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Subject: Children's Reading List

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Folks,

My little reading lists project has generated a good deal more interest and e-mails than I've had in quite some time, not to mention interesting family discussions.

<http://www.dfanning.com/reading/readinglists.html>

One thing that I've learned about IDL programmers is that (for whatever reason) they read a lot of children's books! But, of course, they are reluctant to discuss this aspect of their lives, preferring instead to offer a gruff "Bevington, Data Reduction and Error Analysis" instead.

Although my children are now all grown (finally!), when I walked around the house looking at books several showed up on my "potential" list. (Robert Pecks The Day No Pigs Would Die, and several Jack Prelutsky poetry books, to name just a few.) Since children's books get read, in my experience, THOUSANDS of times (a week!) it is helpful to have ones that don't annoy you to death. (All the Berenstain Bears books, with their idiotic father figure, mysteriously disappeared from my house late one night, never to be found again.)

So I thought if you wanted to send me your two or three favorite children's books, I'd publish the list anonymously. I have a feeling there are quite a number of IDL programmers out there who would appreciate some fresh material to read to the little ones. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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