Collection Of Children Books Developed by “We Love Reading”

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With that purpose, we worked with talented Jordanian writers, painters, designers, linguists, and educational advisors to develop a high quality series of children’s stories. As of 2017, the We Love Reading organization has developed more than 30 stories for children between the ages of 4 and 10. The main topics of the stories include environmental protection, acceptance of mental and physical disabilities, refugees, anti-violence, social unity, and gender equality.

The We Love Reading program, under the patronage of the Taghyeer Organization, is an independent non-profit organization that fosters the love of reading for pleasure among children. This program constitutes training local men, women, and youth to hold routine read aloud sessions for children in public spaces in their neighborhoods. We Love Reading was founded in 2006 by Dr. Rana Dajani in Jordan, and has established thousands of libraries across 33 countries around the world.
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The Apple Tree
Author: Ahmed al Hawatmah
Drawings: Julenar Hajou, Farah Abou Arjaa, Sarah Zamel, Zaid Ishaq
Age Category: 5-8
Balqiss used to love the apple tree...but suddenly an unexpected change occurred. Adapted from Ida B by Katherine Hannigan.

The Bridge to Dreamland
Author: Huda Eissa Al-Kannass
Balqiss Mohammed Saif
Drawings: Julenar Hajou, Farah Abou Arjaa, Sarah Zamel, Zaid Ishaq
Age Category: 5 - 8
Samer used to love running...then everything changed when a new girl came to school. Adapted from the novel Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson.
The Open Tap
Author: Fedaa Azoumr
Drawings: Mahmoud Ahndaoui
Age Category: 7-10
The water is massively leaking from the tap. Where do these water drops go? Is there any water left in the tap? Who can help us to save what’s left of the water?

The Golden Garden
Author: Mahmoud Abu Farwa
Arajabi
Drawings: Samar Zareek
Age Category: 7-10
Can we transform things that are not beautiful into amazing and fantastic things? How does it happen? Does it need everybody’s collaboration? Read this story with us to find out what happens to Ahmed’s family when they transform an ignored garden into a golden garden.
Sun and Suns
Author: Fedaa Azoumr
Drawings: Rawan Sadr
Age Category: 7-10
There are many stars lighting up the kids’ rooms! Where did these suns come from? Did they fall from other galaxies? Find out what happened in this story.

Who Defeated the Squandering Demon?
Author: Mahmoud Abu Farwa Arajabi
Drawings: Rached al Kabariti
Age Category: 7-10
The Squandering Demon ran away from Ahmed’s house. Who’s the hero who made him run away in a hurry? Read this story to find out!
Shafafa’s Enjoyable Trip
Author: Nerdin Abou Nabaa
Drawings: Widad Arshid
Age Category: 7-10
Shafafa is a drop of water as beautiful as a pearl. But before coming out to Planet Earth, she clung to her mother because she was very sad and scared! Why was Shafafa so afraid? Find out in this story.

Eid Gift
Author: Fedaa Azoumr
Drawings: Rawan Sadr
Age Category: 4-6
Eid is here, and each and every kid got a gift. What did the kids give to Uncle Nadeef? Did they give him nice gifts? Or did they give him...? (Read the story to find out!)
Salma’s Riddle
Author: Imane Zaheer Altarawna
Drawings: Ishraq Othman Algay
Age Category: 4-6
Salma loves drawing so much. But how can she use drawing to change her family’s bad water-using habits? Let’s read the story together to find out.

Why Did Electricity Run Away?
Author: Nerdeen Abou Nabaa
Drawings: Ishraq Algay
Age Category: 4-6
Electricity got tired and decided to cut off from Zaid and his sibling’s house. Why was Electricity tired? Is it coming back? Read this story to discover what happens.
A Sun Without Bills
Author: Mahmoud Abu Farwa Alrajabi
Drawings: Rawan Mohamed Sadr
Age Category: 4-6
There is a problem inside of Firas’s house that is solved only when he opened the airport and started receiving fantastic ideas. Read the story to find out what happened to our friend Firas.

The Amazing Water Hero
Author: Mahmoud Abu Farwa Alrajabi
Drawings: Wafaa Adnane Salama
Age Category: 4-6
Why did Kareem deserve the name of the Amazing Water Hero? What did he do to become a real hero that is applauded for all of his amazing work? Read this story with us to find out what Kareem did.
Questions in a Traveling Bag  
**Author:** Maya Abou al Hayat  
**Drawings:** Ishraq Othmane  
**Age Category:** 4-6

What kind of questions can a kid carry in a traveling bag? And is the taste of kousa mahsy in the new house different than the taste in the old house? Maybe we could find an answer to these questions, or maybe we could find thirteen. But first, let’s gather some questions in the traveling bag.

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Amal  
**Author:** Yasmine Houssein Ayoud  
**Drawings:** Farah Farouka  
**Age Category:** 7-10

Once upon a time, there were three boys and two girls, a small lamp, two hands praying, and many tents everywhere...Read the story to learn whether the children who are brimming with knowledge and hope go back to the homeland of colors.
Kenan and Watermelon Head
Author: Ghada Mahmoud
Drawing: Samia Bassam Khalef
Age Category: 7-10
Books are flying here and there in Kenan’s new class, and there is a pumpkin head growing and growing! What is the pumpkin head’s story? Who is the owner of the puffed bag? And most importantly, who taught Kenan the acrobatic movements that made everybody so impressed? Read this story to find out.

