

When You Love a Book

The 2025 CLEL Bell Award Book for READ

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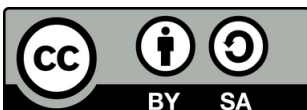


***When You Love a Book* is a poetic ode to readers and the way the stories we read as children have the ability to shape our lives forever. Includes nods to some of the most beloved children’s books of all time. This title celebrates reading at all stages of life and sharing our favorite books and reading times with our grownups, our littles, and our peers.**

Activity Ideas for *When You Love a Book*:

- Create a bin of books to go with your child’s toys. Choose favorites from your childhood and newer titles that might become your family’s go-to read-aloud stories. Putting books with toys shows kids that reading is an activity to be enjoyed. And just like the baby in the first few pages, books are things to be devoured at every stage!
- Create a paper collage together out of leftover paper, junk mail, and magazines. With your child, write down words from a favorite song and add it to your collage. Point out the differences between handwriting and printed text. Though fewer children today learn to write in cursive, build their letter knowledge by practicing how to recognize letters in different fonts.
- Try reading this book without using the written words - instead, encourage your child to talk about the pictures and weave it into story as you turn the pages. You might start with game to spot the little book with the face on every page and then next time, tell a story about what the little book is doing. Telling their own version of a book they have read builds narrative skills and strengthens children’s sense of seeing themselves as readers.

The CLEL Bell Picture Book Awards are given to books that provide excellent support of early literacy development in young children. For more information and for other activity sheets, visit <http://www.clel.org> and select the CLEL Bell Awards tab.



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