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A Note to You

Parents regularly assert that our educational products—the MCT language arts curriculum in particular—engender a different response in children than other curricula. Many parents have said that, with our books, they at last can teach as they always have wanted. Why might this be?

Royal Fireworks Press was founded in 1977 to provide educators with totally different materials with which to educate children. We believe that education should be child-centered. Education is an individual process, and each individual is different. In order to be effective at the highest level, educational materials should be flexible and adaptable to each individual child.

We believe that education should be joyous, filled with fun, humor, and art; educational materials should not be sloughs of dry, dull material that has to be “covered.” We believe that children should be impelled rather than compelled to study the material we want them to learn. We believe that if we challenge them and expect great things from them and give them books that appeal on many levels, we can help them to achieve. Honey really is more attractive than vinegar.

At Royal Fireworks we seek to develop curricula to inspire the imagination of children, to engage them affectively as well as cognitively, to transmit joy and fun and creativity and a sense of wonder and excitement about the world around us. Books—particularly textbooks—have to be designed with the child in mind, formulated in two-page spreads to convey an idea, a concept, an understanding that works in that space. Textbooks should have art. They should open vistas for children to explore a wider world. They should be fun. Frequently our texts do not look like the texts of other publishers. We sometimes do odd things with type because it helps kids to understand a point. We use subtle colors. If a child has to be cajoled to read one of our texts, we have failed.

We do not use worksheets. We believe that they are the neutron bombs of education; they kill all intelligent life while leaving the textbook intact. Coping with a worksheet sends a child in search of a short answer that will fit on a short line. We prefer that children seek large panoramas of ideas and relationships. To worksheet a subject is to trivialize it.

While we have a sense of intellectual and artistic play, we do not sacrifice what we believe children must know. We think that there is a core knowledge that educated people should have. We would never shortchange that; our view of core knowledge is far more extensive than that of other educational publishers. We do not “dumb down” material, and we do not abide low expectations.

We are unusual among educational publishers in that we publish many novels for children. Novels are an important part of the art, the world of the imagination, that we offer to kids. Historical novels are particularly useful in engaging children’s imaginations in worlds that are otherwise remote and unlike our own. They also allow us to discuss topics in ways that enable children to feel the emotion instead of simply trying to deal with abstract ideas. We have taken pains to ensure that our novels are free of the inappropriate language, situations, and behaviors that so often characterize modern novels for young readers.

There is a parallel between what we do with books for children and what you do in educating your kids at home. Some parents are determined to do everything possible to ensure that their children are truly educated. Others are content to do their duty, to hand out the worksheets, to offer up the textbooks, to proffer the assignments and the tests, and to let it go at that. We try to publish special materials for those parents who want to make the extra effort to ensure that their kids succeed. For you we are prepared to go the extra mile with what we publish to help you help your children.

We don’t always get it right, just as you don’t always get it right. We all learn as we go. We listen to you and pay attention to what you tell us. If we find that our books are less than what you need, we send them to be recycled and produce better editions. We make our books more attractive, more approachable, and more appealing whenever we see the possibility for improvement, and we will continue to do that. We will remain committed to you and your success with your children. We welcome your input, criticisms, and suggestions, and we hope that you will continue to be a partner to us in producing better materials for you and your children. We hope that we can be a worthy partner to you in your endeavor to give your children the very best you can offer them. We want that very best to have a red truck on it that says *Royal Fireworks Press*.

Dr. Thomas Milton Kemnitz, Publisher

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Royal Fireworks Online Learning

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- An opportunity to build collaboration and relationships with others from around the world
- The extraordinary chance to learn language arts from Michael Clay Thompson himself, creator of the award-winning MCT language arts curriculum

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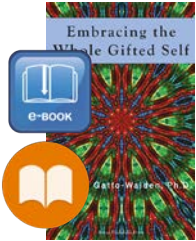
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| • History | • Eastern Philosophy | |



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Embracing the Whole Gifted Self



by Dr. Patricia Gatto-Walden

Many gifted people cultivate and appreciate their extraordinary intellect, but Dr. Patricia Gatto-Walden uses her 30 years of clinical experience to explore giftedness through the perspective of all the domains of a person: intellectual, emotional, physical, spiritual, and social. Only by acknowledging, understanding, and nurturing all the domains can gifted individuals embrace their whole gifted selves.

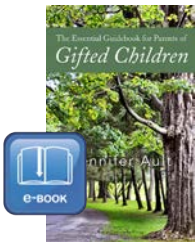
It is Gatto-Walden's belief that home life, education, and counseling of the gifted must attend to the integration and enhancement of the mind, heart, body, spirit, and social self in order to attain contentment and balance in everyday life. This book encapsulates her holistic approach to understanding the problems experienced by highly gifted children and adults. She covers overexcitability, perfectionism, and asynchrony, with many examples of those she has helped.

Dr. Gatto-Walden has been honored with a SENG (Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted) Clinician of the Year Award and the Annemarie Roeper Award for exceptional service to gifted youth.

2911 Embracing the Whole Gifted Self (119 pp.) \$15.00

The Essential Guidebook for Parents of Gifted Children

Mom's Choice Gold Award Winner



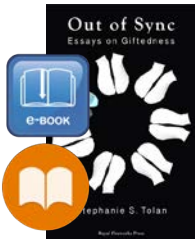
by Jennifer Ault

Gifted children often exhibit characteristics and behaviors that are different from those of other children. Giftedness, after all, is not just about being smart. Being gifted affects everything a person says, does, thinks, and feels. Parents who discover that their child is gifted often feel overwhelmed in their efforts to learn what they need to know to parent a gifted child effectively and compassionately.

This book is designed to introduce parents to the topic of giftedness in a way that is both preliminary and sophisticated. The book is not just for those new to the subject of giftedness, however; it breaks new ground in its discussions of gifted children's intensity, sensitivity, and asynchrony, shedding new light on these topics for those who are already familiar with them. It also examines the concepts of identification, twice-exceptionality, underachievement, perfectionism, and more, including educational practices that both help and harm gifted children. It speaks to parents directly to help them become the best possible stewards of the complex, precocious, amazing children in their care so that those children will grow up with an appreciation both of their gifts and of the efforts of the adults who nurtured them along the way.

8410 The Essential Guidebook for Parents of Gifted Children (141 pp.) \$15.00

Out of Sync: Essays on Giftedness



by Stephanie S. Tolan

Stephanie S. Tolan set out as a concerned mother to help her highly gifted son have a school experience that matched his intellectual ability and pace of learning. In the process, she became an advocate for gifted children and played a major part in reshaping thinking about giftedness itself.

Her essay "Is It a Cheetah?" is justly renowned for its power and worldwide influence. Other essays deal with spirituality, the problem of pain, self-esteem and the gifted adult, imagination, and intuition.

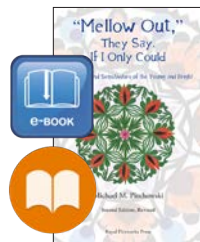
Here, collected for the first time, are her essays and talks that are now part of the fabric of the most advanced thinking about gifted people.

Stephanie Tolan has been named a SENG (Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted) Educator of the Year and a North Carolina Gifted Association Outstanding Parent of the Year.

4993 Out of Sync (226 pp.) \$15.00

"Mellow Out," They Say. If I Only Could Intensities and Sensitivities of the Young and Bright

by Michael M. Piechowski



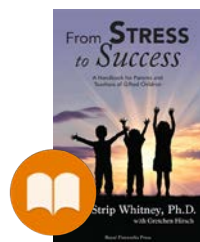
Gifted children and adults tend to be intense. Their reactions are often viewed by others as overreactions, when in fact these individuals are simply responding to the environment with the overexcitability that is a fundamental trait of giftedness. In this highly acclaimed and valued book, now in its second edition, Piechowski explores gifted children's intensity and sensitivity and introduces the concept of openness to experience that, together with intuition and overexcitability, forms the blend of personality characteristics typical of the majority of gifted children. He expands on the topic of visual-spatial, picture, and nonvisual alternative thinkers, and he introduces the concept of emotional style and its six dimensions that have specific activation areas in the brain. In addition, he expands on the topic of spiritual giftedness, an often-neglected area of study within gifted populations.

Michael Piechowski has been honored with a SENG (Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted) Lifetime Achievement Award.

4915 "Mellow Out," They Say. If I Only Could (377 pp.) \$25.00

From Stress to Success

by Carol Strip Whitney with Gretchen Hirsch



Everyone experiences stress, but gifted children can experience it for a variety of reasons and in an array of situations that may be surprising to some people. Their keen intellects and heightened sensitivities make them vulnerable to stressors that may not affect other children, and their characteristic intensity can cause them to react in ways that might seem exaggerated and overblown to others. Adults who deal with these children, whether parents, teachers, or other family members or caregivers, can learn about the circumstances that can trigger stress in gifted children, and they can work to help these children learn how to manage themselves and their environments to enable them to find a sense of peace and calm that will make everyone happier.

6247 From Stress to Success (156 pp.) \$15.00

Off the Charts: Asynchrony and the Gifted Child

Winner of a Legacy Book Award for Scholars

by Christine S. Neville, Michael M. Piechowski, and Stephanie Tolan



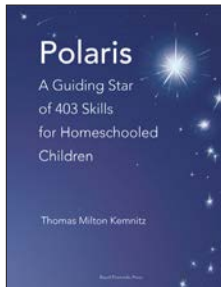
Off the Charts is the most original and important publication on giftedness to appear in many years. The editors have brought together nineteen essays by renowned gifted educationists to produce this important publication.

Off the Charts is an exploration of the effects of asynchronous development on gifted children and adults. It contains sections on Asynchrony and the Individual, Asynchrony and the Family, and Asynchrony and Learning. Chapters describe the nature of asynchrony, methods of dealing with the challenges of asynchrony, and recommendations for adapting education in a variety of settings.

The contributors' contention is that gifted education should be from a child-centered perspective, rather than from a "product perspective," in which the emphasis is on achievement, competition, and outer recognition. The child-centered approach concentrates on self-development and personal growth and fosters interrelatedness and wholeness. This is an important resource for parents, teachers, counselors, and others concerned with the optimal development of gifted to highly gifted individuals.

3802 Off the Charts (490 pp.) \$30.00

Polaris: A Guiding Star of 403 Skills for Homeschooled Children



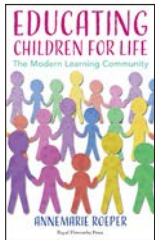
by Dr. Thomas Milton Kemnitz

Homeschool parents must consider not only the materials that their child will learn but also their child's development in terms of the skills and behaviors necessary to take information and build upon it and make good use of it. *Polaris* is designed to help you focus on several areas of your child's development. It provides a series of checklists containing 403 skills that your child should demonstrate in order to be a confident, self-directed learner.

