

EPISODE **51**

# The Golden Age of Children's Books

Guest: Carole Joy Seid

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## Meet Carole Joy Seid



Carole is a speaker and consultant who helps parents make homeschooling and raising children simple and enjoyable and affordable.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts and a Master's Degree in Education and has taught in pre-school, elementary, and junior high classrooms in both public and Christian schools. And, of course, she's a veteran homeschooler.

You can learn more about her consulting work and video trainings, including the wonderful series [Homeschooling Made Simple](#), at [CaroleJoySeid.com](http://CaroleJoySeid.com).

## In This Episode

Sarah talks to Carole about the golden age of children's literature. These are books that captivate children and gently expose them to heroic virtue. Get ready to start taking notes. Carole offers a boatload of excellent recommendations!

## The Listening Guide

**Use this guide to skip to parts that most interest you, or listen to the entire podcast.**

- 3:30 A little more about Carole
- 5:00 The Golden Age of Children's Literature
- 7:45 Carole just jumps right in!
- 11:40 The books of Lois Lenski
- 14:40 The books of Marguerite de Angeli
- 17:40 The books of Alice Dalgliesh
- 20:15 The work of the d'Aulaires
- 22:40 The work of Genevieve Foster
- 25:20 The work of Howard Pyle
- 27:30 The Brandywine School
- 29:15 The work of Taro Yashima
- 32:40 Carole's favorite book from childhood
- 42:15 Carole's number one piece of advice
- 44:03 Carole's Great Book Course
- 47:00 Let the Kids Speak

## Quotes and Questions

### \* Books to build character.

“As we’re building character into our children, these are the type of books, without making a sermon out of it and getting all annoying with our teacher voice, but just letting the Holy Spirit work in our children’s lives and as Charlotte Mason used to talk about treating our children with respect, knowing that they can figure things out for themselves.”

### \* Newberry winners.

A lot of times an author wins the Newberry Award years after she should have, or he should have.

This is a helpful tip to remember when looking at the list of award winners. We can use the list as a spring board, looking up other books by the same author. If one of the award winners catches your child’s fancy, you might look into the [90 Second Newberry Film Festival](#).”

### \* Carole’s favorite way to share D’Aulaires.

“I love, of course, [the D’Aulaires’] *Greek Myths* book which I always talk about in my seminars. Obviously, it needs to be read when you’re children are about nine or 10 and up.

One more recommendation—this is a great book to pair with the audio version. The illustrations are amazing, but it’s a difficult book to read aloud. With the audio and print versions available, your child can return to the stories again and again.”

### \* On re-reading again and again.

“I read them over and over again, which to me is a test of a good book. I read the same books over and over again.”

Sometimes as parents we get a little nervous about kids gravitating to the same books over and over again. *But Carole says that can be a mark of the book’s greatness.* It can feel very rewarding to revisit a favorite story, and at each re-reading your child is a little older and brings a little more experience to their reading.

### \* Reading aloud is a treasure.

“Make [reading aloud] the high point of your day. Let your children associate being read to as rewards and never punishment.”

# READ-ALLOUD REVIVAL

## Cheat Sheet Episode 51

Most of us read-aloud almost every day. It can sometimes start to feel a little stale. What small shifts can you make to really set apart this time as special? Light a candle? Share a treat? Create a cozy pillow nest? Let's treat reading aloud as the treasure it is!

## Show Notes

### Books from today's episode:

- Wind in the Willows
- Peter Rabbit
- A Little Princess
- Winnie the Pooh
- Little House on the Prairie
- The Moffats
- The Middle Moffat
- Ginger Pye
- Policeman Small
- Papa Small
- Strawberry Girl
- Cotton in My Sack
- Bayou Suzette
- Bright April
- Yonnie Wondernose
- Thee Hannah
- The Door in the Wall
- The Bears on Hemlock Mountain
- The Fourth of July Story
- The Columbus Story
- 10 Ways to Destroy the Imagination of Your Child
- D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths

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- World of Books: [George Washington](#), [Abraham Lincoln](#), [Captain John Smith](#), [Columbus and His Sons](#), [William Penn](#), [Augustus Caesar](#)
- [Robin Hood](#)
- [The Wonder Clock](#)
- [Pepper and Salt](#)
- [King Arthur](#)
- [Otto of the Silver Hand](#)
- [Daniel Boone](#)
- [Ben Franklin](#)
- [Andy and the Lion](#)
- [The Magna Charta](#)
- [Crow Boy](#)
- [Umbrella](#)
- [Freckles](#)
- [Laddie](#)
- [The Keeper of the Bees](#)
- [A Daughter of the Land](#)
- [Raising Kids Who Read](#)

### **Other links from today's show:**

- Read-Aloud Revival on [Instagram](#) where we give away LOTS of books!
- [RAR #22: Read Good Books. The End. Carole Joy Seid](#)
- Carole's [site](#)
- [RAR #31: Reading Aloud for History, Rea Berg](#)
- [Beautiful Feet Books](#)
- [RAR #43: Raising Kids Who Read, Daniel Willingham](#)
- [Carole's Great Books Course](#)

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- The [RAR Booklist](#)

To find more resources to help you build your family culture around books, visit [ReadAloudRevival.com](http://ReadAloudRevival.com).