I Left a Surprise for You
Author: Maryem Kamal Abedy, Heba Jameel Sabeeha, & Imane Zaheer al Tarawnah
Drawings: Lara Farouka
Age Category: 7-10
There is a surprise. Who left it? Who is it for? And what’s the story of the big desert, the sharks in the kitchen, and the wild animals in the living room? Find the answers to these questions and more in this story.
A Space Adventure with Jasmin and Batraa
Author: Bassam al Tajy
Drawings: Sajeda Jallad
Age Category: 7-10
Two sisters, Jasmin and Batraa, decided to take a trip through space. A technical problem causes them to land on a planet with green land, where they meet a giant with one eye and a thick blue scalp...what will happen to them? Will they make it back before dinner time?

Tomorrow I Will Be
Author: Bassam al Tajy
Drawings: Dyala Zada
Age Category: 4-6
Every night before we sleep, my Dad and Mom read us a story. This time, my Dad read us a story about a great adventurer. The next day, guess who woke up in a big jungle, took a ride on an elephant, was greeted by a crocodile, and crossed a big river?
An Earthquake in the Kitchen  
Author: Bassam Al Tajy  
Drawings: Alaa Youssef  
Age Category: 4-6  
My grandmother came to visit, so my mother, my brother and I went to receive her. My dad decided to stay home to cook us delicious food. Everything was great, except for the kitchen...

Zanbout  
Author: Layla Ouda  
Drawings: Ishraq Othmane  
Age Category: 7-10  
It’s a new day filled with inventions and crackers for Fares and Deema. But this time, a strange guest that loves eating popcorn unexpectedly appears...who is this guest? Where did he come from? And how will he leave?
A Strange Story in the Fantastic Car
Author: Bassam Al Tajy
Drawings: Noor Dawed
Age Category: 4-6
We went to the library in our fantastic car. There, we studied and dreamed, we flew into space and dove into the deep oceans...

Something Really Strange
Author: Imane Zaheer al Tarawnah
Drawings: Amany Youssef
Age Category: 4-6
They say that my friend Massa is very different from me. I didn’t understand how she is different from me, because we are so similar! But when I thought about it over and over again, I remembered. Yes, my friend Massa is indeed different from me, because...
The Big Envelope
Author: Layla Awda
Drawings: Samar Zareek
Age Category: 7-10
Omar is the new kid at school, and he is being bullied at school by his classmate Hamza. How will Omar react? How will he and Hamza become friends? To learn more, read the story of The Big Envelope.

The Secret of the World of Harmony
Author: Bassam Al Tajy
Drawings: Dyala Zada
Age Category: 7-10
Izza is from Gaza, Addy is from Dubai, Widad is from Baghdad, and me, Adnane, I live in Amman. We love mornings, but at night when we fall asleep we meet in the world of Harmony. But were only four years old...when are we going to turn ten?
The Grannies’ Plan
Author: Yasmine Ayyoud
Drawings: Ghada al Jourmy
Age Category: 7-10
In one of the country’s neighborhoods there lived three grannies. They had a strong, loving friendship, and with their wisdom they solved the most difficult problems. Let us discover together the Grannies’ Plan!

The Black Chicken
Author: Yasmine Ayyoud
Drawings: Mohamed al Maaty
Age Category: 7-10
Once upon a time, there was a big farm where man animals lived, including fat chickens. One day during spring, there was a big celebration called the Chicken Feast, where something very strange happened...What could be the reason for this celebration? And what will happen in it?
I Would Like to Introduce You To ...

Author: Arroub Sobh  
Drawings: Ishraq Othmane  
Age Category: 7-10

We’re three best friends. We never thought that a stranger would join our group…until new neighbors joined our neighborhood. What happened? And what did Rayya discover? I am Ali, and I would like to introduce you to...

The World’s Cook

Author: Maya Abou al Hayyat  
Drawings: Noor Dawood  
Age Category: 4-6

Mayyada is alone in kindergarten, where she has no friends. But can a delicious cake change it all? Find out in Mayyada’s story.
Hatta the Cat’s Mother
Author: Bassam al Tajjy
Drawings: Walid Kateena
Age Category: 4-6
There once was a little boy named Ali. Ali loves to bother others, and he gets angry very quickly. One day when playing alone, he breaks a wooden board. Find out what happens when Ali discovers the cat in the tree is Hatta’s mother...

We’re The Same
Author: Mariam Kamal Abedi
Saja Naeef Abu-Omar
Drawings: Sajeeda Jalad
Age Category: 4-6
We are friends. Each one of us lives in a different place, but despite all of our differences we’re still alike.
My Brother Hany
Author: Oroub Sobh
Drawings: Haya Halaw
Age Category: 4-6
There is endless love and friendship between the two of us, starting from before we were even born. I am Dina and he is my twin brother Hany, and this is our story.

Bashour
Author: Maya Abou al Hayyat
Drawings: Amany Youssef
Age Category: 4-6
Bashour has five eyes and can’t sleep, but is it really a problem? Read the story to find out!
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