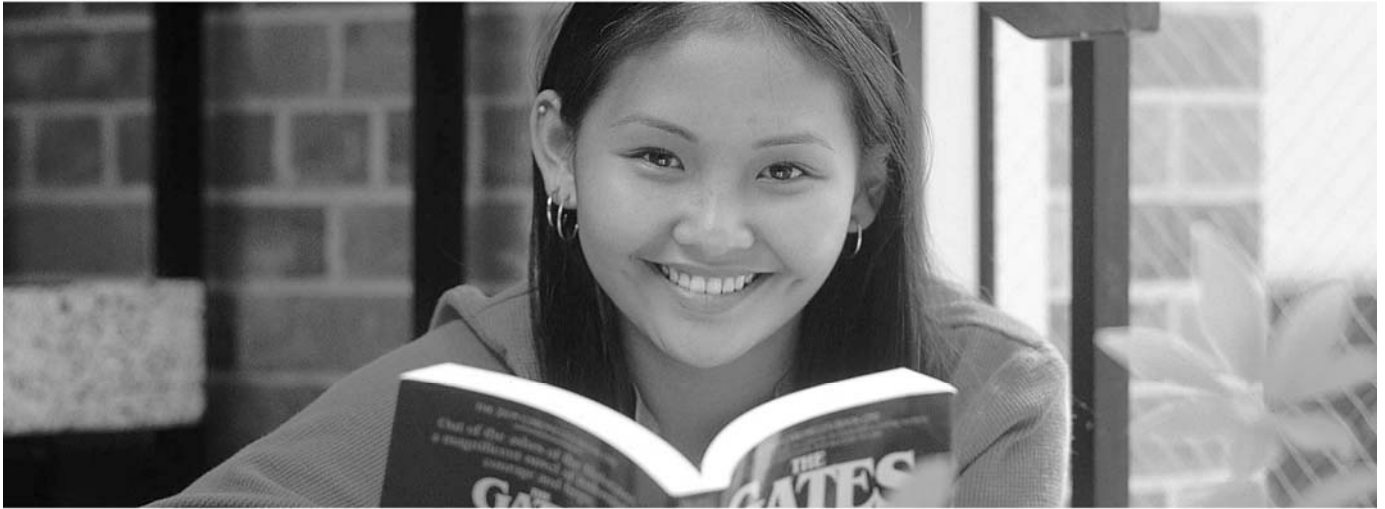


A Parent's Guide to AR BookFinder



Name _____

ZPD Range (ATOS Book Levels) _____

Interest Level

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| _____ Lower Years (LY) | Key Stage 1 |
| _____ Middle Years (MY) | Key Stage 2 |
| _____ Upper Years (UY) | Key Stage 3 and 4 |

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 above. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

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.

The screenshot shows the AR BookFinder website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the AR BookFinder logo and links for Home, About US, and Help. Below this, there are tabs for Teacher/Librarian, Quick Search, Advanced Search (which is selected), and Collections. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features an AR BookBag icon and an 'Enter Keycode' field with a 'Go' button. Below this, there is a note: 'You do not need a Keycode to search. However, if your child's teacher gave you a Keycode, enter it here to search the most relevant books for your child.' The right column contains the search criteria section. It starts with radio buttons for 'Contains...' (selected), 'Starts With...', and 'Exact Match...'. Below these are input fields for Title, Author, and ISBN. There is a 'Quiz Released' dropdown menu set to 'Any Time'. The 'Interest Level' section has a checkbox and a dropdown menu set to 'Any Interest Level'. The 'ATOS Book Level' section has a checkbox, two input fields for 'through', and a 'Show 2000-Point Scale' link, with a note 'select an Interest Level first'. The 'Additional Criteria' section includes dropdown menus for 'All Topics', 'All Subtopics', and 'Fiction and Non-fiction'. At the bottom of the search criteria section, there is a 'Sort' dropdown menu set to 'Title' and two buttons: 'Go' and 'Clear Form'. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: '©2007-2008 Renaissance Learning, Inc. All rights reserved. AR BookFinder Session Id: 1922 - UK Link AR BookFinder to your school's Web page'.

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.