The skills are divided into categories and are subdivided further so that you can look at them in related groups and recognize where your child is strong and where there are weaknesses that should be addressed. They include both cognitive skills, which help in the acquisition and manipulation of knowledge, and also affective skills, which comprise the emotional core of the child—a key component of being open and able to learn. This book is a unique resource that gives you a comprehensive list of skills that will enable your child to succeed.

2997 Polaris: A Guiding Star of 403 Skills for Homeschooled Children (36 pp.) \$15.00

Educating Children for Life The Modern Learning Community

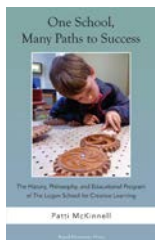


by Annemarie Roeper

This book is Annemarie Roeper's manifesto, setting out her philosophy of education. It is a profound exploration of the interdependence of the world today and how we can prepare children to become self-actualized human beings in that world by making school a collaborative community where the whole child is nurtured. In it, Roeper introduces her Self-Actualization and Interdependence Model of education, and she describes in detail how she and her husband George developed, implemented, and refined that model in the school they founded, The Roeper School for gifted children, a place where every individual was given equal human rights—students, teachers, administrators, parents, and support staff alike—and where each person's unique Self was honored and respected. It is an exquisite statement of what education can and should be.

1983 Educating Children for Life (157 pp.) \$15.00

One School, Many Paths to Success: The History, Philosophy, and Educational Program of The Logan School for Creative Learning



by Patti McKinnell

The Logan School for Creative Learning is a place where individualized learning is the foundation of every student's education. Every student pursues a different path, guided by creative teachers who make sure that those paths include meaningful content across the curricular spectrum. In this way, students can follow their passions, and in the process, they learn a tremendous amount of information about a range of subjects related to their topic. Fieldtrips, collaborative work, service learning, and schoolwide and community events are just some of the ways in which Logan learners build their knowledge from their experiences in the real world, setting them up for success at a level that goes beyond simple academic achievement.

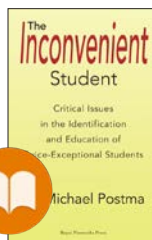
One School, Many Paths to Success describes The Logan School's exceptional educational approach. Although other schools may not be able to emulate this approach fully, the book is filled with great ideas that will help both school educators and homeschooling families incorporate exciting and enriching learning experiences into their students' academic studies, paving the way to their success!

6742 One School, Many Paths to Success (142 pp.) \$15.00

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The Inconvenient Student: Critical Issues in the Identification and Education of Twice-Exceptional Students

by Dr. Michael Postma



Twice-exceptional children are those who are both gifted and have a learning disability or an attentional or behavioral disorder. Because they have exceptionalities at both ends of the spectrum, their needs tend to go unmet. Often they are able to compensate for their disability with their giftedness, and their disability typically masks their giftedness, leaving them struggling enormously to perform at average levels, unnoticed by school systems. This book tackles the problem of identifying gifted kids who have dyslexia, dysgraphia, sensory processing disorder, auditory and visual processing disorders, ADD, autism or Asperger's, ODD, OCD, anxiety, and depression. Dr. Postma explains in detail what these children are like and how to accommodate their needs in the regular classroom so that they can strengthen their weaknesses and maximize their strengths.

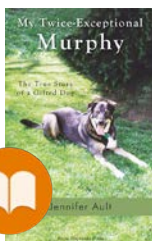
"There are a lot of books written on this topic, but your compact volume is the best of them all, combining research, case studies, practical strategies, and—most of all—HOPE!"

— Dr. Jim Delisle, gifted education expert

2333 The Inconvenient Student (199 pp.) \$15.00

My Twice-Exceptional Murphy: The True Story of a Gifted Dog

by Jennifer Ault



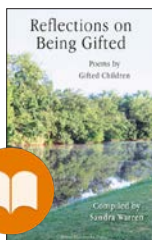
Murphy was a dog from the beginning. He was a happy puppy, and incredibly smart. Yet at about the age of five, he began exhibiting pervasive symptoms of anxiety and fear that rapidly took over his life. His story is one of struggle against unknown terrors and of the love and patient care that his dog mom (a.k.a. owner) provided to bring him back to health. It is a tale of love, determination, resilience, and inspiration.

This book is emotionally rich, yet it also offers clear explanations of giftedness and twice-exceptionality for people who may be new to those topics. It presents a portrait of what being 2e can look like, but it does so through the figure of a dog. Murphy's story presents parents and other adults with insight into some of the ways in which real people must deal with twice-exceptionality in all its complexities, but it also offers 2e children the chance to see aspects of themselves in the nonthreatening context of an animal story. Among the lessons they will learn is that, no matter how much they may struggle, no matter how exasperated their parents may feel sometimes, they are still beautiful, valuable individuals who can be the light of someone's life. There is no better lesson than that.

2647 My Twice-Exceptional Murphy (109 pp.) \$12.00

Reflections on Being Gifted: Poems by Gifted Children

compiled by Sandra Warren



Through their poetry, gifted children give immediacy to the range of emotions engendered by their daily experience. In the poems collected in this book, they share their joys and fears, their fantasies and disappointments, their confusion and their understanding of themselves and the world in which they live.

This book of poems by gifted children touches on the topics of being gifted, finding friends, school issues, imagination and creativity, social issues, dealing with death, and parents of the gifted.

1731 Reflections on Being Gifted (78 pp.) \$10.00

The Cheetah Stories for Young Gifted Children

by Gloria van Donge

The Cheetah Stories are illustrated picture books for young gifted children who need help understanding the difficulties that come with their gifts and who must learn to appreciate their strengths rather than focus on their struggles. Each book tells an engaging story, which is followed by pages for the child that contain questions and activities, as well as pages for adults that offer information and tips about what to talk about with the child.

The cheetah cubs are based on renowned author Stephanie Tolan's now-famous cheetah metaphor for gifted children. Cheetahs are the fastest animal in the world, but if we put restrictions on them and hold them back, would they still be cheetahs? Tolan describes these stories as "a welcome expansion of my cheetah metaphor." These books are an important first step toward enabling gifted children to feel good about themselves for exactly who they are.

Ready or Not, Here I Come!



Chelsea is a gifted and creative cheetah cub with a brilliant plan to hide in plain sight during a spirited game of Hide and Seek. All she needs is a can of black paint and some help from her friend Tiger. Her solution, however, means she could be accused of cheating by changing the rules of the game.

9332 Ready or Not, Here I Come! (32 pp.) \$12.00

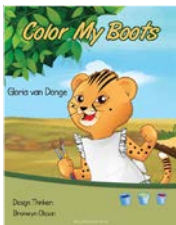
Custom Built



Chadwick is an athletically gifted cheetah cub. The trouble is that his friend Tiger is not. Chadwick wants to help Tiger achieve at the same level, but Tiger is not built the same. Chadwick thinks that friendship is based on doing the same things, so he holds back in order to be a good friend.

9349 Custom Built (32 pp.) \$12.00

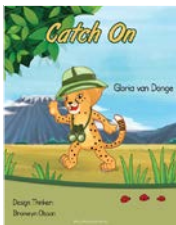
Color My Boots



From the moment Christina puts on her shiny white boots, she wants to do everything perfectly, but it isn't that kind of a day. Paw painting is meant to be fun, but Christina is a meticulous gifted cheetah cub who is so consumed with being perfect that she almost misses the opportunity to turn disaster into success.

9356 Color My Boots (36 pp.) \$12.00

Catch On



Chevron, a gifted cheetah cub who loves to count and record shapes, finds such pleasure in learning that he wants his friends to benefit from what he finds. Unfortunately, they are uninterested. Because he approaches things in a different way than they do, he is able to use his problem-solving skills so that they can have heaps of fun together.

9363 Catch On (36 pp.) \$12.00

Can You Believe It?



Charlotte is an intuitively gifted cheetah cub. She is empathetic and has an enhanced sense of fairness. When her friends spoil a game that Charlotte's friend Chelsea invents, Charlotte is upset on Chelsea's behalf. She must learn to find ways to manage her strong emotions and put things in their proper perspective.

9370 Can You Believe It? (32 pp.) \$12.00

Set of All Five Books in the Cheetah Stories Series

This is a set of all five books in the Cheetah Stories series, offered at a discounted price.

9332S Set of All Five Books in the Cheetah Stories Series \$50.00

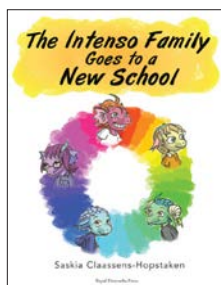


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Gifted Resources for Children and Teens

The Intenso Family Goes to a New School

by Saskia Claassens-Hopstaken



The Intenso family has just moved to a new city, and the five children are anxious about their first day at school. They each represent one of the five intensities—also known as overexcitabilities—that are common among gifted children, and they display their hopes and fears in five very different ways. Children who have one or more of the overexcitabilities will recognize themselves in the characters and will learn strategies to help alleviate some of the problems associated with having such intense feelings.

The Intensos march bravely into their new school, where they meet their new teacher. She explains to them that she understands how they feel and that she will do everything she can to make their experience exciting and rewarding. The quintuplets are reassured and enter their new classroom together with the confidence that comes from being accepted as they are.

6348 The Intenso Family Goes to a New School (68 pp.) \$15.00



Manifesto of the Gifted Girl

by Dr. Joan Franklin Smutny



Manifesto of the Gifted Girl reaches out to girls and women in all walks of life and in every kind of circumstance. It strengthens, inspires, and counsels those who are struggling to find their place in the world, as well as those who are venturing out on their own for the first time. Framed with the voices of the girls themselves, the book is conversational in style and is written so that both girls and young women can gain strength and hope from the messages contained within its pages. It is an important book that will help advocates (parents, teachers, older friends, mentors) understand and support gifted girls. It is beautifully illustrated with images of women and girls in art and history.

3642 Manifesto of the Gifted Girl \$8.00

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Michael Clay Thompson's Language Arts Curriculum

The Royal Fireworks Press language arts curriculum by Michael Clay Thompson has two goals: to ensure that the children who complete it are proficient in the language arts at a level that will carry them through life, and to inspire a lifelong love of the English language and its literature. This curriculum has become a favorite of discerning homeschool instructors because it enchants both the children and their parents. The education is sophisticated—far above that of any other language arts curriculum—yet the approach is enticing, drawing children in with meaningful content, creative design, art, humor, and imaginative typography and layout. There is a joy about the curriculum that children feel and respond to. The story of Mud the fish going to Sentence Island to learn how to write sentences has charmed children for two generations, and Michael's Mud novels are an engaging introduction to chapter books as literature. Michael takes delight in language, and his approach to grammar, vocabulary, writing, poetics, and literature is enthusiastic, positive, and fun.

The curriculum is carefully constructed to enable children and parents to succeed at a high level. It is built upon a thorough understanding of the basics. This is not a curriculum of sure-fire tricks or secret shortcuts. These are the basics made meaningful, related one to another to make a whole that is language proficiency. Hundreds of thousands of parents have been pleased by how much their children have learned from this curriculum—and how much they have enjoyed the learning.

