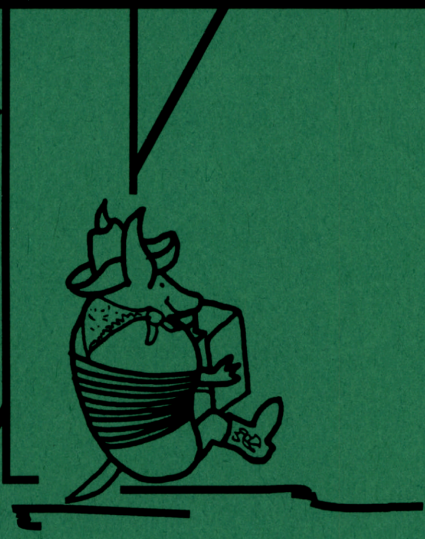


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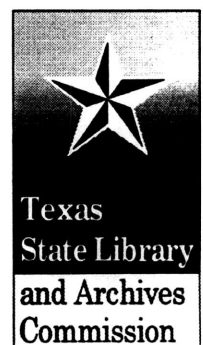
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WHERE FAMILIES READ TOGETHER

WELCOME to Read, Texas! The Texas State Library & Archives Commission, in cooperation with your local public library, invite you and your family to read together throughout this holiday season.

During the holidays, your family can:

Share a book for half an hour every evening
(Have family members take turns reading)

Read a book to someone as a holiday gift

Tell family stories and write them down

Share one book with a family member every
week between Thanksgiving and New Year's

When you share books:

- ★ Set aside a time each evening to share books together (even if each person reads their own books to themselves, everyone is still enjoying the experience together!)
- ★ Set aside one room or area as "the reading space"
- ★ Make sure there are no noisy distractions (turn off the t.v. and stereo)
- ★ Talk about what you've read and share your ideas with others
- ★ Have fun!

We all live in Read, Texas!

TIPS FOR READING ALOUD

When you read aloud to others, remember to:

- ★ Choose a book you really like
- ★ Practice by yourself first so you'll be familiar with the book and the sound of your own voice reading aloud
- ★ Read with expression!
- ★ Take your time and enjoy the story
- ★ Speak loudly enough so that everyone can hear you, but not so loudly it hurts your throat.
- ★ Have a glass of water handy in case your throat gets dry or scratchy
- ★ Stop when your voice gets tired
- ★ Have fun!



***READ TO YOUR FAMILY
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READ TO YOURSELF
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BOOKS FOR FAMILIES TO READ TOGETHER

THE CAT WHO WENT TO HEAVEN by Elizabeth Jane Coatsworth. Simon & Shuster, 1982.

Reading Level: Ages 8-12.

A little cat comes to the home of a poor but compassionate Japanese artist and, by humility and devotion, brings him good fortune. Love creates a miracle in this timeless story.

THE LEGEND OF THE BLUEBONNET: AN OLD TALE OF TEXAS by Tomie de Paola. Putnam Publishing Group, 1986. **Reading Level: Ages 4-8**

This favorite legend, based on Comanche lore, tells the story of how a little girl's sacrifice brought the flower called the bluebonnet to Texas.

THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE by Beverly Cleary. William Morrow & Co., c1965.

Reading Level: 8-12

Tiny Ralph S. Mouse lives in a mousehole in Room 215 of the Mountain View Inn. Life becomes downright thrilling when Keith and his family stop at the inn for a few days, and Keith lets Ralph ride his toy motorcycle. A heartwarming story of responsibility and trust.

THE RUNAWAY BUNNY by Margaret Wise Brown. Harpercollins Juvenile Books, 1974.

Reading Level: Baby-Preschool

A comforting story of a bunny's imaginary game of hide-and-seek and the loving, steadfast mother who finds him every time. This classic tale has withstood the test of time.

SUPERFUDGE by Judy Blume. Dutton Books, c1980. **Reading Level: Ages 8-12**

Nothing is easy for 12-year-old Peter Hatcher. His younger brother, Fudge, is bad enough, now there's a new baby coming and the family is moving to Princeton. A hilarious book by one of the most beloved authors of all time.

WATERSHIP DOWN by Richard Adams. Scribner Classics, 1996. **Reading Level: All Ages**

Chronicles the adventures of a group of rabbits fleeing the destruction of their home by a land developer and searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace. An engrossing story that can be read on many levels, the rabbits represent the human characters of our own world.

