



## 2013-2015 Read Alouds Too-Good-To-Miss Upper Elementary Readers

### ***About Average*** by Andrew Clements

Jordan, who considers herself “about average,” ends up showing everyone, including the “Cuteness Club” bully, Marlea, that she can be pretty extraordinary.

### ***BookSpeak! Poems About Books*** by Laura Purdie Salas

Books are given the opportunity to “tell their tale” in this collection of humorous poems with clever illustrations.

### ***Crow Call*** by Lois Lowry

Lowry's nostalgic story has appeal that will resonate with 21st-century children. Lizzie's father has just returned from serving in World War II and she's a bit shy even though she's excited about spending the day with him. The memory of a treasured day spent with a special person who has been gone a long time and the challenge to reconnect will resonate with readers everywhere, no matter the reason for the absence.

### ***Each Kindness*** by Jacqueline Woodson

How do you treat the new student in class? Every child will be touched by Chloe's realization that she and her friends were wrong in making fun of new student Maya's shabby clothes and refusing to play with her.

### ***Extra Yarn*** by Mac Barnett

See how a little bit of yarn (and kindness) go a long way towards making a brighter and warmer difference in the lives of those who Annabelle meets. This story will have readers (and listeners) looking inside boxes (and themselves) to see how they can bring happiness to those in their lives.

### ***The Lemonade Crime*** by Jacqueline Davies

Sequel to *The Lemonade War*, Jacqueline Davies looks at our justice system when the playground becomes a court room to determine who stole money from Evan's pocket.

### ***Lulu and the Brontosaurus*** by Judith Viorst

Follow the adventures of Lulu as she sets out to find a pet brontosaurus. At the same time a brontosaurus is out looking for a pet of his own. What do you think will happen when a whiny, stubborn girl meets a dinosaur? Sing along with Lulu and choose the ending that you like best.

### ***Titanic series (3 volumes)*** by Gordon Korman

Older elementary students are also fascinated with the Titanic disaster, and this series will keep them on the edge of their seat; a perfect blend of adventure and historical fiction.

### ***Wonder*** by R. J. Palacio

Mesmerizing story of how middle schoolers treat not just the new kid...but a new kid that also has a severe facial deformity. Will touch the vulnerability and sensitivity of the fragile middle school ego.

### ***Yes, Yes, Yaul*** by Jef Czekaj

Yaul the porcupine likes to say "no!" But with a little help from rap duo Hip and Hop, this prickly porcupine might just discover something he can say "yes" to. Featuring short raps read at varying speeds and comic book elements, this tale will have kids saying "yes!"