**Email from Karen -**

On June 30, I will be leading a zoom book club on *Wild Things: The Joy of Reading Children’s Literature* *as an Adult* by Bruce Handy.

While it is an enjoyable book in itself that I encourage you to obtain, I know it’s not easy to get ahold of. So here is what I would like you to consider doing for that session:

1. **Re-read or re-visit any favorite book of your own that was written for children.** This might be one you love personally from your own childhood, or a book you enjoy reading to children or grandchildren. It can be a picture book, a beginning to read book, a YA book, or a “classic” novel for children. It’s up to you.

[By re-visit, I suggest that you can google the plot to refresh your mind or read some reviews, although Handy would say that you need to re-read a book with adult eyes to really learn about it and its lasting impact.]

1. **Read ONE** or more books **from this broad set of authors and titles** that Handy talks about in his book:

* A book by Margaret Wise Brown (such as *Good Night Moon,*or *The Runaway Bunny*)
* A book by Eric Carle (such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*)
* *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats
* Any book by Beatrix Potter
* *Bedtime for Frances* by Russell Hoban
* A Grimm fairy tale (keep track of whose version it is, if updated, or whether it’s really an original Grimm tale)
* A book by Maurice Sendak (such as *Where the Wild Things Are* or *In the Night Kitchen)*
* A book by Kevin Henkes that has an animal main character (*Owen, Chrysanthemum, Lily’s Plastic Purse,*etc.)
* A “colonial” book like *Babar, Curious George,*or *Ferdinand*
* One of these specific Dr. Seuss books: *The Cat in the Hat*or *Green Eggs and Ham*
* An “I Can Read” series book: Little Bear, Frog & Toad, etc.
* A book by Beverly Cleary, especially those with Ramona as a main character
* A book from the Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
* *Charlotte’s Web*by E.B. White

Or if you are really ambitious:

* A C.S Lewis Narnia book
* Baum’s *The Wizard of Oz*
* *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott (or watch the new movie and see if it got the “real” flavor of the book)

1. Maybe you will get lucky and #1 and #2 will be the same book?! Or once you get started, you will keep on reading, since these books are really fun.

Looking forward to June 30.      Karen