THE WIZARD OF OZ by L. Frank Baum. Henry Holt & Company, Inc., 1988. **Reading Level: All Ages**

Here is the original book that started the wonderful series and inspired the famous movie, in which Dorothy Gale is whisked from Kansas to the magical land of Oz where—with a Scarecrow, a Tin Woodman, and a Cowardly Lion—she sets off to find the illusive but wonderful Wizard.

BOOKS ABOUT FAMILIES

A CHAIR FOR MY MOTHER by Vera B. Williams. Greenwillow Press, c1987. **Reading Level: Ages 4-8**

A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN by Frank Gilbreth, Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey. Buccaneer Books, 1993. **Reading Level: All Ages**

What do you get when you put 12 lively kids together with a father who believes a family can be run like a factory and a mother who is his partner in everything except discipline? You get a hilarious tale of growing up that has made generations of kids laugh along with the Gilbreths.

IN MY FAMILY/EN MI FAMILIA by Carmen Lomas Garza. Children's Press, 1993.

Reading Level: Ages 4-8

Through full-color paintings and warm personal stories, Garza brings to life more loving memories of growing up in a traditional Mexican American community in Kingsville, Texas.

LITTLE WOMEN by Louisa May Alcott. Price Stern Sloan Publishers, 1983. (Deluxe illustrated edition). **Reading Level: All Ages**

An American classic featuring lively and vivid portraits of the endearing March sisters: talented tomboy Jo, pretty Meg, shy Beth, and temperamental Amy, who grow up in Civil War New England, separated by the war from their father.

LITTLE HOUSE IN THE BIG WOODS by Laura Ingalls Wilder. HarperCollins Juvenile Books, c1953. **Reading Level: Ages 8-12**

Four-year-old Laura lives in a little house with her Pa, Ma and sisters. Pioneer life is sometimes hard, since the family must grow or catch all their own food. But it is also exciting as they celebrate Christmas with homemade toys and treats.

ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY by Mildred D. Taylor. Dial Books for Young Readers, c1976. **Reading Level: Young Adult**

The vivid story of a black family whose warm ties to each other and their land give them the strength to defy rural Southern racism during the Depression.

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, c1962.

Reading Level: Ages 9-12

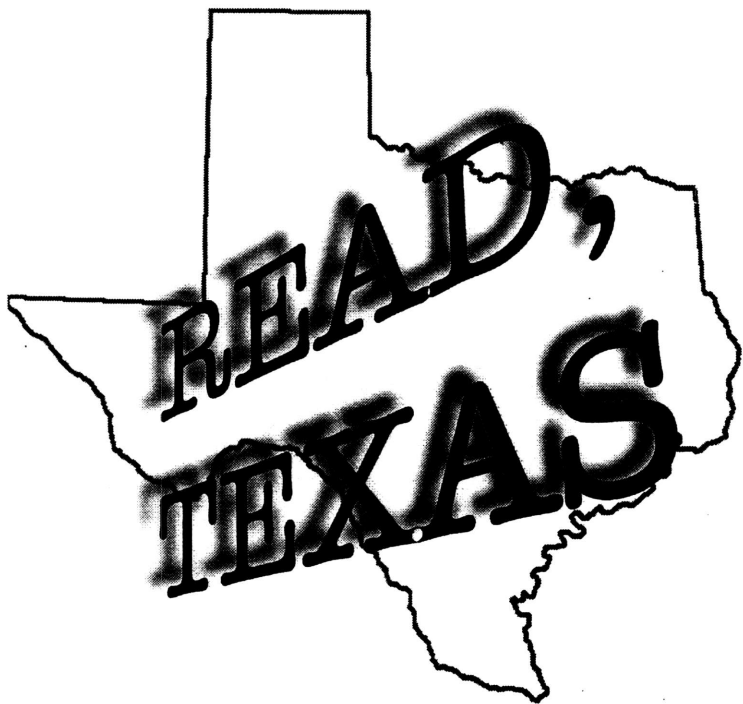
Combining theology, fantasy, and science, this is a story of travel through space and time to battle a cosmic evil. With their neighbor Calvin O'Keefe, young Meg Murry and her brother Charles Wallace embark on a cosmic journey to find their lost father, a scientist studying time travel.



