

The  
**TOWER of  
BOOKS**  
Challenge

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Get to STACKIN'!

**20-Book Challenge**

CATEGORY  
LISTS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# The **Tower<sup>of</sup> BOOKS** Challenge

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## category:

- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture BOOKS by the same author
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS from one series you've not read
- ☐ ☐ 2 Informational BOOKS on the same topic
- ☐ ☐ 2 Caldecott or Newbery Medal BOOKS
- ☐ 1 Collection of POEMS
- ☐ 1 Fairy Tale
- ☐ 1 Folktale
- ☐ 1 MYSTERY
- ☐ 1 Historical Fiction BOOK
- ☐ 1 Biography
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Magazine or Newspaper Articles
- ☐ 1 "Your Choice" Chapter BOOK
- ☐ 1 "Your Choice" Picture BOOK
- ☐ 1 "Your Choice" Informational BOOK

**= 20 BOOKS!**

The "original" Edition

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## category:

- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Nonfiction/Informational BOOKS
  - ☐ 1 Biography or Autobiography
- ☐ ☐ 2 Realistic Fiction BOOKS
- ☐ ☐ 2 Fantasy BOOKS
  - ☐ 1 Adventure BOOK
  - ☐ 1 Historical Fiction BOOK
  - ☐ 1 Science Fiction BOOK
  - ☐ 1 MYSTERY
  - ☐ 1 Comedy/Humorous BOOK
  - ☐ 1 Collection of POEMS
- ☐ ☐ 2 Fairy Tales
- ☐ ☐ 2 Folktales or Legends
  - ☐ 1 MYTH/MYTHOLOGY BOOK
  - ☐ 1 Graphic Novel/Comic BOOK

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The "Genres only" Edition

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## category:

- ☐ ☐ 2 Poems
- ☐ ☐ 1 Rhyming Picture Book
- ☐ ☐ 2 Fiction Picture Books
- ☐ ☐ 2 Nonfiction Picture Books
- ☐ ☐ 2 Chapter Books/Novels
- ☐ ☐ 1 Short Story
- ☐ ☐ 1 Graphic Novel or Comic Book
- ☐ ☐ 1 Instruction Manual
- ☐ ☐ 1 Recipe
- ☐ ☐ 1 Audio Book
- ☐ ☐ 2 Magazine Articles
- ☐ ☐ 1 News Article
- ☐ ☐ 2 Website Articles
- ☐ ☐ 1 Blog Post

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The "Format Variety" Edition

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## category:

- ☐ 1 Book With the word "one" in the title
- ☐ 1 Book With the word "two" in the title
- ☐ 1 Book With a 3-word title
- ☐ 1 Informational Book about a tiny animal
- ☐ 1 Informational Book about an enormous animal
- ☐ 1 Picture Books With talking animals
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book With talking animals
- ☐ 1 Informational Book With strange-but-true facts
- ☐ 1 Comic Book
- ☐ 1 How-To Book
- ☐ 1 Picture Book that rhymes
- ☐ 1 Biography of a person who is still alive
- ☐ 1 Biography of a person who lived a long time ago
- ☐ 1 Book Set during the winter
- ☐ 1 Book Set during the summer
- ☐ 1 "Fractured" Fairy Tale
- ☐ 1 Book that looks silly
- ☐ 1 "Your Choice" Informational Book
- ☐ 1 "Your Choice" Picture Book
- ☐ 1 "Your Choice" Chapter Book

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"Quirky Categories" Edition

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## category:

- ☐ 1 BOOK With "quirky," "weird," "strange," or "odd" in the title
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a glossy (shiny) book jacket
- ☐ 1 BOOK that is (or almost) falling apart
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a cover that is mainly black
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a cover that is mainly white
- ☐ 1 BOOK from a series that has at least 11 books
- ☐ 1 Informational Book/Article about a movie star or an actual star
- ☐ 1 Informational Book/Article about something extinct or that stinks
- ☐ 1 Informational Book/Article about rocks, clocks, or peacocks
- ☐ 1 BOOK involving a sport you do NOT play
- ☐ 1 BOOK involving a place you have NOT visited
- ☐ 1 BOOK in which the last numbered page ends in a 4
- ☐ 1 BOOK With dialogue (characters talking) on the first page of text
- ☐ 1 BOOK With an exclamation mark on the first page of text!
- ☐ 1 BOOK set in outer space
- ☐ 1 BOOK set underground
- ☐ 1 BOOK about which a movie has been made
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a copyright year of last year
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a copyright year of your birth year
- ☐ 1 BOOK you've read about a zillion times because you love it so much

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"Even Quirkier" Edition

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## category:

\* Use the front and back cover to help determine if a book fits a category.

- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS With ONE main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With TWO main characters
- ☐ 1 BOOK With FOUR main characters
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS With a character's name in the title
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS With a main character who looks DIFFERENT than YOU
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a BOY main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a GIRL main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a main character with glasses
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS With main characters who are siblings
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS With main characters who are friends
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a fish main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a bird main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a bug main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a dog main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a mouse main character

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The "Characters" Edition



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## category:

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- ☐ 1 BOOK BY ERIC CARLE
  - ☐ 1 BOOK BY KEVIN HENKES
  - ☐ 1 BOOK BY ARNOLD LOBEL
  - ☐ 1 BOOK BY MO WILLEMS
  - ☐ 1 BOOK BY CYNTHIA RYLAND
  - ☐ 1 BOOK BY TOMIE DEPAOLA
  - ☐ 1 BOOK BY JAN BRETT
  - ☐ 1 BOOK BY DENISE FLEMING
  - ☐ 1 BOOK BY STEVE JENKINS
  - ☐ 1 BOOK BY NIC BISHOP
  - ☐ 1 BOOK BY APRIL PULLEY SAYRE
  - ☐ 1 ALPHABET BOOK
  - ☐ 1 STORY THAT RHYMES
  - ☐ 1 BOOK OF POEMS
  - ☐ 1 FAIRY TALE
  - ☐ 1 CALDECOTT MEDAL BOOK
  - ☐ 2 YOUR CHOICE: FICTIONAL BOOKS
  - ☐ 2 YOUR CHOICE: INFORMATIONAL BOOKS
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Primary "AUTHOR FOCUS" Edition

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- ☐ 1 BOOK by CYNTHIA RYLANDT
- ☐ 1 BOOK by TOMIE DEPAOLA
- ☐ 1 BOOK by DR. SEUSS
- ☐ 1 BOOK by DOREEN CRONIN
- ☐ 1 BOOK by JAN BRETT
- ☐ 1 BOOK by DENISE FLEMING
- ☐ 1 BOOK by BILL MARTIN JR.
- ☐ 1 BOOK by LOIS EHLETT
- ☐ 1 BOOK by EZRA JACK KEATS
- ☐ 1 BOOK by JONATHAN LONDON
- ☐ 1 BOOK by CHRIS RASCHKA
- ☐ 1 BOOK by LAURA NUMEROFF
- ☐ 1 BOOK by ROBERT MUNSCH
- ☐ 1 BOOK by STEVE JENKINS
- ☐ 1 BOOK by NIC BISHOP
- ☐ 1 BOOK by APRIL PULLEY SAYRE

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Primary "AUTHORS ONLY" Edition

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## category:

- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Jane Yolen
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Patricia Polacco
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Jon Scieszka
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Eve Bunting
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Chris Van Allsburg
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Margie Palatini
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by William Steig
- ☐ 1 Informational Book by Seymour Simon
- ☐ 1 Informational Book by Gail Gibbons
- ☐ 1 Book of Poetry by Shel Silverstein
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Kate DiCamillo
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Andrew Clements
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Bill Wallace
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Roald Dahl
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Avi
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Louis Sachar
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Beverly Cleary
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
OR Katherine Paterson
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Peg Kehret  
OR Jerry Spinelli
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
OR Gary Paulsen

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Intermediate "Author FOCUS" Edition

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## **category:**

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- ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Kate DiCamillo
  - ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Andrew Clements
  - ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Bill Wallace
  - ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Roald Dahl
  - ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Avi
  - ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Louis Sachar
  - ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Beverly Cleary
    - ☐ 1 Chapter BOOK by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
    - ☐ 1 Chapter BOOK by Peg Kehret
    - ☐ 1 Chapter BOOK by Katherine Paterson
    - ☐ 1 Chapter BOOK by Jerry Spinelli
    - ☐ 1 Chapter BOOK by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
OR Gary Paulsen
  - ☐ 1 Newbery Medal BOOK
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"Chapter BOOKS ONLY" Edition

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## category:

- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by David Wiesner
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by David Small
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Steven Kellogg
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Lane Smith
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Kadir Nelson
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Jon J. Muth
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Barbara Cooney
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Brian Pinkney
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by G. Brian Karas
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Bryan Collier
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by David Diaz
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by David Macaulay
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Erin E. Stead
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Jon Klassen
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by C. F. Payne
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Christopher Myers
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Marjorie Pryeman
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman

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"Picture Book Illustrators" Edition

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## **category:**

- ☐ 1 BOOK BY MEM FOX
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY JEANNIE BAKER
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY MARGARET WILD
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY PAMELA ALLEN
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY LIBBY GLEESON
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY BOB GRAHAM
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY ALISON LESTER
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY JACKIE FRENCH
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY JENNY WAGNER
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY STEPHEN MICHAEL KING
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY NICK BLAND
- ☐ 1 ALPHABET BOOK
- ☐ 1 STORY THAT RHYMES
- ☐ 1 BOOK OF POEMS
- ☐ 1 FAIRY TALE
- ☐ 1 CBCA "BOOK OF THE YEAR" BOOK
- ☐ 2 YOUR CHOICE: FICTIONAL BOOKS
- ☐ 2 YOUR CHOICE: INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

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Primary "AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS" Edition

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## **category:**

- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Shaun Tan
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Gary Crew
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by John Heffernan
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Jeannie Baker
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Colin Thompson
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Toby Riddle
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Margaret Wild
- ☐ 1 Informational Book by Roland Harvey OR Alan Tucker
- ☐ 1 Informational Book by Anthony Hill OR Carole Wilkinson
- ☐ 1 Book of Poetry by Stephen Herrick
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Isabelle Carmody
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Emily Rodda
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Morris Gleitzman
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Paul Jennings
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Colin Thiele
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Andy Griffiths OR Jackie French
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Libby Hathorn OR Diana Kidd
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Catherine Jinks OR Sonya Hartnett
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Glenda Millard OR John Marsden
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Anna Fienberg OR Robyn Klein

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Intermediate "Australian Authors" Edition