

# The Gift of Teleportation Read Aloud

Way back in the 1500, Galileo saw reading as having superhuman powers, meaning to read out loud is not only a powerful gift of teleportation, but it can also develop into a deep love.

The feeling of being immersed in a different time period, or tapping into someone else's wisdom or emotion, the thrill of experiencing an extraordinary adventure all mesh together from a multitude of combinations of 26 letters, and some well-placed exclamation marks.

Remember the days when your parents would read a book to you before bedtime?

You would curl up close to get a birds-eye-view of the illustrations and listened, fascinated by the rhythm and melody of their words as they stimulated your imagination. And then beg for "just one more story".

Reading changed your life then and now it can change the world of humanity if we allow it!

Eighteenth century Kafka's assertion that books were "the axe for the frozen sea within us", affirms what lies in reading is freedom, and American writer Rebecca Solnit's claim that "a book is a heart that beats in the chest of another," relates the potential to understand and share the feelings of another.

Reading books to children, even young babies, expands their understanding of the world, encourages them to learn to speak, coaxes them to interact and bond, and develops creativity for problem solving.

The superpower Galileo spoke of extends further when you can help and encourage others to read during World Read Aloud Day. It's in its eleventh year and is all about grabbing your favourite book, finding an audience and reading out loud.

And it is so much fun to do!

The Day is celebrated in more than 170 countries and is about showing the world that the right to read and write belongs to all people.

Literacy is not a gift given to humans of economic independence or specific gender, it is a human right.

So, today, let's celebrate the joy of reading aloud, and advocate for literacy as a fundamental aptitude belonging to everyone.

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