Andrew	Storytelling with children

Some UK sources of stories to tell:

Corbett, Pie	The Gingerbread Man (texts of stories, plus audio CD)
Corbett, Pie	Storyteller, for 4-7 (teachers' book for the above; with DVD)
Lupton, Hugh	Tales of Wisdom and Wonder (and more by this author)
MacDonald, Margaret Read	Five Minute Tales (plus many others by this US author)
Thomas, Taffy & Killick, S	Telling Tales (subtitled 'Storytelling as Emotional Literacy')

Also try publishers such as Barefoot Books, Frances Lincoln, and Watts – and ask your colleagues!

Websites to look at:

The Society for Storytelling (UK)	http://www.sfs.org.uk/ (also do storytelling booklets)
StoryNet (US site)	http://www.storynet.org/
Storytelling Resources (Tim Sheppard)	http://www.timsheppard.co.uk/story/
Storytelling Resource Centre	http://www.thestorytelling-resource-centre.com/

Storytellers to listen to:

Don't miss occasions to hear other storytellers - both to pick up tips, and to pick up stories themselves! Look out for storytellers such as Jan Blake, Taffy Thomas, Mary Medlicott, Hugh Lupton, Pat Ryan, Liz Weir, and Ben Haggerty.

Listen to any children's authors reading their work, or storytellers from other countries.

You'll find clips of storytellers on the internet too. Typing storytellers' names (or words like 'Storyteller') into sites like YouTube will give you samples of different styles.