

The Power of Bedtime stories



Why is it so important to read a bedtime story?

- **It aids your children's comprehension.**
- **It enables them to hear and understand complex patterns in language.**
- **It extends and advances their vocabulary.**
- **It helps children to develop a moral sense of right and wrong, fair and unfair.**
- **...and that in turn helps them to establish clear values.**
- **It is a uniquely 'close', shared time, when deep bonds are forged between parent and child.**
- **It is a rescue platform for reluctant readers.**
- **It enables weaker readers to access texts beyond their own reading ability.**
- **It is great fun – it takes you and your children on transports of delight.**

Bedtime story is key to literacy, says children's writer Frank Cottrell Boyce Guardian September 2015