

Parent's Guide to **AR BookFinder**

Name _____

ZPD Range (ATOS Book Levels) _____

Interest Level

_____ Lower Grades (LG)—K–3

_____ Middle Grades Plus (MG+)—6 and up

_____ Middle Grades (MG)—4–8

_____ Upper Grades (UG)—9–12

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Dear Parent or Guardian,

There are many things you can do to help your child become a better reader.

- Read with your child.
- Start a home library.
- Ask questions about the books your child has read.

When you make learning a family affair, there's no limit to the success your child can achieve!

Selecting the right books for your child to read is easier than ever.

Visit www.arbookfind.com to access AR BookFinder.

With just a few clicks, you can search for titles at the appropriate level that your child will find interesting and enjoyable.



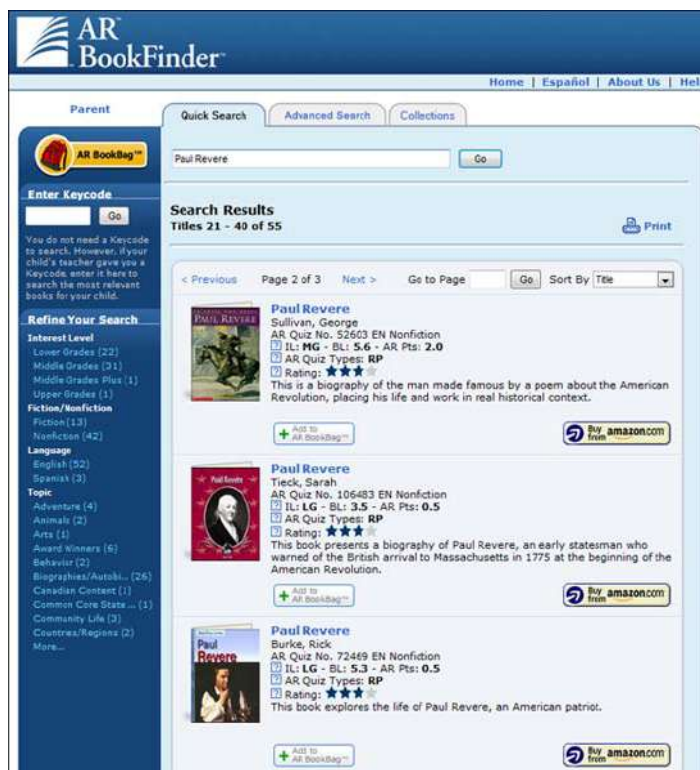
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Find Books and Create Book Lists in Seconds!

Quick Search

To use the Quick Search tab in AR BookFinder:

1. Go to **www.arbookfind.com**.
2. From the **Quick Search** tab on the top of the page, type a book title, author, topic, or quiz number into the blank field and click **Go**.
3. To narrow the results, select any of the options on the left of the screen under **Refine Your Search**. You can continue to refine your search until you get your desired results.
4. To create a book list from the titles you have found, click the **Add to AR BookBag** icon below the description of any book you want to add to your list.



AR BookBag

The AR BookBag is a place to create your own book list. This list can be printed and taken to the library or bookstore. It cannot be saved in AR BookFinder. However, you can save the "report" (a .PDF) to your computer's hard drive.

AR BookFinder Help

For information about specific features of AR BookFinder, click **Help** in the upper-right corner.

Buy from Amazon.com

Located on the right side of a book's description page is the Buy from Amazon.com icon. You can use this to purchase books not available at your child's school or local library.

Notes:

If you do not see the Buy from amazon.com icon, you will see this message: A book matching this AR Quiz is not available from Amazon.com, based on ISBN(s). Renaissance Learning cannot guarantee that a particular book will be available through Amazon.com. Students do not see this icon, as long as they selected "Student" when accessing AR BookFinder.



Refine Your Search to Zero In on Specific Books

Advanced Search

The Advanced Search tab allows you to enter more search criteria such as ATOS book level, interest level, topics/subtopics, fiction/nonfiction, and language to get more specific results.

1. Click the **Advanced Search** tab on the top of the page.
2. Select **Contains**, **Starts With**, or **Exact Match** to determine the parameters of your search.
3. Enter your search criteria and click **Go**.

We recommend that you enter an ATOS book level to be sure that the results are appropriate for your child. When entering an ATOS book level, you are also required to enter an interest level. (Click the question mark icon for more information on ATOS book levels and interest levels.)

It may be helpful to choose a topic and a subtopic to see a list of book categories if you are uncertain what books may interest your child.

4. To narrow the results, select any of the options on the left of the screen under **Refine Your Search**. You can continue to refine your search until you get your desired results.
5. You can add any of these books to your AR BookBag.



NEW
DUAL-LANGUAGE
FUNCTIONALITY
to Search in
English
or Spanish!

Collections

You can view three different types of book collections: Awards, State Lists, and Librarians' Picks.

You can add books from any of these lists to your AR BookBag.

1. Click the **Collections** tab on the top of the page.
2. Select one of the three collections and continue to click on your choices until you locate the desired book list.

Awards

ALA Notable/Best Books
Caldecott Honor
Caldecott Medal
Coretta Scott King Award/Honors
Newbery Honor
Newbery Medal

State Lists

View and compare required/recommended reading from different states.

Librarians' Picks

Book lists for all interest levels containing librarians' recommendations for books published during specific years.

If you have questions about AR BookFinder or how to best help support your child's reading practice, please contact your child's teacher or librarian.

What Is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his or her own level and reads at his or her own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. Passing the quiz indicates that your child understood what was read. AR gives both children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set goals and direct ongoing reading practice.

Children using AR choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them. Teachers and librarians help your child choose books at an appropriate reading level that are challenging without being frustrating, ensuring that your child can pass the quiz and experience success.

If your child does not do well on the quiz, the teacher may help him or her:

- Choose another book that is more appropriate.
- Ask more probing questions as your child reads and before he or she takes a quiz.
- Pair your child with another student.
- Have the book read to your child.

In most cases, children really enjoy taking the quizzes. Since they're reading books at their reading and interest levels, they are likely to be successful. This is satisfying for most children. Best of all, they learn and grow at their own pace.

What Is the ATOS Book Level?

Book levels are determined using the ATOS readability formula and represent the difficulty of the text. For example, a book level of 4.5 means the text could likely be read independently by a student whose reading skills are at the level of a typical fourth-grader in the fifth month of school. (The content of the book, however, may or may not be appropriate. The interest level will give you a recommendation regarding the appropriateness of the content.)

What Is the Interest Level?

To help you choose the books most appropriate for your children, Accelerated Reader quizzes are divided into four interest levels: Lower Grades (LG), Middle Grades (MG), Middle Grades Plus (MG+), and Upper Grades (UG). The interest levels are based on the recommendations of the publisher and/or literary book reviews by professional organizations. However, the final decision on whether the content of a book is appropriate for a particular child is left to parents, school librarians, and teachers.

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