

Children's Book List on Media Awareness

Children today are exposed to a variety of media and mixed messages from that media. Sharing the books below with your child is one way to introduce them to different kinds of media and start discussions about their advantages and disadvantages.

Arthur's TV Trouble

by Marc Brown

Reading level: Ages 4-8

When Arthur sees advertisements for the amazing doggy Treat Timer, he decides to earn enough money to buy it for his dog Pal.--This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Aunt Chip and the Great Triple Creek Dam Affair

by Patricia Polacco

Reading level: Ages 4-8

Aunt Chip saves the town of Triple Creek, where everyone has forgotten how to read because of the invasion of television.

The Bionic Bunny Show

by Mark Brown and Laurene Krasny Brown

Reading level: Infant-Preschool

As an ordinary rabbit in real life is portrayed as a bionic bunny on his television series, the reader views all the production efforts that provide that illusion.

Book!

by George Ella Lyon

Reading level: Ages 4-8

This poem compares a book to a house, a treasure chest, a farm, and a tree full of leaves.

Box-Head Boy

By Christine M. Winn

Reading level: Ages 9-12

Denny spends so much time watching TV that one day his head ends up inside the set.

Ellen's Terrible TV Troubles

by Rachna Gilmore

Reading level: Ages 4-8

Ellen gets more than she bargained for when her television brings her favorite characters to life in her living room.

The Great TV Turn-Off

by Beverly Lewis

Reading level: Ages 9-12

Eric and his neighbors on Blossom Hill Lane agree to give up television for one week.

Mouse TV

By Matt Novak

Reading level: Ages 4-8

Each member of the Mouse family wants to watch something different on television, but they discover a solution to their problem one night when the television does not work.

Mama Rex & T: Turn Off the TV

by Rachel Vail

On a stormy Saturday, T and Mama Rex stare at the television until the electricity goes off and they must find something else to do.

Teddy's TV Troubles

by Joanne Cantor, PhD

Reading level: Ages 4-8

"Teddy's TV Troubles" is a children's story book that helps parents and children cope with the scary things that they see on television. Teddy Bear is lucky! Although he has been frightened by something he saw on TV, his mother knows just what to do. Together they soothe his fears through a series of calming, fun-filled activities. "Teddy's TV Troubles" is a story book, an activity book, and a going-to-bed book all rolled into one!

Too Much TV

by Stan & Jan Berenstain

Reading level: Ages 4-8

Concerned that the family is spending too much time in front of the television and neglecting other activities, Mama Bear decides that there will be no television watching for one week.

When the TV Broke

by Harriet Ziefert

Reading level: Ages 4-8

The story deals with what a little boy does when the family television breaks and has to be taken to the shop. At first he is absolutely lost since he spends his entire life in front of the TV, seven days a week. He keeps asking his mother, over and over, if it is fixed yet. Slowly, however, he starts doing other things. He cooks, reads books, and then finally uses his imagination to create an entire world for himself. He hardly notices when his father brings the TV back.