The MCT language arts curriculum has seven levels and covers grammar, practice, vocabulary, writing, poetics, and literature. There are student books and instructor manuals for each part at each level. The presentation of this catalog is color-coded by levels. *Opus 40* is appropriate for Levels 3 through 7 and is listed with each of those levels; it is not part of any pack, however, and must be purchased separately.

For parents who want their children to learn from the master himself, each year Michael teaches a few lucky children in online courses. These courses are for each of the levels of his curriculum. In them, he gives students an experience that will remain with them for decades. Michael is a genius at communicating with children, and he draws from them extraordinary effort, enhanced understanding, and a greater appreciation for the English language and its literature. Visit our website for more information and to register.



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An Overview of the MCT Language Arts Curriculum

Exciting, demanding, entertaining, and inspiring, each book serves as a standalone text but ideally is used as a component in a progressive and comprehensive language arts curriculum. There are student books and instructor manuals for every component. Each level is available in packages that reduce the cost of purchasing the books separately.

Michael Clay Thompson is working on a preliminary level of the curriculum called the Poodle Level, for children ages 6-9, that will come before the first level listed in the chart below. The first five books are already available (see page 12).

LEVEL	GRAMMAR	VOCABULARY	WRITING	POETICS	PRACTICE	LITERATURE TRILOGIES
Level 1 The Island Level	Grammar Island	Building Language	Sentence Island	The Music of the Hemispheres	Practice Island	Mud
Level 2 The Town Level	Grammar Town	Caesar's English I	Paragraph Town	Building Poems	Practice Town	Alice, Peter, and Mole
Level 3 The Voyage Level	Grammar Voyage	Caesar's English II	Essay Voyage	A World of Poetry	Practice Voyage	Search
Level 4 The Classical Literature Level	The Grammar of Literature	The Vocabulary of Literature	The Writing of Literature	The Poetry of Literature	4Practice for Literature	Shadow
Level 5 The Lens I Level	The Magic Lens I	The Word Within the Word I	Advanced Academic Writing I	Poetry and Humanity	4Practice I	Time
Level 6 The Lens II Level	The Magic Lens II	The Word Within the Word II	Advanced Academic Writing II	Poetry, Plato, and the Problem of Beauty	4Practice II	Fog
Level 7 The Lens III Level	The Magic Lens III	The Word Within the Word III	Advanced Academic Writing III	Poetry, Plato, and the Problem of Truth	4Practice III	American Autobiography

Which MCT Books Should I Buy?

Let us help you decide!

1

Is your child able to read well?
Can your child learn new things
from reading independently?

Yes

No

Remember:
You can use any
books from the five
strands (grammar,
vocabulary, writing,
poetics, and
literature) as
standalone texts!

2

Is your child reading and
writing at or near the
standard grade level?

Is your child able to
understand plots and
concepts from
read-aloud stories?

Yes

No

Yes

No

3

Start with the
recommended
level based on
your child's
assumed grade.

Adjust up or
down based on
your child's need.
If you're still not
sure, call us!

Try the Poodle
books! (But make
sure you read
them in order!)

Your child may
need a little time
before being
ready for MCT.

4

MCT has several levels that serve as
good starting points. Select based on
your child's standard grade level.

Grade	Level
K-2 →	Poodle
3-4 →	1 (Island)
4-5 →	2 (Town)
5-6 →	3 (Voyage)
7+ →	5 (Lens I) *

*Where appropriate, the Level 3 writing book can be used
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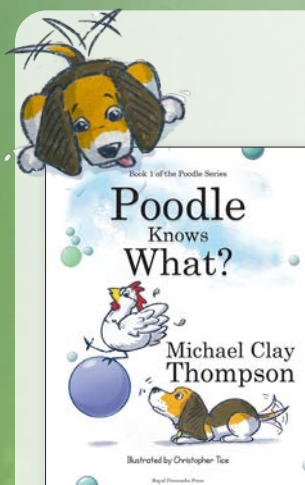
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MCT Preliminary Level: The Poodle Level

The Poodle Level offers a chance for children who are not quite ready for Level 1 of the MCT language arts curriculum to enter the program gently, drawing them in with delightful stories, engaging characters, imaginative language, and gorgeous illustrations. Children won't just learn about grammar, punctuation, and poetic techniques; they'll see them in action through Michael's ingenious use of language. These books are masterful works that challenge children on multiple levels of intellectual and academic sophistication, yet they remain inviting and accessible. Each one is an exquisite example of Michael's ability to use the art of language to teach language arts.



POODLE KNOWS WHAT?

BOOK 1 OF THE POODLE SERIES

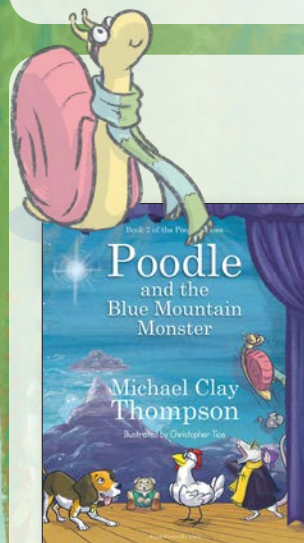
Poodle is a chicken, and his best friends are a beagle named What? and Sidney, the fastest snail you ever did see. Between the three of them, they know quite a lot about grammar, particularly the eight parts of speech—level one of Michael's four-level sentence analysis. And it turns out that all of the myths about grammar being awful and complicated and hard to do are simply untrue. Grammar—when you have the right chicken, the right beagle, and the right snail—is easy! Just ask What?. He'll tell you. What?

Poodle Knows What? is a delightful story of quirky and endearing characters exploring the fundamental elements of grammar. On page after page, Michael plays with words and with sounds—with what language can do. Children will cherish this book for its wit, its humor, its beauty, its cleverness, and of course its valuable grammar instruction, which will provide them with a solid foundation of grammar knowledge that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

9387 Poodle Knows What?: Student Book (114 pp.) \$30.00

9394 Poodle Knows What?: Instructor Manual \$35.00

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ACADEMICS' CHOICE AWARD-WINNER!



POODLE AND THE BLUE MOUNTAIN MONSTER

BOOK 2 OF THE POODLE SERIES

Poodle and the Blue Mountain Monster picks up the story of Poodle the chicken and his best friends What? and Sidney as they head off on a journey to the top of a mountain in search of new knowledge: the parts of the sentence—level two of Michael's four-level sentence analysis. But getting to the top of the mountain is a treacherous endeavor because a frightening monster keeps hurling snow and wind at them and doing what he can to stop their progress. Suddenly their expedition is interrupted by Maybe mouse, who storms onto the stage shouting acting directions. The friends are surprised to discover that they're actors in a play! Has the entire journey been make-believe? But with helpful tips from Maybe, they head off again to the mountaintop, meeting colorful characters and learning about grammar along the way.

This fun adventure tale is pure creative genius, celebrating both the power of words and the power of friendship and camaraderie and a willingness to extend those qualities to others. Children will treasure this book for its delightful and heartwarming story, even as they learn important lessons in grammar!

9248 Poodle and the Blue Mountain Monster: Student Book (107 pp.) \$30.00

9255 Poodle and the Blue Mountain Monster: Instructor Manual \$35.00

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All of the Poodle books are fully illustrated with brilliantly creative images by artist Christopher Tice. Each volume shines even more radiantly than the last, with Book 5, in which Chris imitates the styles of some of the world's most famous artists, as a particularly dazzling achievement. Between Michael's clever word play and Chris's outstanding illustrations, these books are pure masterworks of artistry.

They are also multisensory. A defining feature of the Poodle books is that children get to hear Michael read them himself because every spread of two pages contains a QR code that links to audio of Michael narrating the text. If you think the stories are fun, wait until you hear Michael tell them! Even children who have advanced beyond the primary levels will find themselves enchanted by these books!

Each volume in the series also has instructor manual. These manuals contain the full text of the student book, answers to the quizzes, and special boxes and bubbles of information that instructors can share with students to enhance their learning. There is also an instructor section, where Michael explains his thoughts on implementation to ensure that the instruction is both intellectually and emotionally rich and rewarding—a key aspect of meaningful learning.

POODLE KNOWS POETRY

BOOK 3 OF THE POODLE SERIES

Poodle Knows Poetry opens with our favorite chicken standing alone after having left the Blue Mountain. Poodle uses his surprisingly extensive knowledge of poetic devices to negotiate with his ornery author, eventually talking the author into writing What? and Sidney into the book, but not before a few new characters join the cast and Poodle teaches us some of the most important techniques used in writing poetry.

The brilliance of this book is that Michael has written poetic devices into nearly every line so that prose and poetry become almost indistinguishable. Throughout the story, we both learn about and see in action the importance of sound, meter, and more. Poodle professes to be a poet, and although he successfully puts his money where his beak is, the author is a pretty sneaky player as well, filling the story with the very poetic techniques that he claims never to have heard of (you can't trust authors).

Again in this book the fourth wall is broken as the author and Poodle discuss and debate both poetic devices and the plot of the story, and again Maybe mouse breaks into the scene occasionally to remind everyone that this is not just a story; it's a play, and they'd best get their parts right. The book operates at several different levels, all as the drama unfolds around a lurking monster and an ominous storm brewing in the distance.

This book does so much more than impart an appreciation for poetry! It provides children with valuable instruction in how writers can make their writing not just more beautiful but also more effective at conveying the message they want to communicate—lessons that will be useful both in academia and throughout their entire lives.

9264 Poodle Knows Poetry: Student Book (129 pp.) \$30.00

9271 Poodle Knows Poetry: Instructor Manual \$35.00

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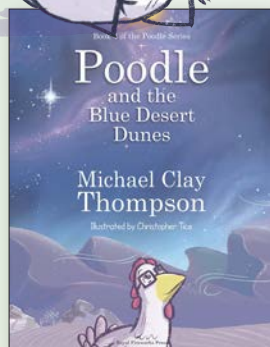
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POODLE AND THE BLUE DESERT DUNES

BOOK 4 OF THE POODLE SERIES



Poodle and What? begin their next adventure in the desert at night. They are searching for prepositions, and their location is ideal because the desert is a brilliant example of space and time, and prepositions are the kinds of words that describe these dimensions of existence.

But prepositions are just the beginning. Ultimately, the friends are exploring prepositional phrases. Phrases constitute level three of Michael's four-level sentence analysis, and while there are several different kinds of phrases, prepositional phrases are a good place to start.

When dawn breaks, Poodle and What? find a cool cave, where they're joined by their pals Sidney, Burgull, and Dickinson—which is a good thing because there's a new monster to contend with. But if you know our language-loving friends, then you know that they extend

their friendship to everyone. Will the new monster accept their offer? How many monsters are too many?

Maybe mouse, the director of this fine play, has an opinion about that, and she storms onto the stage with her new assistant Bizzie. These things matter! After all, this is a production that will lead the characters to the end of space and time, and what happens when they get there is magical.

This book is another shimmering example of Michael's ability to teach important grammar lessons through a story filled with imagination, wonder, kindness, artistry, and the beauty of language.