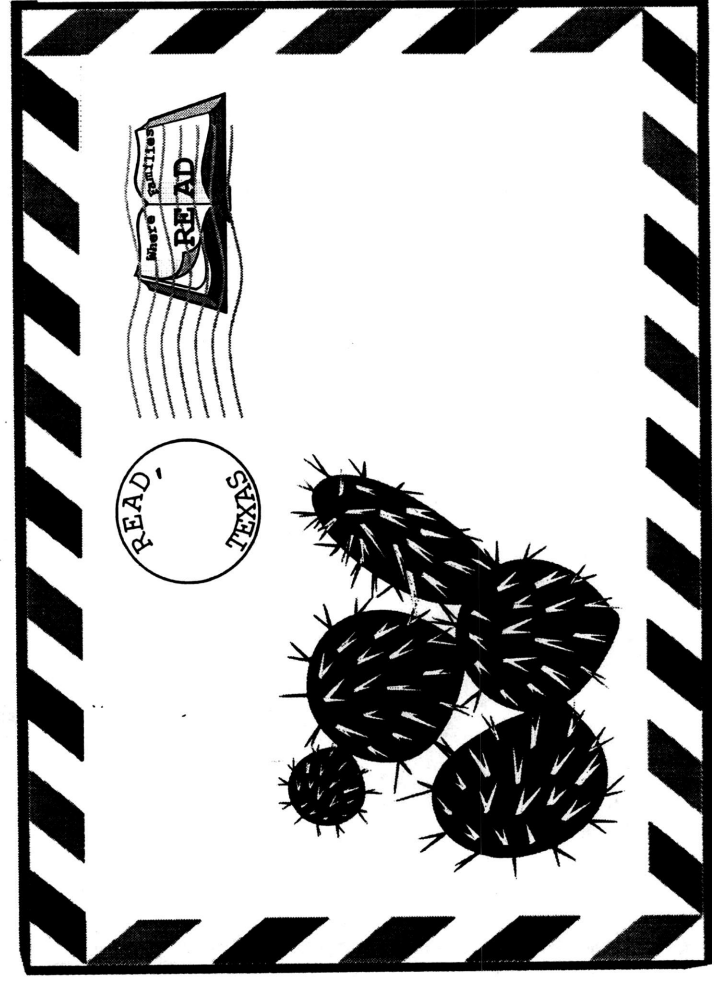
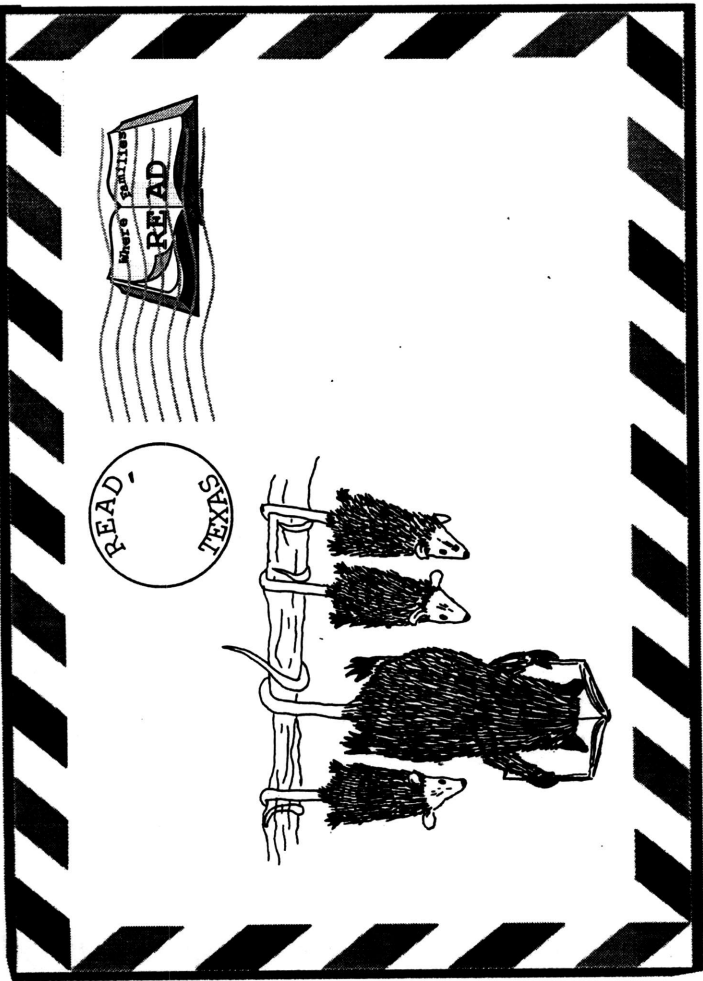
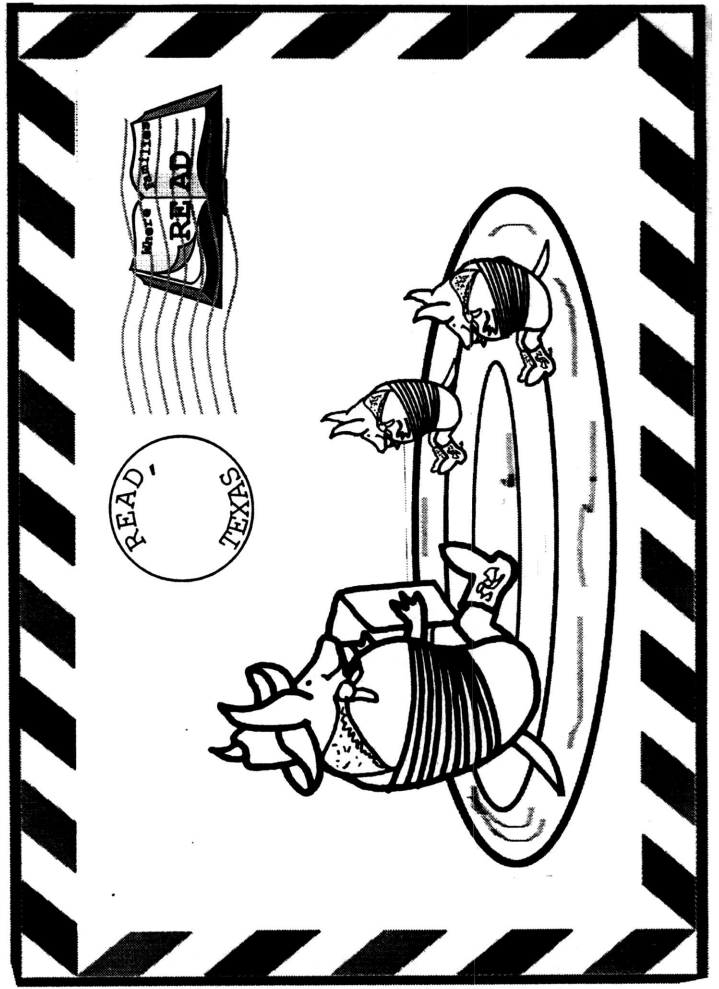
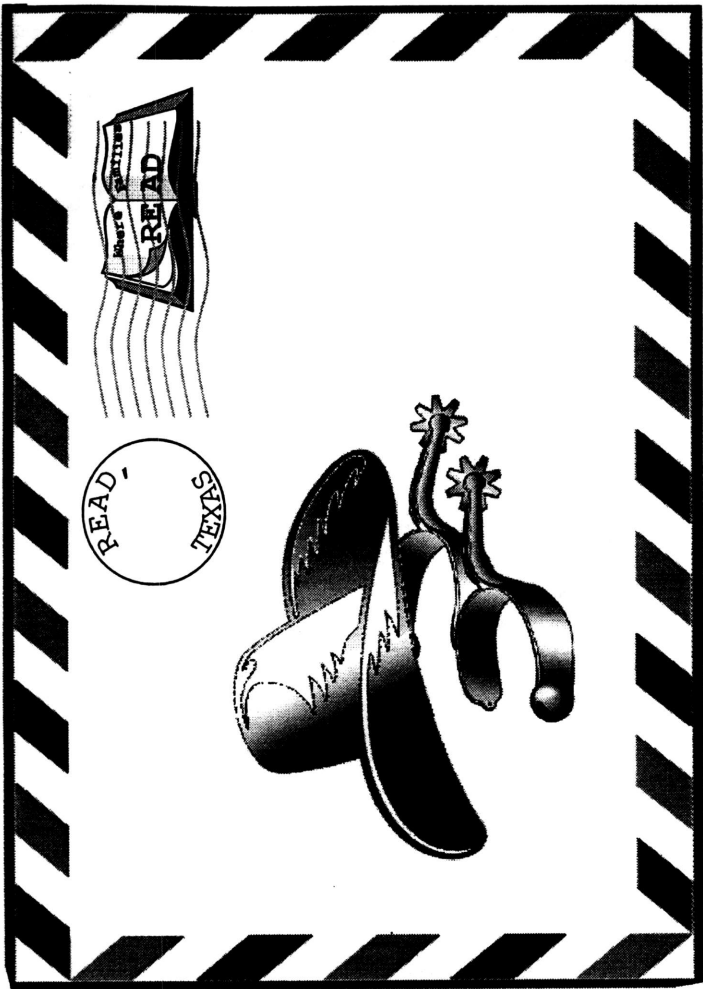
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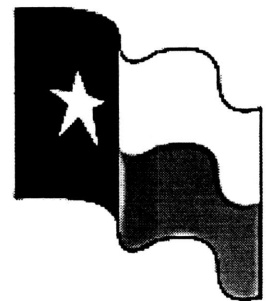
