

The  
**TOWER of  
BOOKS**  
Challenge

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Get to STACKIN'!

**30-Book Challenge**

CATEGORY  
LISTS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

DIRECTIONS: To accomplish The Tower of Books Challenge, you must read the correct number of books from each category below. After reading one, check off a box. Then add a cut-out-book to your stack! (You do not have to complete the categories in order.)

## category:

- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by the same author
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Books from one series you've not read
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Informational Books on the same topic
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Caldecott or Newbery Medal Books
- ☐ 1 Collection of Poems
- ☐ ☐ 2 Fairy Tales
- ☐ ☐ 2 Folktales
- ☐ 1 Mystery
- ☐ 1 Historical Fiction Book
- ☐ 1 Biography
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Magazine or Newspaper Articles
- ☐ ☐ 2 "Your Choice" Chapter Books
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 "Your Choice" Picture Books
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 "Your Choice" Informational Books

**= 30 BOOKS!**

The "Original" Edition

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## category:

- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 4 Nonfiction/Informational Books
- ☐ ☐ 2 Biographies or Autobiographies
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Realistic Fiction Books
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Fantasy Books
- ☐ ☐ 2 Adventure Books
- ☐ ☐ 2 Historical Fiction Books
- ☐ ☐ 2 Science Fiction Books
- ☐ ☐ 2 Mysteries
- ☐ ☐ 2 Comedies/Humorous Books
- ☐ ☐ 1 Collection of Poems
- ☐ ☐ 2 Fairy Tales
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Folktales or Legends
- ☐ ☐ 1 Myth/Mythology Book
- ☐ ☐ 1 Graphic Novel/Comic Book

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The "Genres Only" Edition

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## category:

- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Poems
  - ☐ 1 Rhyming Picture Book
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Fiction Picture Books
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Nonfiction Picture Books
  - ☐ ☐ 2 Chapter Books/Novels
  - ☐ ☐ 2 Short Stories
  - ☐ 1 Graphic Novel or Comic Book
- ☐ ☐ 2 Instruction Manuals
- ☐ ☐ 2 Recipes
  - ☐ 1 Audio Book
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Magazine Articles
  - ☐ ☐ 2 News Articles
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Website Articles
  - ☐ ☐ 2 Blog Posts

**= 30 BOOKS!**

The "Format Variety" Edition

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# The **Tower of Books** Challenge

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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 plant-eating animal
- ☐ 1 Informational Book about an animal-eating plant
- ☐ 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 Book Set in a city
- ☐ 1 Book Set on a farm
- ☐ 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 Informational Book about your favorite holiday
- ☐ ☐ 2 "Fractured" Fairy Tales
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Books that look silly
- ☐ ☐ 2 "Your Choice" Informational Books
- ☐ ☐ 2 "Your Choice" Picture Books
- ☐ 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 "crew," "club," "squad," or "bunch" in the title
- ☐ 1 BOOK WITHOUT a picture on the cover
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a glossy (shiny) book jacket
- ☐ 1 BOOK that is (or almost) falling apart
- ☐ 1 BOOK With grass pictured on the cover
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a cover that is mainly black
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a cover that is mainly white
- ☐ 1 BOOK that is the SECOND book of a series
- ☐ 1 BOOK from a series that has at least 11 books
- ☐ 1 Informational BOOK/ARTICLE about Alaska or Hawaii
- ☐ 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 Informational BOOK/ARTICLE about rainbows, elbows, or bows and arrows
- ☐ 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 either 6, 9, or 12 chapters
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a period in the title
- ☐ 1 BOOK With two words starting with "T," "O," or "B" in the title
- ☐ 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 already read once
- ☐ 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.

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

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The "characters" Edition



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## category:

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- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Eric Carle
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Kevin Henkes
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Arnold Lobel
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Mo Willems
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Cynthia Rylant
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Tomie dePaola
  - ☐ 1 BOOK by Jan Brett
  - ☐ 1 BOOK by Denise Fleming
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Steve Jenkins
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Nic Bishop
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by April Pulley Sayre
  - ☐ 1 Alphabet Book
- ☐ ☐ 2 Stories that Rhyme
  - ☐ 1 Book of Poems
- ☐ ☐ 2 Fairy Tales
- ☐ ☐ 2 Caldecott Medal Books
  - ☐ 1 Your Choice: Fictional Book
  - ☐ 1 Your Choice: Informational Book

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Primary "Author Focus" Edition

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## category:

- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by ERIC CARLE
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by KEVIN HENKES
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by ARNOLD LOBEL
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by MO WILLEMS
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by CYNTHIA RYLANDT
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by TOMIE DEPAOLA
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by DR. SEUSS
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by DOREEN CRONIN
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by JAN BRETT
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS 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:

- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by Jane Yolen
- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by Patricia Polacco
- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by Jon Scieszka
- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by Eve Bunting
- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by Chris Van Allsburg
- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by Margie Palatini
- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by William Steig
- ☐ ☐ 2 Informational Books by Seymour Simon
- ☐ ☐ 2 Informational Books by Gail Gibbons
  - ☐ 1 Book of Poetry by Shel Silverstein
  - ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Kate DiCamillo
- ☐ ☐ 2 Chapter Books 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:

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

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"Chapter BOOKS ONLY" Edition

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## category:

- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS Illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS Illustrated by David Wiesner
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS Illustrated by David Small
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS Illustrated by Steven Kellogg
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS Illustrated by Lane Smith
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS Illustrated by Kadir Nelson
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS 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 Priceman
  - ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Caldecott Medal Books

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"Picture Book Illustrators" Edition

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## **category:**

- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Mem Fox
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Jeannie Baker
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Margaret Wild
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Pamela Allen
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Libby Gleeson
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Bob Graham
  - ☐ 1 BOOK by Alison Lester
  - ☐ 1 BOOK by Jackie French
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Jenny Wagner
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Stephen Michael King
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Nick Bland
  - ☐ 1 ALPHABET BOOK
- ☐ ☐ 2 STORIES that RHYME
  - ☐ 1 BOOK of POEMS
- ☐ ☐ 2 FAIRY TALES
- ☐ ☐ 2 CBCA "BOOK of the Year" BOOKS
  - ☐ 1 Your Choice: FICTIONAL BOOK
  - ☐ 1 Your Choice: INFORMATIONAL BOOK

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Primary "AUSTRALIAN Authors" Edition

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## **category:**

- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by Shaun Tan
- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by Gary Crew
- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by John Heffernan
- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by Jeannie Baker
- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by Colin Thompson
- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by Toby Riddle
- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books by Margaret Wild
- ☐ ☐ 2 Informational Books by Roland Harvey OR Alan Tucker
- ☐ ☐ 2 Informational Books by Anthony Hill OR Carole Wilkinson
- ☐ 1 Book of Poetry by Stephen Herrick
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Isobelle 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 Jackie French
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Andy Griffiths
- ☐ 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