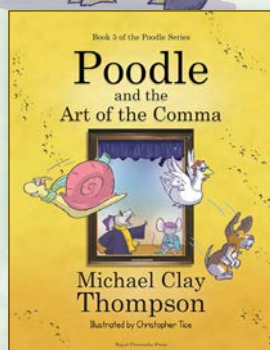
9806 Poodle and the Blue Desert Dunes: Student Book (123 pp.) \$30.00

9813 Poodle and the Blue Desert Dunes: Instructor Manual \$35.00

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POODLE AND THE ART OF THE COMMA

BOOK 5 OF THE POODLE SERIES



If you want to know how to write well, you need to understand more than just words; you need to understand the punctuation that structures the meanings of those words. And Poodle is an outstanding teacher when it comes to explaining how the comma in particular functions.

In this book, Poodle, Sidney, and the three monsters Burgull, Dickinson, and Gawk are on a mission to find What?. In their quest to locate the missing beagle, they leap off the pages of the book, but each time they do, they land in a masterwork of art. First it's a painting by Van Gogh, then Brueghel, then Miró, and then Vermeer. Each painting teaches Poodle something about himself—all while he teaches his friends the correct use of commas.

Yet as real as the worlds within the paintings are, this is still a play, and Maybe mouse and her assistant Bizzie break in once in a while to make sure the actors are playing their parts. At times that means arguing with the author, who insists that this is not a play; it's a play in a book. But then Vermeer chimes in! It's not a book either; it's a book in a painting. The fourth wall explodes as these figures debate what's real and what is the imaginative reality of one or the other of them. Between the high academic content and the complexity of the storyline, the intellectual sophistication of this book is nothing short of astounding.

Moreover, the artistry of this book—both in the language and in the art—transforms the lessons within it into an experience that is as much emotional as it is intellectual. Like Van Gogh's *Starry Night*, it is a masterpiece.

1309 Poodle and the Art of the Comma: Student Book (138 pp.) \$30.00

1316 Poodle and the Art of the Comma: Instructor Manual \$35.00

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POODLE KNOWS CLAUSES

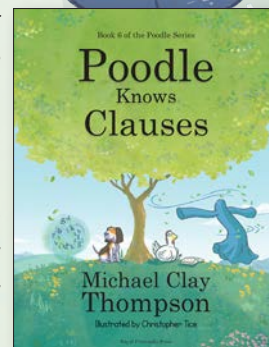
BOOK 6 OF THE POODLE SERIES

In the fifth book, Poodle and his friends went into paintings. But in this new adventure, our favorite scholar-chicken and some of his best pals go into poems. You see, in this book the friends are learning about clauses—level four of Michael's four-level sentence analysis—and there's no better way of studying clauses than to look at some of the most beautiful clauses in the English language written by some of the most talented wordsmiths in history.

First they visit Robert Frost's yellow wood, where two roads diverge. Robert himself is there to watch them—and to point out the clauses in his poem. Next they enter a lovely garden by Emily Dickinson. After that is a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson, and finally they visit Emily again, this time during a ferocious storm. But there's a twist (you expect no less, of course), and the friends discover that their kindness can save them, even when facing an awful tempest.

Of course, Maybe mouse is in this book, along with her assistant Bizzie, making sure that the actors stay focused and sharp. This is, after all, a play. But the true masterpieces here are the poems, and in this book, the characters are not just reading poems; they are experiencing them as realities that they will never forget. And in each poem, they meet the poet, and they learn more about both grammar and poetic devices. It is a true culmination of the series.

This book is filled with everything good: wonderful poems, superb writing by Michael that includes a sweet story as well as the words to make it both whimsical and real, and gorgeous illustrations by artist Christopher Tice. Oh! And grammar instruction. That too.



2009 Poodle Knows Clauses: Student Book (165 pp.) \$30.00

2016 Poodle Knows Clauses: Instructor Manual \$35.00



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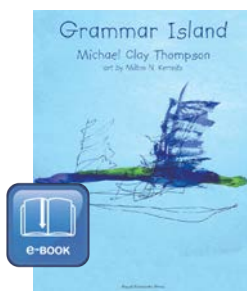
MCT Level 1: The Island Level

Level 1, the Island Level, is the entry level for the MCT language arts curriculum. Children are ready for this level once they have passed the stage of learning to read and can read to learn. The student books are wonderful points for children to begin the practice of reading on their own and then discussing the material. Although the material is presented simply, it reaches a surprising level of complexity and sophistication.



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Grammar Island

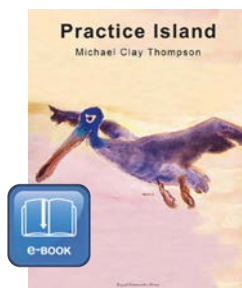


Grammar Island introduces, in a simple fashion, the full four-level grammar analysis of (1) parts of speech, (2) parts of the sentence, (3) phrases, and (4) clauses. Using color to reinforce the lessons, the book offers grammar in child-friendly ways, with an array of strategies to make sophisticated material dynamic and fun. Each page focuses on a single concept, and the teaching approach is to read together with the students, talk about the concepts, ask questions, refer back to the text, and respond to questions before venturing further. This book will delight children just beginning grammar.

8427 Grammar Island: Student Book \$37.50

7574 Grammar Island: Instructor Manual \$45.00

Practice Island



Practice Island is a supplement to *Grammar Island* and is the practice workbook for the first level of the MCT language arts curriculum. Its aim is to improve students' grammar and writing skills through analysis of individual sentences. Students work through the sentences using the unique four-level analysis method that is introduced in *Grammar Island*.

Each of the one hundred sentences appears on a separate page with four blank lines beneath it where students can fill in the parts of speech, the parts of the sentence, phrases, and clauses. By examining a wide range of sentences, students will experience the satisfaction of a clear understanding of the principles of English sentences.

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8809 Practice Island: Student Book \$15.50

8814 Practice Island: Instructor Manual \$18.00

Building Language



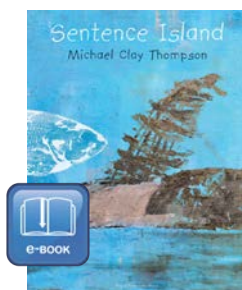
Building Language provides an introduction to Latin stems as the basis for much of the English language. Using the analogy of the arch in architecture, the book explores the Roman roots of our buildings and the Latin roots of our language.

The book contains a substantial introductory section, which is followed by ten lessons, each one introducing an important Latin stem. Together, these lessons show young students that big words aren't necessarily hard. The stems provide an intellectual key that opens the door for children to a new world of understanding language.

8007 Building Language: Student Book \$27.50

7581 Building Language: Instructor Manual \$35.00

Sentence Island



The MCT writing series begins with the lavishly illustrated *Sentence Island*. This is an entire book devoted to the sentence. After all, a child who cannot write a sentence cannot write and will never be able to write, so it is essential that children master sentence writing. Most programs do not devote enough time and attention to the sentence, and hence many children do not master writing sentences at a level that provides an adequate foundation for more advanced writing.

Sentence Island tells the story of a fish named Mud who travels to Sentence Island to learn how to write correct sentences. There, he meets an array of quirky animals and a wise talking tree. From each character Mud learns a different aspect of sentence structure and discovers that the careful construction of sentences is both a science and an art. Understanding these concepts enables children to write sentences that make sense, communicate ideas, and impart information.

The book's approach and the wonderful illustrations demonstrate that it can be fun to write well. Although the information is sophisticated, the presentation is simple, and children will delight in following Mud's story as both he and they learn the rules and concepts that are the essential foundation for formal writing.

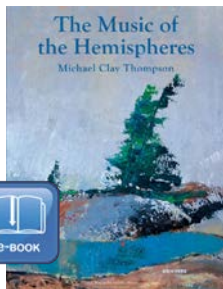
6300 Sentence Island: Student Book \$42.50

7727 Sentence Island: Instructor Manual \$52.50

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MCT Level 1: The Island Level

The Music of the Hemispheres



The Music of the Hemispheres is Michael's introduction to poetics for young children. In this beautiful book, which features extraordinary graphics that call attention to the points being made in the text, children learn that the sounds of words are an important component to good writing.

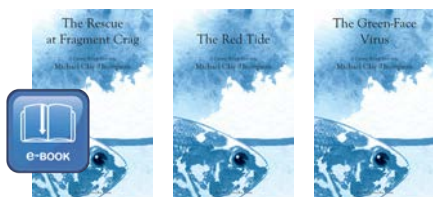
Chapters cover the basics of rhyme, alliteration, meter, stanza, and similes and metaphors. These elements are illustrated through poems by such notable poets as Emily Dickinson, Robert Burns, William Shakespeare, Thomas Hardy, John Keats, William Wordsworth, and Ralph Waldo Emerson, as well as original works by Michael himself. This book is a wonderful way to foster an early appreciation for poetry in children.

As a feature, this book contains QR codes that link to audio of Michael reading the poems.

6728 The Music of the Hemispheres: Student Book \$37.50
7741 The Music of the Hemispheres: Instructor Manual \$45.00

The Mud Trilogy

The Mud Trilogy by Michael Clay Thompson feature the characters he created in his language arts curriculum to help explain grammar and writing rules. Following requests for more about these characters, he decided that Mud the Fish should have a series of adventures of his own. The novels are described as "classic words novels," designed to introduce young readers to the literary words that Michael identified in his classic words vocabulary research. They are full-length books (about 100 pages each), exuberant, funny, and abounding in alliteration and other poetic techniques. Difficult words are defined at the bottom of each page. The books are illustrated with charming drawings.



8401 The Rescue at Fragment Crag \$12.00
8418 The Red Tide \$12.00
8425 The Green-Face Virus \$12.00
8432 Mud Trilogy Set with Parent Manual \$40.00
8432S Extra Set of Novels \$30.00

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Student books: *Grammar Island, Practice Island, Building Language, Sentence Island, The Music of the Hemispheres*, the Mud Trilogy novels

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"I loved the Mud books. Whenever one of the characters got into trouble, the rest of the gang would stick together and save whoever was in trouble. They were exciting and interesting and the best book series I've ever read in my life."

– Caleb, seven years old

"Thank you for creating a program that inspires ten-year-olds to think and argue passionately about language, and families to talk about it at the breakfast table."

– Joan A-S, homeschool parent

"If you want to instill in your children a love of poetry but find most teaching resources less than inspiring, you will likely love Thompson's approach that includes poetry study at every level."

– Cathy Duffy (The MCT language arts curriculum is one of her Top Picks.)



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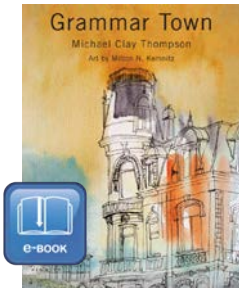
MCT Level 2: The Town Level

Level 2, the Town Level, dramatically increases the challenges in vocabulary and writing from Level 1. The vocabulary text, *Caesar's English I*, is a large step up from *Building Language*, with many more stems and much more text. Children progress from learning about the construction of sentences in *Sentence Island* to learning about the various types of paragraphs in *Paragraph Town*. The grammar, poetics, and practice strands of the curriculum all build on the texts from Level 1, reinforcing the knowledge as children move forward in their learning.



