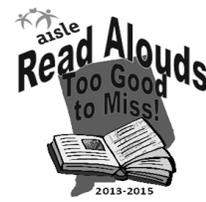


## 2013-2015

### Read Alouds Too-Good-To-Miss

### Middle Grade Readers



#### ***14 Cows for America*** by Carmen Agra Deedy

Middle schoolers will see the tragedy of September 11, 2001 from another viewpoint in this illustrated tale of a gift of fourteen **cows** given by the Maasai people of Kenya to the U.S. as a gesture of comfort and friendship in the wake of the attacks.

#### ***The Apothecary*** by Malie Meloy

History and fantasy come together in this tale of two teen-agers in 1950's England

#### ***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*** by William Kamkwamba

The author details the inspiring story of how he ignored naysayers to bring electricity and running water to his Malawian village when he built a makeshift windmill out of scrap metal and spare parts. A testament to recycling and determination!

#### ***Countdown*** by Deborah Wiles

The Cuban Missile crisis of 1962 comes to life through the eyes of eleven-year-old Franny Chapman 1962. Historic quotations (could spawn research!) and photographs lend themselves toward reading aloud and sharing with a group.

#### ***Guys Read : Funny Business*** by Jon Scieszka (ed.)

Short humorous stories written by authors such as David Lubar, Kate DiCamillo and Mac Barnett

#### ***Hoop Genius: How A Desperate Teacher And a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball***

by John Coy

Taking over a rowdy gym class right before winter vacation is not something James Naismith wants to do at all. Naismith needs something new, exciting, and fast to keep the class happy. Discover the true story of how Naismith invented basketball in 1891 at a school in Springfield, Massachusetts.

#### ***Mr. Terupt Falls Again*** by Rob Buyea

Sequel to *Because of Mr. Terupt*. Continues the stories of some of the students in the classroom of a remarkable teacher.

#### ***Small as an Elephant*** by Jennifer Jacobson

Abandoned by his mother in an Acadia National Park campground, Jack tries to make his way back to Boston before anyone figures out what is going on, with only a small toy elephant for company.

#### ***Three Times Lucky*** by Sheila Turnage

Mo LoBeau, eleven, lives a mystery about her past since being washed ashore in North Carolina as a baby. Now she and her best friend Dale are battling other mysteries when her adopted parent, the Colonel, seems implicated in a murder. Lots of quirky, mystery fun and humor in a tale from the South.

#### ***Tuesdays at the Castle*** by Jessica Day George

Princess Celie loves to map the changes her castle makes every Tuesday, but suddenly finds herself with bigger responsibilities when her family and castle are under attack. Using her map and love for her home and family, she must work to save them.