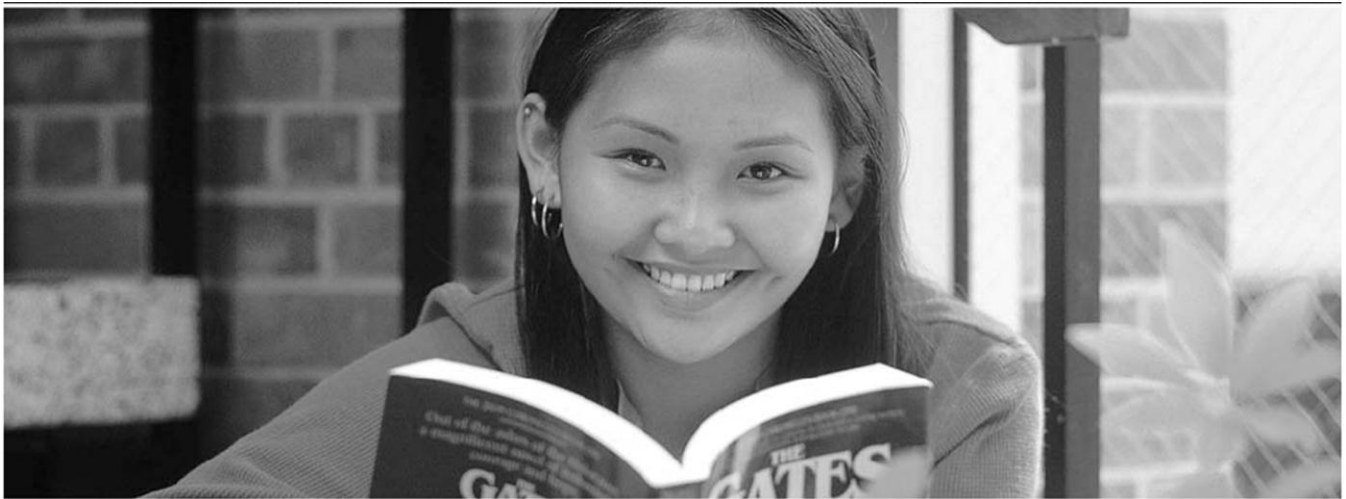


A Parent's Guide to AR BookFinder



Dear Parent or Guardian,

AR BookFinder™ is an exciting new web-based book-searching tool from Renaissance Learning™. With this free online tool you can search for interesting and appropriate books for your child, quickly and easily, in the knowledge that there is an Accelerated Reader™ quiz available for each book.

We would encourage you to explore this book-searching tool with your child. Of course, Internet access and comfort levels vary therefore you may wish to try this tool on your own or during a visit to your local library. Alternatively, you may like to make an appointment with your child's teacher to explore the potential of this helpful tool.

For your convenience, your child's ZPD Range (ATOS™ Book Levels) and appropriate Interest Level(s) are indicated below. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Yours Sincerely,

Name _____
ZPD Range (ATOS Book Levels) _____
Interest Level
_____ Lower Years (LY) Key Stage 1
_____ Middle Years (MY) Key Stage 2
_____ Upper Years (UY) Key Stage 3 and 4

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How to use AR BookFinder:

Quick Search

The Quick Search tab in AR BookFinder works somewhat like a Google™ search because you can type keywords into a blank field.

1. Go to www.arbookfind.co.uk.
2. From the **Quick Search** tab on the top of the page, type in a book title, author or topic 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. If you want to create a booklist from the titles you are searching, click **Add to AR BookBag** button under the cover of any book you want to add to your list. This list can then be printed out for future reference.

Advanced Search

The Advanced Search tab allows you to refine your search. Here you can enter more search criteria such as ATOS Book Level, Interest Level, Topics / Subtopics, Fiction / Non-fiction and Language to get results that are more exact.

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. Select your search criteria and click **Go**.
 - a. It is recommended 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 on the question mark icon for more information on ATOS Book Levels and Interest Levels.)
 - b. It may be helpful to choose topic and 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.

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Collections

The most popular children's Book Awards are listed under the Collections tab. 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 collections and continue to click on your choices until you locate the desired booklist.

AR BookBag

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

AR BookFinder Help

Located in the upper right hand corner is a Help button. Click on it for helpful information such as how to use specific features of AR BookFinder.

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