

FIVE POPULAR MYTHS ABOUT CHILDHOOD READING, DEBUNKED

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MYTH: Reading aloud to my child is the most important factor in making sure they grow up to be a strong reader.

FACT: Research shows that having lots of books in the home is just as important as reading to your child—fill your shelves with temptation!



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MYTH: Learning to read later than other children means my child will never be a good reader.

FACT: Every child needs the freedom to learn at their own pace, and *when* you learn to read does not affect how well or how much you eventually read.

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MYTH: A child should always be reading something new in order to grow as a reader.

FACT: Repetition is actually a good thing, and rereading a favorite book has proven cognitive and emotional benefits for children of all ages.



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MYTH: If my child reads only graphic novels or books with lots of pictures, this will hinder their reading skills.

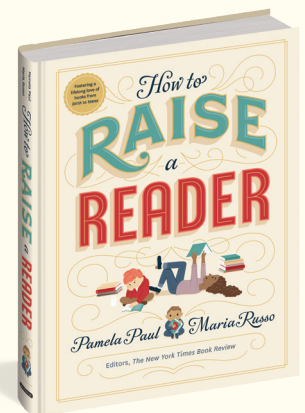
FACT: Strongly visual books are important and enjoyable at all stages of development. Graphic novels are real books, too!



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MYTH: As parents, it's our job to teach our child how to read.

FACT: Leave that job to your child's teachers—your job is to teach your child to *love* reading.



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