

EPISODE **83**

Why Read Picture Books with Kids of All Ages

Guests: Kortney Garrison & Kara Anderson

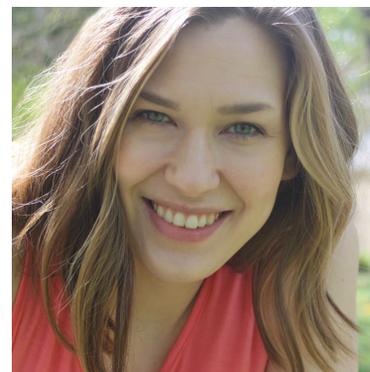
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Meet **Kortney and Kara**



Kortney Garrison is Community Director for The Read-Aloud Revival.

Kara Anderson is Podcast Manager.



In This **Episode**

Sarah, Kortney and Kara discuss the value of picture books, and especially sharing them with kids of all ages. They talk about the #classroombookaday movement, Kortney's systematic approach to choosing picture books and places to find the best recommendations.

The Listening Guide

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

- 3:15 How Kortney Uses Picture Books
- 7:34 Author Surprises
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- 32:32 Rich Language
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“I love thinking about how the stories work - just asking the question ‘what does the main character want?’ and asking that over lots of books ... Just asking that question, kids get to be in the habit of asking those questions and having that in mind.”

- Kortney Garrison



Quotes and Questions

* **A way to navigate the library.**

Kortney has figured out a system for sharing picture books with her kids - she follows the alphabet. How do you make sure you don't get overwhelmed at the library? Consider using the alphabet or diving deep into an author's work! Sarah suggests finding a 'framework' that works for your family to reduce overwhelm.

* **Could you read a #classroombookaday?**

"They had committed to reading - to taking class time - to pictures read-aloud to 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th graders ..."

Consider sharing just one picture book each day with your older kids. Check out the hashtag for tons of inspiration - #classroombookaday

* **The best part - conversations!**

"My favorite part of reading a book with my kids is discussing it with my kids."

When you read a book a day and have a conversation a day!

* **Start historical research**

"A picture book is going to have the same information that an encyclopedia entry has, except that it's going to have beautiful language, it's going to have illustrations that help you expand on the ideas. It's going to have all the things that really light that fire of imagination."

This is just what author Caroline Starr Rose does!

* **The benefits of reading picture books with older kids**

"When you're able to read more books, you're able to compare more books and have broader discussions. You can really start to teach kids about things they'll need later."

There are so many benefits of reading lots of books together! Keep reading and chatting - you'll be amazed what your kids learn!

Show Notes

Books from today's episode:

- [The Hobbit](#)
- [The Essential Calvin and Hobbes](#)
- [Boxes for Katje](#)
- [Castle](#)
- [The Mary Celeste - An Unsolved Mystery from History](#)
- [Wonder](#)
- [The Last Stop on Market Street](#)
- [Big Anthony and the Magic Ring](#)
- [Go, Dog. Go!](#)
- [The Gods and Goddesses of Olympus](#)
- [Quiet in the Garden](#)
- [If You Were Born a Kitten](#)
- [Are You My Mother?](#)
- [Corre, Perro. Corre!](#)
- [Roanoke, The Lost Colony](#)
- [Show Way](#)
- [Storybook Art](#)
- [The Complete Peanuts](#)

Other links from today's show:

- [Kortney Garrison](#) - Community Director
- [Kara Anderson](#) - Podcast Manager

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- To get the booklist - readaloudrevival.com (scroll to the bottom) or text "books" to 345345
- [Elizabeth Foss's Storybook Year Post](#)
- [RAR Premium Access](#)
- [Jillian Heise](#)
- [#classroombookaday](#)
- [RAR #71: The Research and Inspiration Behind Fascinating Historical Fiction, Caroline Starr Rose](#)
- [The Read-Aloud Family](#)
- [Serendipity \(Elizabeth Foss\)](#)
- [My Little Poppies on Instagram](#)
- [Pam Barnhill on Instagram](#)
- [Year-at-a-Glance Calendar](#)

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