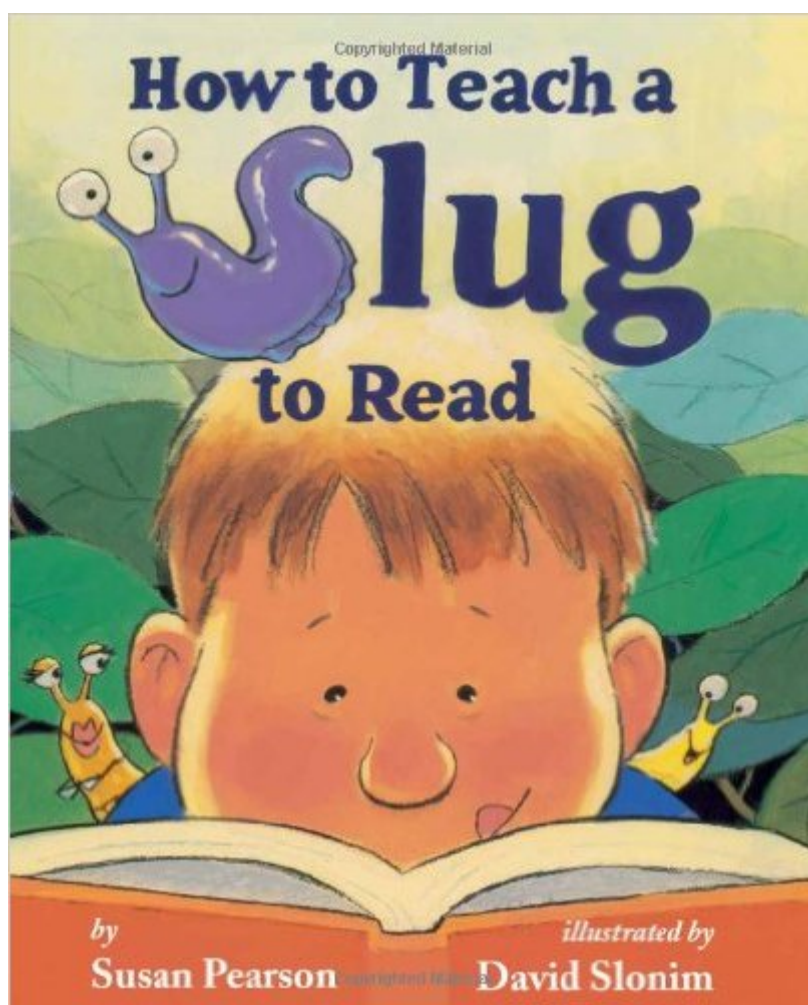


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# How To Teach A Slug To Read



## Synopsis

A little boy explains to Mama Slug how to teach Little Slug to read. Here are a few of his reading rules: Attach labels to Little Slug's favorite things; Read out loud to him; Point out words that repeat; Sound out words; Make a vocabulary list; Be patient! And, of course, it helps if Little Slug can see the book, so prop it up and set him on a rock! David Slonim's hilarious acrylic and charcoal illustrations and Susan Pearson's witty text show that reading can be fun!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2nd

## Customer Reviews

Absolutely colorfilled and cute illustrations throughout the book !! Will catch an infants attention because they are friendly, cute ,and teeming w/ color But this is nOT for infants rather for ages 2or 3and up to possibly 7, in my opinionThe story is also a series of lessons for reading and and understanding what is read cLEVERLY disguised as an interesting book ! My 4 year old has been reading awhile but he liked this book a lot !! The fun thing is there are many things in it that will make adults chuckle --one example --names of books changed to Slug terminology and more things like that, Very wittyAnd the children love the cute slugs and various other drawings and the story line , but I do think the illustrations are what add a lot to this book The wit as well , this is a well done book !!!! it teaches its lessons over and over again each time the book is read -- tHAT is excellentAs

a teacher I highly recommend !!Take a peek inside as allows .....you will like what you seeHope I have helped

I laughed out loud while reading author Susan Pearson's story about teaching slugs to read. It's actually a humorously presented checklist for teaching your own preschoolers to read. The list includes practical ideas (putting labels on favorite things, make a vocabulary list) as well as whimsical ones (find a rock for your slug to sit on). The story shamelessly borrows from familiar titles and poems ("Mary had a little slug..."), but it's very cleverly done and funny enough to hold kids' attention. The marvelous illustrations by artist David Slonin are perfect for the story.

I read part of this book to my 4 1/2 year old grandson and he is loving it! He is excited himself trying to sound out the words and learn to read along with the little slug!What I like best is that the book does not use "baby" or "toddler" language but just nice simple words and phrases that are clear. Also, the humor in the book is something that will particularly catch a little one's eye and strike their funny bone just like it did our grandson!! recommend this book for parents or grandparents looking for a fun book to interest their child or grandchild in learning to read all by themselves.

I teach 3rd grade and have some students who are still struggling with reading, so I thought I'd use this as a read aloud and then they could use it to practice reading as well. Even though they are 8 and 9 years old, they all found it engaging to listen to and thought it was funny. And then one of them, who has really struggled with reading a lot decided to start putting labels on everything so she could practice reading - brilliant!! I would recommend this for kindergarten - 2nd grade age children mostly, but it is silly enough to appeal to older children as well.

I got this book for my 5-year-old. He's an excellent reader and I figured this book would be good for him. And it was! It's not too hard for him - he only had trouble with a couple of longer words (like "dragonflies"). The illustrations are really cute and the book has some good humor in it, too. One small critique from a parent's perspective - there's so much going on, between the numbered list of what steps to take to teach a slug to read, and the text in the slug books in the illustrations, and the speech bubbles with the slugs. It's almost too much and my son wasn't sure where to start reading first (and neither was I). It's not like you can really get it wrong, but a fairly new reader can be confused. They'll just need a bit of help until they get used to it. I recommend the first few reads are you with your child before you hand it to them and tell them to go read it. It's a fun book and my son

asked me to read it twice the first time we cracked it open. I foresee many more reads of this book.  
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My daughter is learning to read and is easily frustrated, so I was hoping this would be more of an encouragement to her to keep at it. I do like the underlying message, but felt that it was a little too geared for parents and caretakers. It's hard to reach both audiences at the same time and I thought this one missed the mark. The references to different classic books and incorporating the slug theme are really well done and my daughter got a kick out of it, but the double pronged approach (kids/adults) didn't work for me with this book. Otherwise it's well written, has cute illustrations, and definitely has good points but I don't think it clearly reaches either audience.

Based on the truth that we learn the most by doing the teaching, this book outlines the steps that everyone takes as they learn to read. The illustrations are bright and engaging with references to books, poems and things that are familiar to most children. This is a book that young readers can have fun with which is of course, the key to forming lifelong readers. Suitable for classroom or home use.

We hit a road block with our son and reading. This book helped get the message across about learning to read being a process and not an overnight thing. He seems to have a renewed sense of optimism so problem solved (hopefully)!

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