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Grammar Town



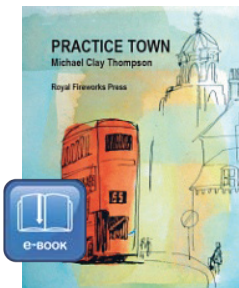
Grammar Town builds on the foundation presented in *Grammar Island* and offers increasingly sophisticated concepts within the theme of a townscape. It continues the full four-level grammar analysis of (1) parts of speech, (2) parts of the sentence, (3) phrases, and (4) clauses. This four-level analysis is a fundamental part of the MCT language arts curriculum.

The four-level analysis method makes grammar accessible to children and shows them, through plenty of examples and continual reinforcement of the concepts, that the bad things often said about grammar are untrue. Grammar is surprisingly simple, and it is beautiful in its simplicity. This is important because grammar is the foundation upon which children's entire language arts mastery rests. The many paintings of buildings and street scenes in the book offer a beautiful counterpoint to Michael's lovely color illustrations of grammar concepts.

7923 Grammar Town: Student Book \$37.50

8984 Grammar Town: Instructor Manual \$45.00

Practice Town



Practice Town is a supplement to *Grammar Town* and is the practice workbook for the second level of the MCT language arts curriculum. Its aim is to improve students' grammar and writing skills through analysis of individual sentences. Students work through the sentences using the unique four-level analysis method that is introduced in *Grammar Town*.

Each of the one hundred sentences appears on a separate page with four blank lines beneath it where students can fill in the parts of speech, the parts of the sentence, phrases, and clauses. By examining a wide range of sentences, students will experience the satisfaction of a clear understanding of the principles of English sentences.

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6829 Practice Town: Student Book \$15.50

8999 Practice Town: Instructor Manual \$18.00

Caesar's English I: Classical Education Edition (in two parts)

Co-authored with Dr. Myriam Borges Thompson and Dr. Thomas Milton Kemnitz

Caesar's English I teaches children important vocabulary while giving them wide-ranging insight into the ancient world and its contributions to our lives, including the language of the ancient Romans: Latin, which is the foundation of modern academic English.

The book is bursting with exercises and activities. The twenty lessons are based on Latin stems and lists of nonfiction words made from those stems, as well as lists of classic words. There are analogies, synonyms, antonyms, and word searches. In addition, there is a grammar component that demonstrates how vocabulary is used in the context of grammar. The book contains numerous examples of how great writers have used the vocabulary words, as well as excellent nonfiction essays that explore the history and architecture of ancient Roman civilization and poems written by Michael himself, some of which are translated into Spanish to illustrate the Latin foundation of both languages. Writing activities include paragraph-writing assignments and exercises in which students rewrite the sentences of great authors. Other sections provide short introductions to major authors whose works are used in the examples. Insight into the Roman world is enhanced by gorgeous photographs of Roman sites and artifacts.

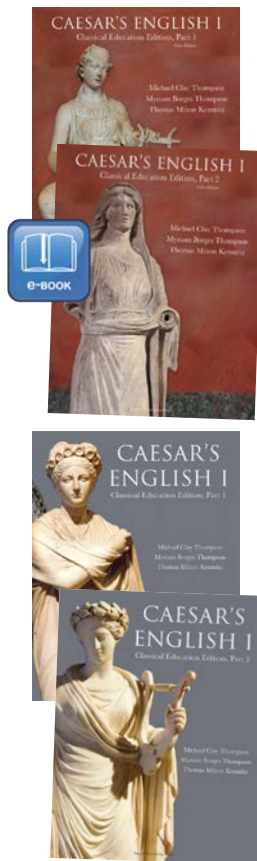
The Classical Education Edition of *Caesar's English I* is filled with so many extra elements that the book is too large to be handled easily by children. As a result, the student book comes in two parts.

As an added bonus, the book contains QR codes that link to audio of Michael reading his poems and exploring some of the classic words presented in the book. This enables students to hear the words in context and to know how they are pronounced.

8647 Caesar's English I, CEE Color Edition: Student Book \$62.50

8630 Caesar's English I, CEE: Student Book \$42.50

8953 Caesar's English I, CEE: Instructor Manual \$50.00



Caesar's English I Flashcards

This set of 150 flashcards will help children study all of the stems and words in *Caesar's English I*. The cards are 4x6 inches in size and are printed on durable card stock. Each card contains a stem or word on the front and its definition on the back, all in large black font to make it easy to read. The set comes in a sturdy, clear plastic envelope with a no-fuss clasp to enable convenient storage.

8595 Caesar's English I: Flashcards \$20.00

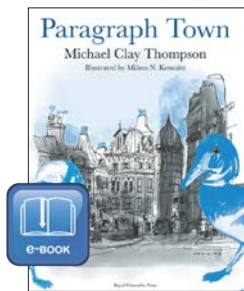


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Paragraph Town



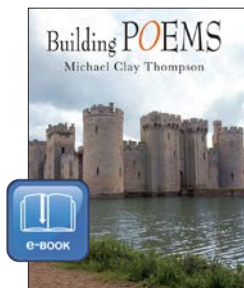
Paragraph Town gives children an entertaining and comprehensive introduction to the paragraph within the narrative of a story. The protagonists who teach the concepts are two engaging ducks who explore the importance of organizing sentences into clear, orderly paragraphs with dialogue, description, comparison, punctuation, and grammar, as well as a look at the significance of the sounds of language—all within the setting of a townscape.

The story mimics the style of *Moby Dick* and contains several literary references that will give students an early taste of what they will someday read. The book also contains an extensive, structured section of exercises that consists of twenty lessons, each containing in-depth exposition and assignments.

6706 Paragraph Town: Student Book \$42.50

9361 Paragraph Town: Instructor Manual \$52.50

Building Poems



Building Poems uses architecture as an extended metaphor, showing that poems are constructed like buildings, with careful attention to every detail. Like the metaphor itself, the book is constructed so that it beautifully illustrates the points made by reinforcing them visually. It takes the same basic topics that were introduced in *The Music of the Hemispheres* and expands upon them, adding new elements.

This book enables students to understand and appreciate poetry at a far higher level than is typical for children in this age group.

As a feature, this book contains QR codes that link to audio of Michael reading the poems.

7084 Building Poems: Student Book \$37.50

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The Alice, Peter, and Mole Trilogy

The Alice, Peter, and Mole (APM) Trilogy introduces students to three of the great children's classics: *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll, *Peter Pan* by James M. Barrie, and *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame.



8029 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland \$15.00

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Fishmeal and the Mouncing Monster



Michael Clay Thompson has written a truly delightful novel in which the main protagonist is Fishmeal the duck. In this story Fishmeal has taken a cabin in the woods. Unbeknownst to him, danger lurks nearby in the form of the Mouncing Monster, who views Fishmeal as a tasty snack. Fishmeal initially manages to avoid disaster by inviting the monster to breakfast in his cottage, but that offers him only a temporary reprieve. Soon Fishmeal is joined by Queequack, and little by little they work together to transform the Mouncing Monster into a benefactor to everyone around.

This novel entertains while teaching classic words and offering wonderful turns of phrase. The story races from adventure to adventure, delivering a message that is powerful without being didactic. As with Michael's language-illustrated classic novels, examples of interesting vocabulary, grammar, and poetic techniques appear highlighted in language illustrations, and classic words are defined at the bottoms of the pages. This is a book that will teach language arts while imparting lessons of decency and integrity.

2874 Fishmeal and the Mouncing Monster \$15.00

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– Connie Bernard, B.A., English literature



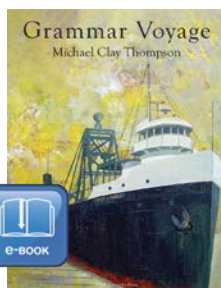
MCT Level 3: The Voyage Level

Level 3, the Voyage Level, marks a significant step in creativity and in the demands of the writing portion of the curriculum. Children progress from learning how to write paragraphs in *Paragraph Town* to learning how to construct essays out of those paragraphs in *Essay Voyage*. It is here that many children truly begin to feel the rigor of the curriculum. In *Grammar Voyage*, children are expected to play with grammar in contexts that include poetry. *Caesar's English II* has a good deal more emphasis on creativity than its predecessor. The poetics and practice strands continue to build on the texts from Level 2, increasing the knowledge that the children are acquiring.



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Grammar Voyage



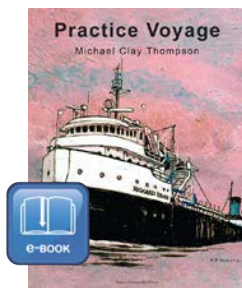
Grammar Voyage is designed to build on the foundations established in *Grammar Island* and *Grammar Town*, leading children through the four-level grammar analysis of (1) parts of speech, (2) parts of the sentence, (3) phrases, and (4) clauses. This four-level analysis is a fundamental part of the MCT language arts curriculum.

The four-level analysis method makes grammar accessible to children and shows them, through plenty of examples and continual reinforcement of the concepts, that the bad things often said about grammar are untrue. Grammar is surprisingly simple, and it is beautiful in its simplicity. This is important because grammar is the foundation upon which children's entire language arts mastery rests. The many ship paintings in the book offer a beautiful counterpoint to Michael's lovely color illustrations of grammar concepts.

7930 Grammar Voyage: Student Book \$37.50

8991 Grammar Voyage: Instructor Manual \$45.00

Practice Voyage



Practice Voyage is a supplement to *Grammar Voyage* and is the practice workbook for the third level of the MCT language arts curriculum. Its aim is to improve students' grammar and writing skills through analysis of individual sentences. Students work through the sentences using the unique four-level analysis method that is introduced in *Grammar Voyage*.

Each of the one hundred sentences appears on a separate page with four blank lines beneath it where students can fill in the parts of speech, the parts of the sentence, phrases, and clauses. By examining a wide range of sentences, students will experience the satisfaction of a clear understanding of the principles of English sentences.

This useful workbook is meant to be consumable and is therefore offered at a low cost.

6843 Practice Voyage: Student Book \$15.50

8708 Practice Voyage: Instructor Manual \$18.00

Caesar's English II: Classical Education Edition (in two parts)

Co-authored with Dr. Myriam Borges Thompson and Dr. Thomas Milton Kemnitz

This book follows the same formula as *Caesar's English I*, Classical Education Edition; it offers twenty lessons that alternate between introducing five Latin stems that are the basis for many of our academic words and five classic words that have been identified by Michael as being prominently used among the great writers of English and American literature. The book is loaded with vocabulary activities that allow students to manipulate and play with the stems and words, as well as grammar analyses, nonfiction writing samples, poetry to help students feel the Roman experience, writing exercises, math problems using Roman numerals, word searches, and much more. There is a substantial emphasis on the geography of the Roman world.

