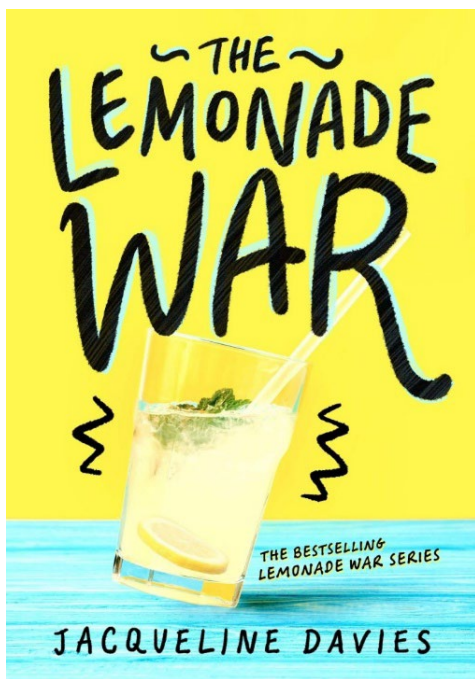


Family Fun Pack



The Lemonade War
by Jacqueline Davies



Read-Aloud Tips For Families

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- ✓ **Make reading time a priority** – Sit down as a family and decide on a daily reading time, and then consider it an appointment that needs to be kept. Some families might find that right before bed is the best time, but early risers might enjoy reading at breakfast. For younger listeners, bath time can be great! Build it into your daily routine and soon you will find that everyone is ready and waiting to hear what comes next in the story.
- ✓ **Show emotion that matches the story** – All of the books from **Read to Them** capture a range of emotions over the course of the story. When reading aloud, mirroring the emotions felt by the characters will make the story more meaningful to your listener.
- ✓ **Vary your rhythm** – Have fun with the language in your book. During suspenseful sections, *slow down* and let the suspense build. During a particularly meaningful moment, *pause* and let the impact settle. During emotion-packed scenes, drop your voice to a *whisper*. When you are reading aloud, you are performing the story. Authors don't want their stories performed in monotone!
- ✓ **Don't be afraid to be silly** – Accents, funny voices, and sound effects are all great tools to use to make reading aloud more engaging. Character-specific voices or mannerisms also help listeners follow the dialogue. It might be a challenge, but it's worth the effort to make your story come alive.
- ✓ **Stay engaged with your listener throughout your reading time** – Stop from time to time to explain an unfamiliar vocabulary word, discuss an important point, or ask your child to make a prediction. You don't want to derail the story too much, but you do want to make reading together interactive.
- ✓ **Expect some fidgeting** – Listening during reading time does not have to be a stationary activity. Some listeners will sit still as stones with eyes and ears fixed on you, and that's great. But other listeners stay more engaged with something in their hands like a small toy, some crayons, or a stuffed animal. Some children might listen better if allowed to walk around the room, or even bounce on the bed a bit. Work together to find the way that works best for your child.

B

Use the [Connection Guide](#) to contact Read to Them and let us know you are reading!

Buy some lemons. What new recipe can you make with them?

Find a quote in the book worth sharing. Post it on the fridge!

Read a book listed on the [Next Book Connections](#) page at the end of this Family Fun Pack.

Choose a charity and make a donation. (Any amount/items will help!)

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Go on a family bike ride or walk around your neighborhood.

Play Stratego, Scrabble, Sorry, or another board game as a family.

Get your whole family to read together in your pajamas!

Play 20 Questions! Choose a person or thing from the book for others to guess.

Find a picture book about siblings at your public library or independent book store.

N

Build a fort in your backyard or living room. Get inside and read a chapter together.

Find a copy of *Charlotte's Web* to read aloud when you finish *The Lemonade War*.



Break out the art supplies and draw some fireworks.

Learn three new facts about starting your own business.

G

Concoct a fancy flavor of lemonade. Or make a few and do a taste test!

Create a scrapbook page profile of one of the characters from the book.

Make Family Comment Cards. Share your positive thoughts about each person.

Create a list of things to do when you're bored. Post it in the kitchen for everyone to see.

Review *The Lemonade War* – how many stars would you give it?



O

Make bookmarks together!

Make a display board for your favorite holiday to use as a decoration when the holiday arrives.

Have a (healthy) competition with a family member!

Save for something as a family. Choose an item or event that everyone will enjoy.

Share a picture of your family reading with [@readtothem](#).





Family Fun Cards

Pages 1-66

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What do you know?

What does Jessie always do when she's "upset or angry or sad or confused"?

Who wrote *Ten Bright Ideas to Light Up Your Sales*?

Who says, "You better pray for mercy"?

What do you think?

Evan seems to lose money as soon as he gets it. Do you ever have trouble keeping your money? What are some good strategies for how to save money when you have some?

What can you do?

Lemonade – Classic and Fancy

You can't read a book about lemonade and not make some! Here's a classic recipe: Combine 1 cup of water with 1 cup of sugar in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stir until sugar dissolves, and remove from heat. Add 1 cup of fresh lemon juice (from 4-6 lemons) and 4 cups of cold water. Stir well. Refrigerate, then serve over ice.

And here are some ways to make it fancy. You can garnish with slices of lemon, fresh berries, or a sprig of mint. Make it bubbly by substituting seltzer for the cold water. You can make Arnold Palmers by mixing 1 cup of lemonade with 1 cup of unsweetened iced tea. Or, you can really cool off with a lemonade milk shake. In a blender, whirl together 3 cups of vanilla ice cream with 1½ cups of lemonade. Add some lemon zest to amp up the lemon flavor.



