

The
TOWER of
BOOKS
Challenge

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Get to STACKIN'!

40-Book Challenge

CATEGORY
LISTS

Name _____

The **Tower^{of} 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:

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

= 40 BOOKS!

The "original" Edition

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category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 Nonfiction/Informational Books |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 3 Biographies or Autobiographies |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 3 Realistic Fiction Books |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 3 Fantasy Books |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 2 Adventure Books |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 3 Historical Fiction Books |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 3 Science Fiction Books |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 3 Mysteries |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 3 Comedies/Humorous Books |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 2 Collections of Poems |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 3 Fairy Tales |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 3 Folktales or Legends |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 2 Myths/Mythology Books |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | | 2 Graphic Novels/Comic Books |

= 40 BOOKS!

The "Genres Only" Edition

Name _____

The **Tower^{of} 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:

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

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The "Format Variety" Edition

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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
- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture Books With talking animals
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book With talking animals
- ☐ 1 Informational Book With strange-but-true facts
- ☐ 1 Comic Book
- ☐ ☐ 2 How-To Books
- ☐ 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 Informational Book about China
- ☐ 1 Picture Book Set in China
- ☐ 1 Book Set during the winter
- ☐ 1 Book Set during the spring
- ☐ 1 Book Set during the summer
- ☐ 1 Book Set during the fall
- ☐ 1 Informational Book about your favorite holiday
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book With a character's name as the first word
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 "Fractured" Fairy Tales
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Books that look silly
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 "Your Choice" Informational Books
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 "Your Choice" Picture Books
- ☐ 1 "Your Choice" Chapter Book

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"Quirky Categories" Edition

Name _____

The **Tower of 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:

- ☐ 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
- ☐ 2 BOOKS With a cover that is mainly black
- ☐ 2 BOOKS With a cover that is mainly white
- ☐ 1 BOOK that is the SECOND book of a series
- ☐ 2 BOOKS 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
- ☐ 2 BOOKS 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
- ☐ 2 BOOKS 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
- ☐ 2 BOOKS about which a movie has been made
- ☐ 3 BOOKS With a copyright year of last year
- ☐ 2 BOOKS With a copyright year of your birth year
- ☐ 2 BOOKS 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 _____

The **Tower of 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:

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

- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 4 BOOKS With ONE main character
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 BOOKS With TWO main characters
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS With FOUR main characters
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 BOOKS With a character's name in the title
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 4 BOOKS With a main character who looks DIFFERENT than YOU
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 BOOKS With a BOY main character
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 BOOKS With a GIRL main character
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS With a main character with glasses
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 BOOKS With main characters who are siblings
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 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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The **Tower^{of} BOOKS** Challenge

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category:

- ☐☐☐ 3 BOOKS by ERIC CARLE
 - ☐☐☐ 3 BOOKS by KEVIN HENKES
 - ☐☐ 2 BOOKS by ARNOLD LOBEL
 - ☐☐ 2 BOOKS by MO WILLEMS
 - ☐☐ 2 BOOKS by CYNTHIA RYLAND
 - ☐☐ 2 BOOKS by TOMIE DEPAOLA
 - ☐☐ 2 BOOKS by JAN BRETT
 - ☐☐ 2 BOOKS by DENISE FLEMING
 - ☐☐ 2 BOOKS by STEVE JENKINS
 - ☐☐ 2 BOOKS by NIC BISHOP
 - ☐☐ 2 BOOKS by APRIL PULLEY SAYRE
 - ☐☐ 2 ALPHABET BOOKS
 - ☐☐☐ 3 STORIES THAT RHYME
 - ☐ 1 BOOK OF POEMS
 - ☐☐☐ 3 FAIRY TALES
 - ☐☐☐ 3 CALDECOTT MEDAL BOOKS
 - ☐☐ 2 YOUR CHOICE: FICTIONAL BOOKS
 - ☐☐ 2 YOUR CHOICE: INFORMATIONAL BOOKS
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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 Rylant
- ☐ ☐ 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
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Bill Martin Jr.
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Lois Ehlert
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Ezra Jack Keats
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Jonathan London
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Chris Raschka
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Laura Numeroff
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Robert Munsch
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Steve Jenkins
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS by Nic Bishop
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS 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
 - ☐ 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
- ☐ ☐ 2 Newberry Medal Books
- ☐ ☐ 2 Caldecott Medal Books
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 4 Your Choice Informational Books
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Your Choice Chapter Books

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Intermediate "Author FOCUS" Edition

Name _____

The **Tower^{of} BOOKS** Challenge

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category:

- ☐☐☐ 3 Chapter BOOKS from the same series
- ☐☐ 2 Science Fiction OR Fantasy Chapter BOOKS
- ☐ 1 Historical Fiction Chapter Book
- ☐☐☐ 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
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Laura Ingalls Wilder
OR Gary Paulsen
- ☐☐☐ 3 Newbery Medal BOOKS (Gold Medal)
- ☐☐ 2 Newbery Honor BOOKS (Silver Medal)
- ☐ 1 Coretta Scott King Award Winner
- ☐ 1 Horn Book Award Winner
- ☐☐☐ 3 Your Choice Chapter BOOKS

= 40 BOOKS!

"Chapter BOOKS ONLY" Edition

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The **Tower of Books** Challenge

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category:

- ☐☐☐ 3 BOOKS Illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg
- ☐☐☐ 3 BOOKS Illustrated by David Wiesner
- ☐☐☐ 3 BOOKS Illustrated by David Small
- ☐☐☐ 3 BOOKS Illustrated by Steven Kellogg
- ☐☐ 2 BOOKS Illustrated by Lane Smith
- ☐☐ 2 BOOKS Illustrated by Kadir Nelson
- ☐☐☐ 3 BOOKS Illustrated by Jon J. Muth
- ☐☐☐ 3 BOOKS Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
- ☐☐ 2 BOOKS Illustrated by Barbara Cooney
- ☐☐ 2 BOOKS 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
- ☐☐☐☐ 4 Caldecott Medal Books

= 40 BOOKS!

"Picture Book Illustrators" Edition

Name _____

The **Tower^{of} 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:

- ☐☐☐ 3 BOOKS BY Mem FOX
- ☐☐☐ 3 BOOKS BY Jeannie Baker
- ☐☐ 2 BOOKS BY Margaret Wild
- ☐☐ 2 BOOKS BY Pamela Allen
- ☐☐ 2 BOOKS BY Libby Gleeson
- ☐☐ 2 BOOKS BY Bob Graham
- ☐☐ 2 BOOKS BY Alison Lester
- ☐☐ 2 BOOKS BY Jackie French
- ☐☐ 2 BOOKS BY Jenny Wagner
- ☐☐ 2 BOOKS BY Stephen Michael King
- ☐☐ 2 BOOKS BY Nick Bland
- ☐☐ 2 ALPHABET BOOKS
- ☐☐☐ 3 STORIES THAT RHYME
- ☐ 1 BOOK OF POEMS
- ☐☐☐ 3 FAIRY TALES
- ☐☐☐ 3 CBCA "BOOK OF THE YEAR" BOOKS
- ☐☐ 2 YOUR CHOICE: FICTIONAL BOOKS
- ☐☐ 2 YOUR CHOICE: INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

= 40 BOOKS!

Primary "AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS" Edition

Name _____

The **Tower of 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 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 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 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
- ☐ ☐ 2 CBCA "Book of the Year" Books
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 4 Your Choice Informational Books
- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ 4 Your Choice Chapter Books

= 40 BOOKS!

Intermediate "Australian Authors" Edition