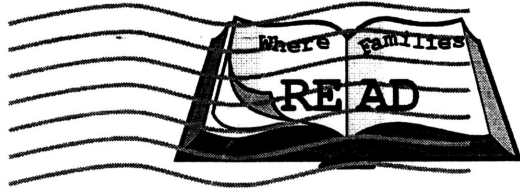
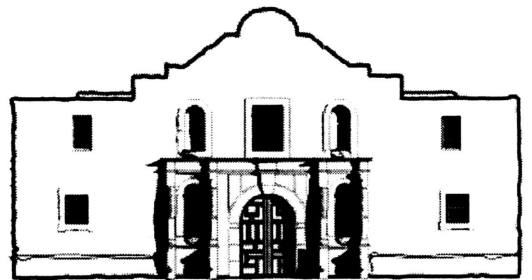
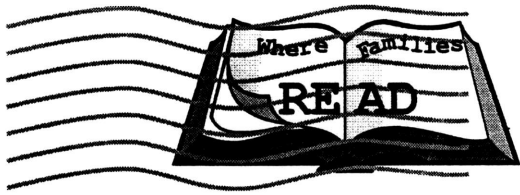
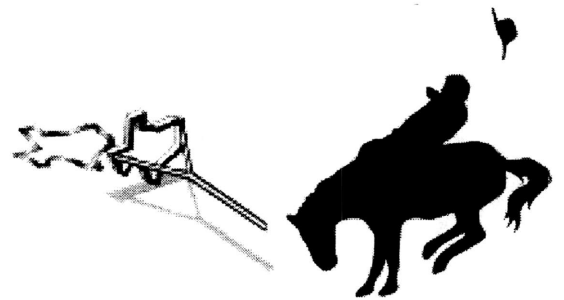
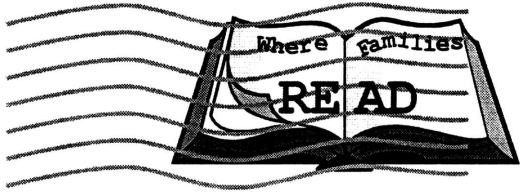
