

EPISODE **109**

How to Take Your Kids Around the World through Picture Books

Guest: Rea Berg

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Meet Rea Berg



Rea Berg loves talking children's literature. She's so passionate about children's books, in fact, that she's been republishing classic and historical children's literature for the last 20 years through her company Beautiful Feet Books .

Rea also designs guides for teaching elementary and secondary students history using award-winning classic and historic literature. These study guides help parents and teachers incorporate classic, living books easily into their curriculum.

In This Episode

Sarah and Rea discuss using picture books with older kids, and Rea's newest curriculum guide, *Around the World with Picture Books*.

The Listening Guide

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- 1:45 Circles, not ladders
- 3:55 Rea berg is back
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- 7:33 Too old for picture books?
- 10:20 Around the World with Picture Books
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- 17:55 Giving kids a heart for the world
- 18:51 Miles and miles of empathy
- 25:39 Beauty, wonder and joy
- 26:33 Let the kids speak

“A picture book is an art museum in your child’s lap.”

- Sarah Mackenzie

Quotes and Questions

* Circles not ladders ...

"By adding to the picture books, the picture books never actually lose an important place in your child's life or in your life."

* As C.S. Lewis said ...

"I think C. S. Lewis just sums it up so perfectly, '**A children's story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children's story, not in the slightest.** No book is really worth reading at the age of 10 which is not equally and often far more worth reading at the age of 50 and beyond."

* Just as much as the child ...

"I think that's the real beauty of a classic children's book or an award-winning children's book is as an adult when you sit down and read it with your child **you're getting just as much out of it as the child**, and often, just because of our perspective and our life experience, even more than your child is getting."

* Helping us love each other ...

"You really begin cultivating a love for people from all across the globe. This is really God's heart – is that all people have the same inherent value, all people are created in the Imago Dei and you know, **we sure need to be cultivating that understanding and that vision in our children when they're young.**"

* Everyone can read picture books ...

"Even if you've never been a reader your whole life **you can pick up a picture book with your child** or a grandparent that's never been a reader. And, you know it can be a door to whole new worlds for us."

Show Notes

Books from today's episode:

- [Winnie-the-Pooh](#)
- [Give Your Child the World](#)
- [Little House in the Big Woods](#)
- [Now We are Six](#)
- [For the Children's Sake](#)
- [Books Children Love](#)
- [Emmanuel's Dream](#)
- [The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind](#)

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- [RAR #31: Reading Aloud for History, Rea Berg](#)
- [Beautiful Feet Books](#)
- [Around the World with Picture Books Part I Guide](#)
- [RAR #48: Give Your Child the World, Raising Globally Minded Kids One Book at a Time, Jamie Martin](#)
- [RAR #83: Why Read Picture Books with Older Kids?](#)
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