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Pages 67-127

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What do you know?

Who says that the girls who formed the *We Hate Jessie Club* have “rocks for brains”?

What “added value” do Jessie and Megan add to their lemonade stand the second day?

At the end of the day, the girls agreed that the “added value” free services were...*what*?

What do you think?

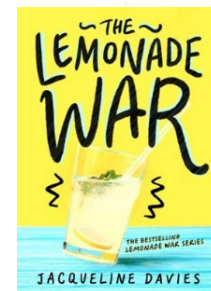
“*I’ve got a new idea.*” (p. 109) On good days, Jessie’s mom calls her *persistent*. On bad days, she says Jessie “just didn’t know when enough was enough.” (p. 106) Is there a time you were persistent? How about when you didn’t know enough was enough?

What can you do?

Marble Track

“*It raced through the track, picking up speed around the curves.*” (p. 123)

A great STEM idea that you can do at home! In Chapter 9, we see Jessie give Evan some pointers to improve his marble track. See if you can build one, too. Evan’s had a funnel, flags, a ramp, and a cup, but you can use nearly anything! Dominoes. A golf ball. Rubber bands. Books. Straws. Toilet paper tubes. Egg cartons. The main idea is to set up a sequence of events that starts and continues down a path until the end. There are lots of great examples of these on YouTube. Here’s a link to one that can easily be made with common household items: bit.ly/marbrun.



Family Fun Cards

Pages 128-173

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What do you know?

What is the fine for crossing the threshold into Evan's room without express permission?

When the boys are swimming, who suddenly has to leave after visiting the bathroom?

Who says, "This war was stupid?"

What do you think?

"One thing ends, another begins." (p. 172) What do you think about the entire Lemonade War? What did Evan and Jessie learn about each other? What did they learn about themselves? How do you think they might fight differently next time?

What can you do?

Lemonade Stand

It's nearly impossible to read this book and not want to start a lemonade stand of your own! Why not build one together? It's a great family activity, and it helps reinforce some of the financial literacy lessons shared in the book. Go through the book to find some of the great ideas that Evan and Jessie use to improve their stand—choosing a great location, finding the right price point, offering "added value"—to create the best lemonade stand ever. Then get out there and sell some lemonade! Consider options for what you'll do with the money. Will you save it up for something big, splurge on ice cream cones for the family, or donate it to a charity that you support? It's completely up to you...



Family Fun Cards Answer Key

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Pages 1-66

What does Jessie always do when she's "upset or angry or sad or confused"?

She reads Charlotte's Web.

Who wrote *Ten Bright Ideas to Light Up Your Sales*?

Mrs. Treski (Evan and Jessie's mom)

Who says "You better pray for mercy"?

Evan (to Jessie)

Pages 67-127

Who says that the girls who formed the *We Hate Jessie Club* have "rocks for brains"?

Evan

What "added value" do Jessie and Megan add to their lemonade stand the second day?

free snacks

At the end of the day, the girls agreed that the "added value" free services were...*what*?

not worth it!

Pages 128-173

What was the fine for crossing the threshold into Evan's room without express permission?

\$1.00

When the boys are swimming, who suddenly has to leave after visiting the bathroom?

Scott Spencer

Who says, "This war was stupid"?

Jessie



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Next Book Connections

Other chapter books written by Jacqueline Davies:

- *The Lemonade War* series (Books 2 – 6)
- *The International House of Dereliction*
- *Nothing But Trouble*
- The *Sydney and Taylor* series of early chapter books

Picture books written by Jacqueline Davies:

- *Bubbles...Up!*
- *The House Takes a Vacation*
- *The Boy Who Drew Birds*
- *Panda Pants Tricking the Tallyman*
- *The Night is Singing*

Picture books with similar themes:

- *Rules of the House* – Mac Barnett
- *Rufus the Writer* – Elizabeth Bram
- *The Unbudgeable Curmudgeon* – Matthew Burgess
- *Lemonade in Winter* – Emily Jenkins & G. Brian Karas
- *Caterina and the Lemonade Stand* – Erin Eitter Kono
- *When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree* – Jamie L.B. Deenihan

Novels with similar themes:

- The *A Boy Called Bat* series – Elana K. Arnold
- *Because of the Rabbit* – Cynthia Lord
- *A Whole New Ballgame* – Phil Bildner
- *The Pain and the Great One* – Judy Blume
- *Henry Huggins* – Beverly Cleary
- *No Talking* – Andrew Clements
- *Lunch Money* – Andrew Clements
- *The Chocolate Touch* – Patrick Skene Catling
- *J.D. and the Great Barber Battle* – J. Dillard
- *Cleo Edison Oliver, Playground Millionaire* – Sundee T. Frazier
- *The Get Rich Quick Club* – Dan Gutman
- *Charlie Bumpers vs. The Teacher of the Year* – Bill Harley
- *The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher* – Dana Alison Levy
- *Lawn Boy* – Gary Paulsen
- *Stef Soto, Taco Queen* – Jennifer Torres
- *Bee Fearless: Dream Like a Kid* – Mikaila Ulmer
- *Ways to Make Sunshine* – Renée Watson
- *The Startup Squad* – Brian Weisfeld
- *The Pet War* – Allan Woodrow
- *Rescue at Lake Wild* – Terry Lynn Johnson
- *Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?* – Leslie Connor