

Parent's Guide to **AR BookFinder**[™]

Name _____

ZPD Range (ATOS[™] Book Levels) _____

Interest Level

_____ Lower Years (LY)—Ages 5–8

_____ Upper Years (UY)—Ages 14 and above

_____ Middle Years (MY)—Ages 9–13

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Dear Parent or Guardian,

AR BookFinder is an exciting 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 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 wish 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,



www.renlearn.co.uk

How to use AR BookFinder:

Quick Search

Quick Search allows you to use keywords to search for matching book titles, authors or topics.

1. Go to www.arbookfind.co.uk.
2. From the **Quick Search** tab on the top of the page, type 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 book list from the titles you are searching, click the **Add to AR BookBag™** button below the cover of any book you want to add to your list. This list can then be printed for future reference.

The screenshot shows the AR BookFinder website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Home | About Us | Help'. Below it, a 'Pupil/Parent' section contains a search bar with 'fairy tales' and a 'Go' button. The main content area is titled 'Search Results' and shows 'Titles 1 - 20 of 670'. It includes a pagination control (Page 1 of 34) and a 'Sort By' dropdown set to 'Relevance'. Three book results are visible, each with a cover image, title, author, AR Quiz No., IL: MY - BL, AR Pts, AR Quiz Types, and a star rating. The first result is 'Fairy Tales' by Jones, Terry. The second is 'Fairy Tales from England/Stories from England' by Reeves, James. The third is 'Fairy Tales from Scotland' by Wilson, Barbara Ker. Each result has an 'Add to AR BookBag' button.

The screenshot shows the AR BookFinder website interface displaying the 'AR BookBag' page. The top navigation bar includes 'Home | About Us | Help'. The 'Pupil/Parent' section shows the 'AR BookBag' tab selected, with 'Titles 1 - 3 of 3' and a 'Print' button. A message states: 'The titles in your AR BookBag will be removed when you close your Web browser.' Below this, there's a pagination control (Page 1 of 1) and a 'Sort By' dropdown set to 'Title'. Three book titles are listed in the AR BookBag: 'Fairy Tales' by Jones, Terry; 'Fairy Tales from Grimm' by Carter, Peter; and 'Little Foxes' by Morpurgo, Michael. Each entry includes the AR Quiz No., IL: MY - BL, AR Pts, AR Quiz Types, and a star rating. There are 'Remove From AR BookBag' buttons next to each entry.

AR BookBag

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

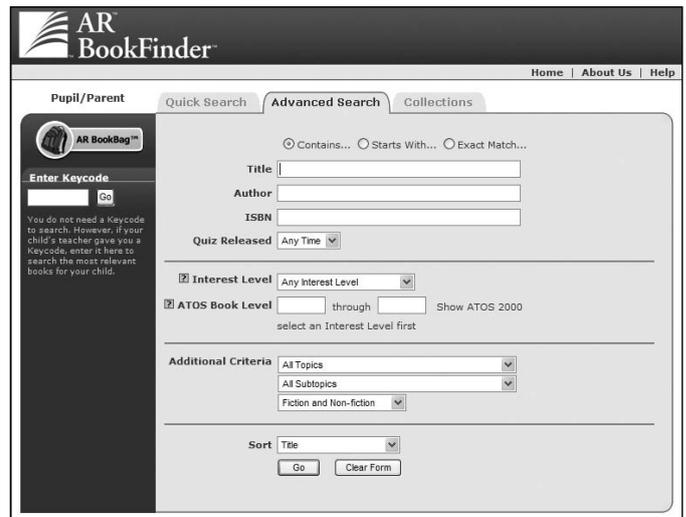
AR BookFinder Help

Click **Help** in the upper right-hand corner for helpful information such as how to use specific features of AR BookFinder.

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 and Fiction/Non-fiction to get more specific results.

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 the question mark icons for more information on ATOS Book Levels and Interest Levels.)
 - b. It may be helpful to choose a topic and subtopic to see a list of book categories if you are uncertain which 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's Advanced Search page. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Pupil/Parent', 'Quick Search', 'Advanced Search' (which is selected), and 'Collections'. Below the tabs, there are radio buttons for search criteria: 'Contains...' (selected), 'Starts With...', and 'Exact Match...'. The search form includes input fields for 'Title', 'Author', and 'ISBN', and a 'Quiz Released' dropdown menu set to 'Any Time'. There are checkboxes for 'Interest Level' and 'ATOS Book Level'. The 'ATOS Book Level' section has two input boxes for 'through' and a 'Show ATOS 2000' link, with a note to 'select an Interest Level first'. Under 'Additional Criteria', there are dropdown menus for 'All Topics', 'All Subtopics', and 'Fiction and Non-fiction'. At the bottom, there is a 'Sort' dropdown menu set to 'Title' and 'Go' and 'Clear Form' buttons. On the left side, there is a sidebar with an 'AR BookBag' icon and 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.'

Collections

Collections are special groups of book titles. You can add books from these lists to your AR BookBag.

1. Click the **Collections** tab on the top of the page.
2. Select one of the two collections and continue to click on your choices until you locate the desired book list.

Awards

British Book Awards–Children's
Carnegie Medal
Costa/Whitbread Children's
Guardian Children's Fiction Prize
Kate Greenaway Medal
Nestlé Children's Book Prize/Smarties Book Prize

Reading Promotions

View collections from reading promotions.

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

What is Accelerated Reader™ (AR™)?

AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his or her own level and reads it at his or her own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) AR gives both children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set targets and direct ongoing reading practice.

Children using AR choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them. Teachers and librarians help your child choose books at an appropriate reading level that are challenging without being frustrating, ensuring that your child can pass the quiz and experience success.

If your child does not do well on the quiz, the teacher may help your child:

- Choose another book that is more appropriate.
- Ask more probing questions as your child reads and before he or she takes a quiz.
- Pair your child with another pupil, or even have the book read to your child.

In most cases, children really enjoy taking the quizzes. Since they are reading books at their reading and interest levels, they are likely to be successful. This is satisfying for most children. Best of all, they learn and grow at their own pace.

What is the ATOS Book Level?

Book Levels are determined using the ATOS readability formula and represent the difficulty of the text. For example, a book level of 4.5 means the text could likely be read independently by a typical fifth-year pupil. (The content of the book, however, may or may not be appropriate. The Interest Level will give you a recommendation of the appropriateness of the content.)

What is the Interest Level?

To help you choose the books most appropriate for your children, Accelerated Reader Quizzes are divided into three Interest Levels: Lower Years (LY), Middle Years (MY) and Upper Years (UY). The Interest Levels are based on the recommendations of the publisher and/or literary book reviews by professional organisations. However, the final decision on whether the content of a book is appropriate for a particular child is left to parents, school librarians and teachers.