Magical Mentoring: The Power of Sharing Stories

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Age: 21
Currently Writing: News story about fellow in the red hat (Renaissance Festival)
Has anyone climbed Grace Peak from Rt. 73 lately? Wondering how well marked the herd path is these days & how difficult it may be to follow with all the leaves. The trip reports I've read - some older - say the cairns marking water crossings are hit or miss.

Michael French and 2 others like this.

Kate Messner: Thanks! Curious - Diane & Jim - did you also take the herd path from Grace to South Dix? Wondering how much time it would add to include South Dix.

Jim Morey replied · 1 Reply

Diane Boenig: I didn’t -- I lost too much time looking for the trail over the Boquet and then having to bushwhack back. It looked very doable otherwise, for me (a slow hiker) would have added perhaps two hours at most. YMMV.

Diane Boenig: Jim Morey, how did you download the info from Gaia? I have the app but haven’t figured out how to do that.
Age: 7
(That's me in the blue fuzzy sleeper.)
Currently Writing: Letter to Santa Claus (He wrote back, too!)

Age: 10
Currently writing:
Stories about school
Over and Under the Snow

by Kate Messner & art by Christopher Solas Neal
HOW TO READ A STORY

By Kate Messner
Illustrated by Mark Siegel
STEP 1
FIND A STORY.

A good one.
It can have princesses and castles,
if you like that sort of thing,
or witches and trolls.
(As long as they’re not too scary.)
STEP 2
FIND A READING BUDDY.

A good one.

A buddy can be older...

or a person your age.

or younger...

Or maybe not a person at all.

Make sure your reading buddy is nice and snuggly.
And make sure you both like the book.
If you don’t agree... go back to Step 1.
Sometimes it takes a few tries to find just the right book.
STEP 3
FIND A COZY READING SPOT.

Outside is fun . . . but not if it’s very cold. Unless you have thick woolen blankets, and hats and scarves, and cups of steaming hot cocoa.

And not if it’s very hot. Unless you have trees to shade you from the sun, a hammock to catch cool breezes, and tall glasses of icy lemonade.
Inside is good.
Couches are cozy. So are chairs big enough for two.

Just be careful not to get stuck.
STEP 4
LOOK AT THE BOOK’S COVER.

Can you guess what it’s about?
Read the title. That might be a clue.

THE PRINCESS, THE DRAGON, AND THE ROBOT
STEP 5
OPEN THE BOOK.

(This is the exciting part!)

“Once upon a time . . .”

Read the story in a loud, clear voice, not too slow and not too fast.

You can point to words if you like, but you don’t have to do that.
STEP 6

When the characters talk, whatever’s being said... say it in a voice to match who’s talking.

“I will save the kingdom.”

“I am the most POWERFUL in all the land!”

“Soon the castle will be MINE!”

“I’m hungry for lunch.”

“Beep.”
National Frontier Trails Museum
City of Independence
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Chicago and Alton Depot
Ranger in Time: Danger in Ancient Rome

Kate Messner
Magic Pen
ALL THE ANSWERS
All the Answers
Ava - nervous - worries - questions

Sophie - parents divorce - "fine"

Dad - store - Superstone just opened

Mom - busy - financial planning - college - went back to school
'Ava's voice - over-the-top descriptions

Gram - knows Ava's secret worry sign - way of helping her cope -

MOM - Yellow legal pads - Dots+Boxes - Oh! Game where they quote char -

Pencil - More of a P-O-V ?? - Mrs. Yu + Hart -
Quotes for Ava + Mom

Believing takes practice. 

It was a dark and stormy night.

If only I had the woodpecker signs.

It is our choices, Harry... Dumbledore.

The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease for ever being able to do it.

Percy Parkes

It has been a horrible, no good, very bad day.

Alexander

My mom says some days are like that—even in Australia.

Today was a difficult day. Tomorrow will be better.

Lily's Purple P.

You've had the power all along. My dear.

Ginny.
Mentor Texts:
Introduction of Magic
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11 Birthdays
Wendy Mass

The Magic Half
Annie Barrows

Bigger Than a Bread Box
Laurel Snyder

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
J.K. Rowling
“How are you doing that?”
PROPHECY

One girl will save us all.

ELLEN OH
THE HIVE DETECTIVES
Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe

Loree Griffin Burns
with photographs by Ellen Harasimowicz
Teachers Write!
“I love El Deafo! It's everything you could want in a book: funny and touching and oh so smart.”
— R. J. Palacio, author of Wonder
“Revolution for the Tested”
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