There are additional essays on the Iberian Peninsula by Myriam Borges Thompson and on Roman history by Thomas Milton Kemnitz, who also took the photographs reproduced in both volumes.

The Classical Education Edition of *Caesar's English II* is filled with so many extra elements that the book is too large to be handled easily by children. As a result, the student book comes in two parts.

As an added bonus, the book contains QR codes that link to audio of Michael reading his poems and his sesquipedalian stories, as well as discussing the grammar of the vocabulary so that children can hear the words in context and will know how they are pronounced. Myriam Borges Thompson also provides audio for the book, reading her Spanish translations of Michael's poems and adding interesting commentary to her essays about the Iberian influence on the Roman world, which has subsequently influenced our own.

8746 Caesar's English II, CEE Color Edition: Student Book \$62.50

8739 Caesar's English II, CEE: Student Book \$42.50

7978 Caesar's English II, CEE: Instructor Manual \$50.00



Caesar's English II Flashcards

This set of 150 flashcards will help children study all of the stems and words in *Caesar's English II*. The cards are 4x6 inches in size and are printed on durable card stock. Each card contains a stem or word on the front and its definition on the back, all in large black font to make it easy to read. The set comes in a sturdy, clear plastic envelope with a no-fuss clasp to enable convenient storage.



8601 Caesar's English II: Flashcards \$20.00

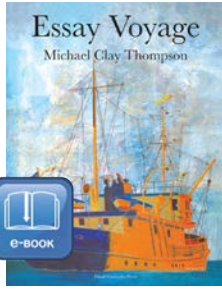
"These are my personal favorite resources for grammar, vocabulary, and etymology (word roots), as well as introductory studies of poetry and philosophy...."

– Julie Shepherd Knapp, owner of the Homeschool Diner resources website

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MCT Level 3: The Voyage Level

Essay Voyage



Essay Voyage introduces students to the elements of the correct, formal essay—the kind of essay expected for exams, research papers, critical responses, and other formal analyses of academic subjects. With the use of extensive examples and thorough explanations, students learn that formal writing involves the correct use of words, sentences, paragraphs, punctuation, and other elements such as organized structure and unity.

The book has a journeying theme that takes students around the world. Each chapter includes exercises, challenging questions, examples of good essays, and a discussion of the correct use of words taken from *Caesar's English II*.

7954 Essay Voyage: Student Book \$42.50
7961 Essay Voyage: Instructor Manual \$52.50

A World of Poetry



A World of Poetry builds on the first two books in the MCT poetics program but goes even further into the details of good poetry. This volume is built on comparisons of poetic and scientific observations of nature and the world around us. As with the other poetics books, the design of this book has been meticulously attended to so that it highlights the points in the text with beautiful and interesting visuals.

The book allows students to see that the common stereotypes about poetry—that it is comprised only of pretty poems for girls—are unfounded. Poems can be powerful and tragic and exalting and painful and everything in between, often in ways that prose cannot.

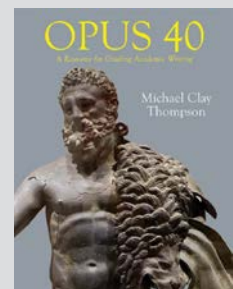
As a feature, this book contains QR codes that link to audio of Michael reading the poems.

7062 A World of Poetry: Student Book \$37.50
8715 A World of Poetry: Instructor Manual \$45.00

Opus 40

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9233 Opus 40 \$30.00



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The Search Trilogy

The Search Trilogy consists of *Treasure Island* by Robert Lewis Stevenson, *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London, and *The Invisible Man* by H.G. Wells. As a bonus, Michael has written a poem, "Silver's Song," to go with *Treasure Island*.



8159 *Treasure Island* \$15.00

8166 *The Call of the Wild* \$15.00

8173 *The Invisible Man* \$15.00

8180 Search Trilogy Set with Parent Manual \$50.00

8180S Extra Set of Novels \$40.00

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***FREE SHIPPING** SO5E \$350.00

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– Geoff Sedlezky, homeschool parent



MCT Level 4: The Classic Literature Level

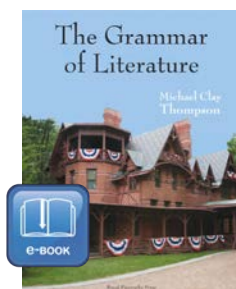
Level 4, the Classic Literature Level, was developed to fill the gap that exists in rigor between the elementary levels and the secondary levels of the curriculum. It contains books that focus on the grammar, vocabulary, writing, and poetic techniques used by the writers of great classics of English and American literature. It acts as a bridge between the elementary and secondary levels, but it is so rich in content that it is recommended even for children who have advanced beyond this level.

The Classic Literature Level is a launching pad for the serious study of literature, offering children—and their instructors—a unique, in-depth look at some of the greatest works of literature in the English language. It will impart an appreciation for the diligence and dedication of the authors of those works, revealing techniques that readers will look for in future books and will employ in their own writing as well.



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The Grammar of Literature

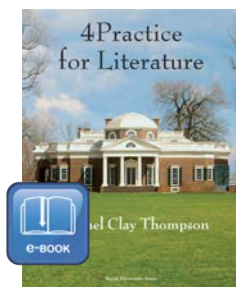


Michael has long argued that grammar is simple and beautiful, and he proves it in *The Grammar of Literature*, which focuses on the grammar used by authors of the great classics of English and American literature. This book is different from the other MCT grammar books. It is not a comprehensive survey of all standard grammar terms; instead, it is a summary of major concepts, devoting most of its time to the examination of beautiful sentences written by the authors of great novels in British and American literature. This book will impart an appreciation by both students and instructors for the meticulous work of great writers to structure sentences in ways that make them extraordinary.

8700 The Grammar of Literature: Student Book \$30.00

8722 The Grammar of Literature: Instructor Manual \$37.50

4Practice for Literature



4Practice for Literature is a supplement to *The Grammar of Literature* and is the practice workbook for the fourth level of the MCT language arts curriculum. Its aim is to improve students' grammar and writing skills through analysis of sentences written by many of the greatest authors of English and American literature. Students work through the sentences using the unique four-level analysis method that is introduced in *The Grammar of Literature*.

Each of the one hundred sentences appears on a separate page with four blank lines beneath it where students can fill in the parts of speech, the parts of the sentence, phrases, and clauses. By examining a wide range of sentences, students will experience the satisfaction of a clear understanding of the principles of English sentences.

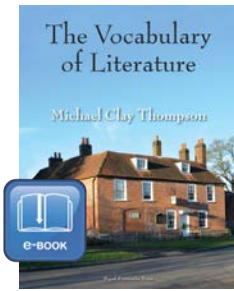
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8786 4Practice for Literature: Student Book \$15.50

9523 4Practice for Literature: Instructor Manual \$18.00

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The Vocabulary of Literature



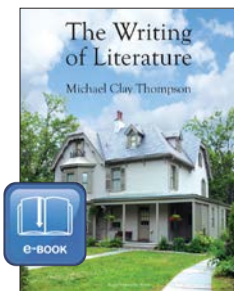
The Vocabulary of Literature contains ten chapters that highlight the most frequently used words in classic English and American literature. Word challenges, grammar exercises, creative readings, biographies, and photographs of famous authors help students internalize these words and thereby pave a path to a lifetime of enjoyment and love of great literature.

Each of the ten lessons presents ten new classic words and ten words brought forward from *Caesar's English I* and *Caesar's English II* so that students have two hundred powerful words to learn and use. These are not words chosen arbitrarily for the purpose of a textbook; they are the words most frequently used in classic literature as identified by Michael's painstaking research. They are, therefore, the words that Michael believes must be known as a necessary component of an educated vocabulary.

The authors featured in this book are Jack London, Jane Austen, Stephen Crane, Mary Shelley, Frederick Douglass, Henry David Thoreau, Rachel Carson, Mark Twain, Charles Dickens, and George Eliot. And because we love literature and visiting writers' houses, we have included in the book not only their portraits but also our photographs of where they wrote and with what, including Jane Austen's tiny writing table and Charles Dickens's desk.

8724 The Vocabulary of Literature: Student Book \$27.50
8791 The Vocabulary of Literature: Instructor Manual \$35.00

The Writing of Literature



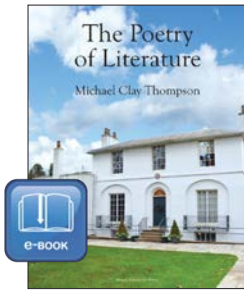
The Writing of Literature is Michael's seventh book about writing, but unlike the other six books, this one is about literary writing, focusing on the language of classic fiction and nonfiction. The other writing books are about formal academic writing: academic essays and research papers—the sort of nonfiction writing that all students must do in academic courses and in most professions. Michael writes in the introduction: *"Our task is to see what writing secrets great novels can teach us about the kind of writing that we do and to absorb writing elements that help us become great readers.... Classic novelists show us deeper strategies that are not usually mentioned in school instructions for beginners. One reason the writers of immortal books are immortal is that they take commonly known writing techniques to uncommon heights, finding uncommon depth and beauty in the ways they use them."*

The book contains practice exercises, essay or discussion topics, and substantial excerpts to read from classic authors, including nonfiction from James Madison, Mark Twain, Henry David Thoreau, Herman Melville, William Lloyd Garrison, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Ida M. Tarbell, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and W.E.B. Dubois.

8821 The Writing of Literature: Student Book \$27.50
8807 The Writing of Literature: Instructor Manual \$35.00

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The Poetry of Literature



The Poetry of Literature is unique among the poetics books in the MCT curriculum. Unlike those, which naturally focus on the poetics of poetry, this book shows how the great novelists of English and American classics used poetic devices in their prose writing. Michael provides abundant examples of their use, many pulled from the novels in the trilogies of this curriculum. Among the devices he explores are how the novelists used silence, rhythm and meter, alliteration, assonance and consonance, and stopped consonants—all of which students should be familiar with from his other poetics books.

These concepts will come as no surprise to any student who has completed other levels of the curriculum with the accompanying literary trilogies. But for anyone else, this book will be an eye-opening experience. The illustrations are full pages from the novels with the poetic devices highlighted. Seen in this context, it is readily apparent how easy it is for even careful readers to miss the poetics that are hidden in plain sight.

The poetics strand of the MCT language arts curriculum is one of its great strengths and a source of beauty and joy for many students. *The Poetry of Literature* is so powerful an addition to the poetics strand that every student should read it, even those who have finished the curriculum or who have advanced beyond this level. It is a book not to be missed—both by students and by instructors.

As a feature, this book contains QR codes that link to audio of Michael reading the poems.

