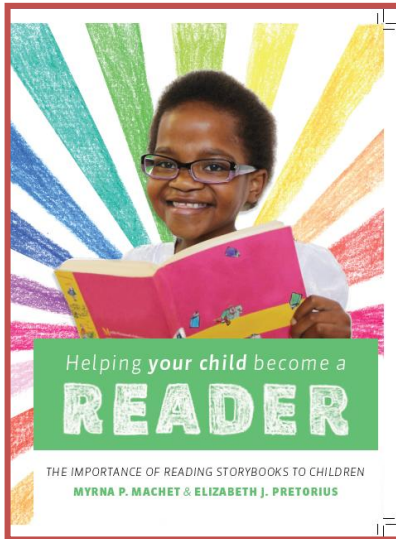


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HELPING YOUR CHILD BECOME A READER: *The importance of reading storybooks to children*

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The gift of reading is one of the most important things a parent can give to their child. When you read to a child, you open their imagination, giving them access to new worlds. You help them foster empathy and perspective, enabling them to think in new ways. You help them understand how written texts work, preparing them for school and aiding them all the way through to adulthood.

But while reading's effects are invaluable, teaching a child to read can sometimes be difficult and frustrating. In this book, you'll not only find out why storybook reading is so important for children, but you'll also discover the best way to read to your child. You'll find activities to do with your child that will increase your enjoyment of reading at the same time as helping your little one become a successful and avid reader – **a gift for life.**

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