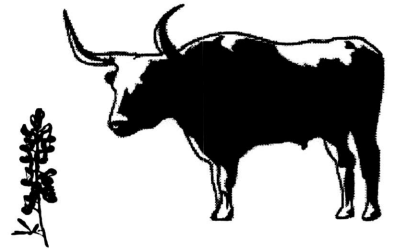
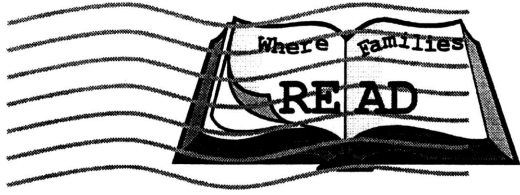
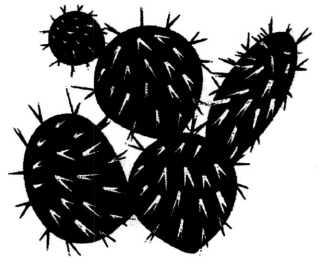
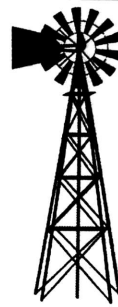
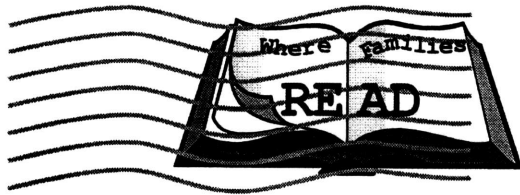
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