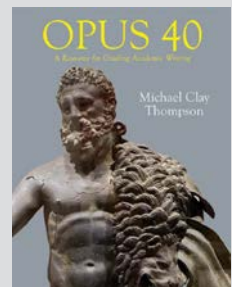
8760 The Poetry of Literature: Student Book \$27.50

8784 The Poetry of Literature: Instructor Manual \$35.00

Opus 40

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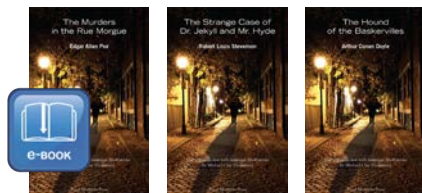
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The Shadow Trilogy

Michael has brought together three great classics in these nineteenth-century works of mayhem, murder, and detection: *The Murders in the Rue Morgue* by Edgar Allen Poe, *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson, and *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle.



8458 *The Murders in the Rue Morgue* \$15.00

8465 *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* \$15.00

8472 *The Hound of the Baskervilles* \$15.00

8489 *Shadow Trilogy Set with Parent Manual* \$50.00

8489S *Extra Set of Novels* \$40.00

Level 4 Packages

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Student books and instructor manuals: *The Grammar of Literature*, *4Practice for Literature*, *The Vocabulary of Literature*, *The Writing of Literature*, *The Poetry of Literature*, the *Shadow Trilogy Set with Parent Manual*

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MCT Level 4 Student Books-Only Package

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"I find that the Michael Clay Thompson books are so useful that I go back year after year for review and to get new ideas, even after we've finished a book. It would be impossible to put a price on what we've gained from the series. I only wish all the materials I've bought over the years were as useful as MCT!"

– Elizabeth Pyle Ross, homeschool parent

"Thank you for such an astonishing language arts program. I literally had tears of joy in my eyes the first time I looked at one of your books!"

– Mary DeLia, homeschool parent and poet



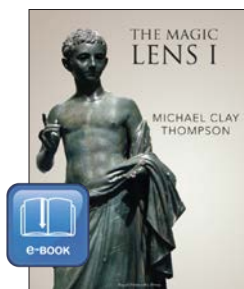
MCT Level 5: The Lens I Level

Level 5, the Lens I Level, marks a substantial increase in rigor in the grammar, vocabulary, and writing portions of the curriculum. This is the point at which children are asked to perform at truly adult levels. The poetics strand continues to build upon the previous books, introducing increasingly subtle and complex poetic techniques. This level will challenge children as they expand and deepen their understanding of the language arts.



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The Magic Lens I



The Magic Lens I is entirely based on four-level sentence analysis. This analysis of parts of speech, parts of the sentence, phrases, and clauses is Michael's original and enormously successful approach to teaching grammar. It uses his "t-models" to illustrate how sentences are constructed, exquisitely showcasing complex grammar relationships as simple but beautiful illustrations.

This full-color book not only contains a comprehensive look at grammar; it delves deeply into common grammar errors and usage problems and includes detailed explanations about how grammar affects punctuation. Michael often uses the sentences of great classic writers to show students examples of interesting grammar in some of the most famous literary works in the English language. Practice

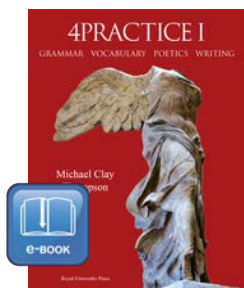
is provided at every stage so that students are immediately applying what they have learned and actively building a thorough understanding of the inner workings of the language.

As a feature, this book contains QR codes that link to audio of Michael talking about important, potentially confusing, or interesting facts about grammar so that students can hear additional grammar content from the author himself.

9127 The Magic Lens I: Student Book \$37.50

9134 The Magic Lens I: Instructor Manual \$45.00

4Practice I



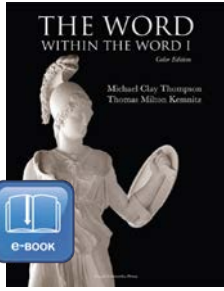
4Practice I is a supplement to *The Magic Lens I* and is the practice workbook for the fifth level of the MCT language arts curriculum. Students work through its one hundred sentences using the unique four-level analysis method that is explained in *The Magic Lens I*. Each sentence appears on a separate page with four blank lines beneath it where students can fill in the parts of speech, the parts of the sentence, phrases, and clauses. The focus of the sentences is on ancient Greek and Roman history, with particular emphasis on the Latin and Greek stems found in some of the words. By examining a wide range of sentences, students will experience the satisfaction of a clear understanding of the principles of English sentences.

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5578 4Practice I: Student Book \$15.50

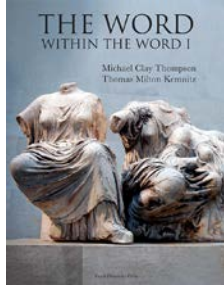
8838 4Practice I: Instructor Manual \$18.00

The Word Within the Word I



The Word Within the Word I is a rigorous vocabulary text that contains thirty lessons filled with readings and activities to illustrate the important role of Latin and Greek stems in academic English. The first twenty lessons offer a list of twenty-five stems, along with several example words that contain each stem, and the last ten lessons provide twenty-five words that students will need to be familiar with to navigate through advanced academic endeavors.

Each lesson contains discussions and illustrations that offer students a greater understanding of the classical roots of the English language. Much of the text is meant only to be read, with exercises interspersed that students or instructors can choose from to help solidify the knowledge through manipulation of the vocabulary.



In addition, the book contains an extensive discussion of the history of Greece in the Classical Period from 490 to 323 B.C.E. Each lesson features an essay, written by Dr. Thomas Kemnitz, about the ancient Greeks. These essays introduce students to some of the most significant figures during that period and include descriptions of how the Spartans lived, the strategies of various battles, the functioning of democracy and the jury system in Athens, the practice of ostracism, the importance of the navy in Athens, the Spartan system of education, and the building of the glorious Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens. Interspersed among the activity pages are vignettes of aspects of life in ancient Greece as depicted in vases, statuettes, and artifacts so that students learn not only about helmets and shields but also about hairstyles, musical instruments, sports, and more. The writings are enhanced with maps, timelines, and scores of photographs taken by Dr. Kemnitz of Greek buildings, sculptures, and artifacts.

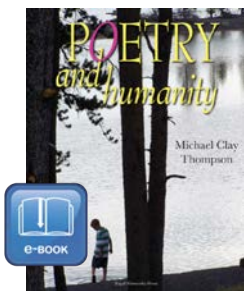
This book comes in a color edition and a black and white edition. The color edition is printed on high-quality coated paper to enhance the beautiful full-color images of the Greek art and architecture of 2,500 years ago.

9293 The Word Within the Word I, Color Edition: Student Book \$62.50

9279 The Word Within the Word I: Student Book \$42.50

9286 The Word Within the Word I: Instructor Manual \$52.50

Poetry and Humanity



Poetry and Humanity is built on a theme of understanding humanity and our existence. It develops and expands the MCT poetics program by showing how poets push language to its maximum in order to express those things about us that are most true, or difficult, or subtle. Longer and more challenging poems appear as examples.

All of the topics from the previous volumes are included in this one, but this book also explores more advanced techniques. As he has done with the other poetics books in this series, Michael beautifully illustrates the idea that poetry is not an art for the elite only. There are poems for everyone, and they can be lovely, or gritty, or heartbreaking, or amusing. And the best of them contain elements that make them memorable as well.

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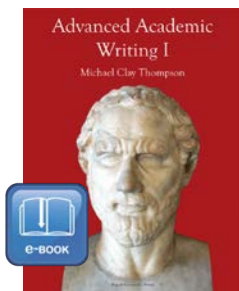
2638 Poetry and Humanity: Student Book \$37.50

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MCT Level 5: The Lens I Level

Advanced Academic Writing I



In *Advanced Academic Writing I*, students practice writing academic papers with four assignments, for which they must review their knowledge of grammar and punctuation, learn the MLA method for formatting research papers, become versed in how to structure a well-written paper, and understand standard proofreaders' marks for correcting their work. The most significant feature of this book is that it includes sample papers to illustrate good and bad writing. When students can see what is expected of them—as well as what not to do—they have a far better chance at succeeding.

The book also contains an explanation of grading expectations and ten focus points for each assignment, providing students with forty actual research paper comments from Michael's extensive archive of comments that he used most often when grading student papers—both corrective comments explaining how to fix various writing problems but also praise for aspects of writing that students did well. This is a rigorous and detailed program, essential for anyone who needs to write formal academic papers.

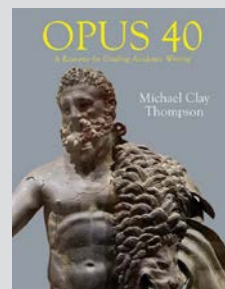
7888 Advanced Academic Writing I: Student Book \$37.50

7893 Advanced Academic Writing I: Instructor Manual \$45.00

Opus 40

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9233 Opus 40 \$40.00 \$30.00



The Time Trilogy

The Time Trilogy consists of *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain, and *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Artwork in the original edition important to the tradition of the book has been included.



8050 The Time Machine \$15.00

8067 A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court \$15.00

8074 A Christmas Carol \$15.00

8081 Time Trilogy Set with Parent Manual \$50.00

8081S Extra Set of Novels \$40.00

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– Jeanette Smith, teacher, Pleasanton, CA

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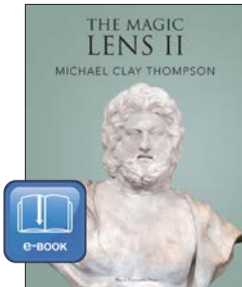
MCT Level 6: The Lens II Level

In Level 6, the Lens II Level, the grammar, vocabulary, and writing strands continue to increase in difficulty, building cumulatively on the previous level so that children are steadily reinforcing their knowledge while simultaneously expanding and deepening it. The largest step up is in the poetics book, where children are asked to consider the concept of beauty, particularly in the context of the works of Plato. Children who completed Level 5 will find this level challenging but rewarding; however, there is enough review that even children new to the program will be able to complete it.



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The Magic Lens II



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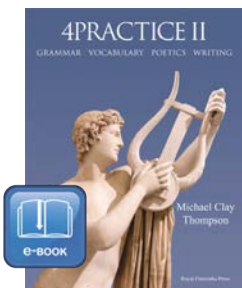
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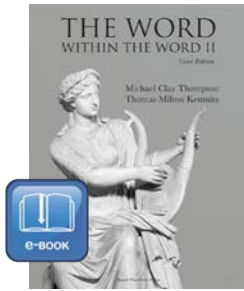
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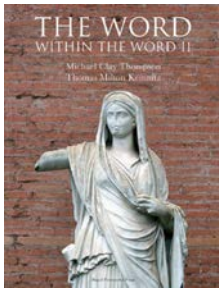
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The Word Within the Word II



The Word Within the Word II takes up where Volume I left off and continues to illustrate to students the benefits of knowing Latin and Greek stems. Once students know what a stem means, they are able to figure out the meanings of several other words that contain that stem, even if those words are ones they have never seen before. In this book, each of the thirty lessons begins with a list of stems, along with their meanings and words that contain them, followed by a list of advanced academic words that contain the stems in the list. There are ten new words in each lesson, as well as five words brought forward from *The Word Within the Word I*.

As in Volume I, there are numerous activities in each lesson, many of which simply involve reading and thinking and discussing the facts and ideas presented. Activities allow students to play with the words, to see them in context, and to understand their grammatical function.



Whereas Volume I included extensive essays about the ancient Greeks, Volume II provides substantial discussion about the Roman Republic. This is the period during which Rome rose from a small mud village ruled by kings to the most powerful entity in the Mediterranean world. The essays explore the history, people, institutions, and army that made that rise possible. There are more than one hundred photographs in the book, along with discussions of such topics as the toga, Roman food, and educational practices, in which frequent beatings were considered an aid to understanding.

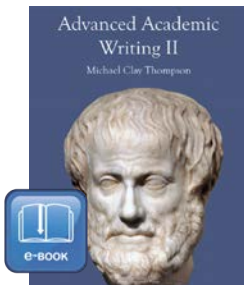
This book comes in a color edition and a black and white edition. The color edition is printed on high-quality coated paper to enhance the beautiful full-color images of the Roman Republic.

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Advanced Academic Writing II



Volume II of *Advanced Academic Writing* extends from Volume I with more elaborate MLA formatting rules to learn, more competent essay continuity to forge, more proofreaders' marks to understand, and forty more actual research paper comments to absorb. Like Volume I, there are four assignments, this time requiring students to write longer, more complex papers than those required for the previous volume. And like Volume I, this book is illustrated with plenty of examples of the kinds of papers that the students are expected to write, complete with proofreaders' marks to correct errors.

Volume II also contains the summaries of punctuation, usage, and grammar rules of Volume I for review, with additional items and comments so that students are continuing to build their knowledge of what makes a good academic essay.

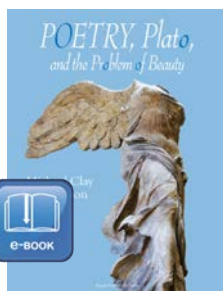
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Poetry, Plato, and the Problem of Beauty



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As with the other books in the series, this book provides an in-depth, detailed exploration of sound, meter, stanza, and figures of speech. However, students are also asked to explore concepts such as the complex world of technique and the Socratic paradox: "I only know that I know nothing." The book contains numerous quotations from Plato and Aristotle. Students will come away from this

book with a profound understanding of the illusive nature of beauty and the many ways in which poets have explored it through poetry.

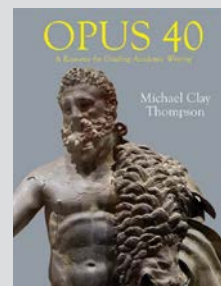
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The Fog Trilogy

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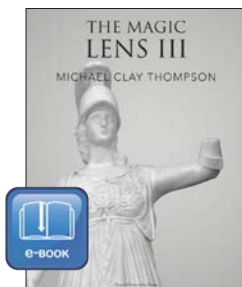
MCT Level 7: The Lens III Level

Level 7, the Lens III Level, is the highest level of the MCT language arts curriculum. Building on the previous two levels, it takes children to the most advanced concepts in grammar, vocabulary, writing, and poetics. The writing book is particularly rigorous; the focus has shifted from the “hows” of writing to the “what” of the essay. The poetics book asks children to consider the concept of truth within the context of Plato’s explorations of it. Children who complete this level will be well-prepared for the intellectual and academic demands of college and professional life.



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The Magic Lens III



The Magic Lens III is the culmination of the *Magic Lens* series, as well as Michael’s grammar curriculum. It contains more information about the grammar of the English language than any of the previous books, yet it builds on them all so that there is a cumulative effect of the knowledge gained through them. The series is entirely based on four-level sentence analysis. This analysis of parts of speech, parts of the sentence, phrases, and clauses is Michael’s original and enormously successful approach to teaching grammar. It uses his “t-models” to illustrate how sentences are constructed, exquisitely showcasing complex grammar relationships as simple but beautiful illustrations.

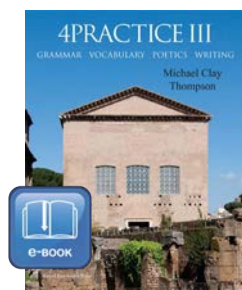
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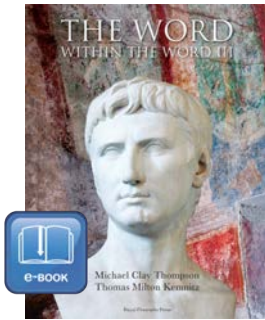
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The Word Within the Word III



The Word Within the Word III is the culmination of the series, building upon Volumes I and II and adding to them with new stems and words. Like the first two volumes, Volume III contains thirty lessons, which are structured the same way that the lessons in Volume II were set up: each lesson contains a list of stems, with meanings and example words, as well as a list of advanced academic words that contain the stems, ten of which are new and five of which are brought forward from the first two volumes.

The lessons in this book include various elements from each of the first two volumes, including stem close-ups, notes and ideas pages, reading comprehension questions, analogies, antonyms, comprehension questions about challenging readings, and invention activities, in which students are asked to play with the words in the context of creative writing.

In this volume, the historical essays feature the battle for control of Rome between the assassins of Caesar, Mark Antony, and Octavian and what the Romans did with the peace that came with the end of the civil wars, particularly Rome's development as the greatest manufacturing power the world would see until the nineteenth century. More than one hundred photographs illustrate the book, bringing ancient Rome to life.

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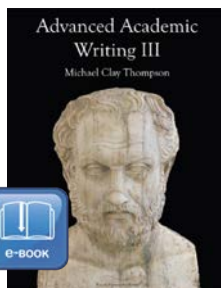
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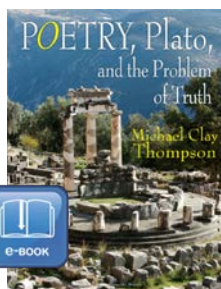
Advanced Academic Writing III not only requires longer, more complex, and more deeply documented papers of students than Volumes I and II; it also provides an exploration of intellectually advanced attitudes and understandings that differentiate the most mature and outstanding students, teaching students the excitement of aggressive research and the pleasure of participating in a scholarly tradition that has ennobled research for centuries.

This volume focuses on achieving unity in style and originality in content. It contains more elaborate MLA formatting rules, more proofreaders' marks, and forty more actual research paper comments, for a total of 120 comments for the students to absorb into their understanding of what makes a paper good and what to avoid to write well. The appendix includes an extensive list of punctuation, grammar, and usage rules and a list of common errors, all of which include and expand upon the content in the first two volumes in the series.

Students who complete Volume III will be well-prepared for any high school or college course that requires them to write papers, and they will shine in any formal writing tasks they might be asked to do in their professional lives.

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Many poems deal with the concept of truth. Great poems that stand the test of time express, at their core, something that is true. This book looks at the truth of sound, meter, and stanza and at figures of speech that explore truth through comparison. The elements discussed include everything in the previous volumes of the poetics program, as well as the most advanced techniques that poets use when constructing their poems. The truth can be slippery, and students who complete this book will come away with an advanced sense of how poets have explored the concept of truth through their poetry.

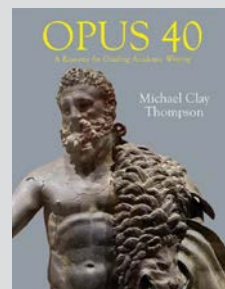
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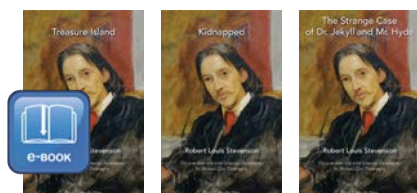
Michael has combined three of an author's most celebrated works into special author trilogies. The H.G. Wells and Stevenson Trilogies contain books that draw from other trilogies, bringing together collections for children who love, as Michael does, to find a favorite author and then delve deeply into that writer's works. The Dickens Trilogy contains one book from the Time Trilogy but two others found in no other set. These three books are among Dickens's "Christmas Stories," providing children with an inviting way of experiencing a novelist more widely known as a writer of long works. These trilogies are not included in any MCT package, but they are offered at a discounted price when purchased with a Complete Homeschool Package.

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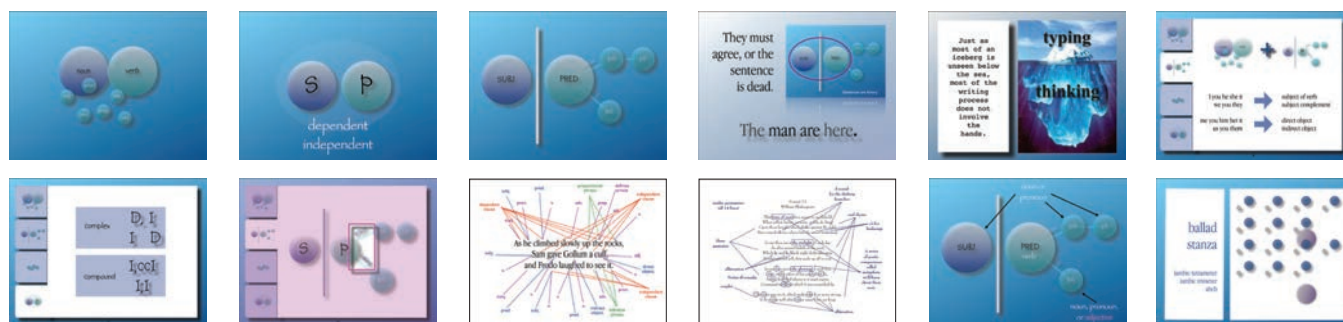
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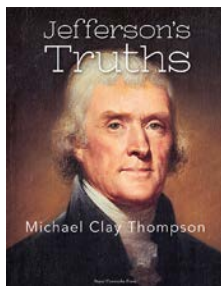
MCT Language Arts Posters

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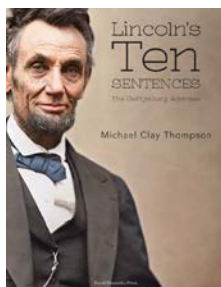


Jefferson's Truths

The Declaration of Independence is a revolutionary document that has changed the world as people have tried to live up to it. In this book, Michael shows students precisely how Jefferson used vocabulary and grammar to announce the American Revolution to England.

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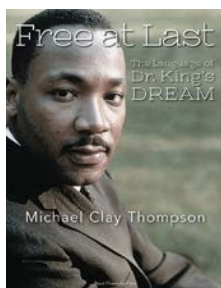


Lincoln's Ten Sentences: The Gettysburg Address

Four months after the Battle of Gettysburg, Abraham Lincoln spoke at a dedication ceremony for the National Soldiers' Cemetery. His address lasted somewhat more than a minute and contained only ten sentences—267 words—yet it was stunning in its execution. In this book, Michael analyzes the *Gettysburg Address* and Lincoln's masterful use of poetic devices, grammar, and vocabulary.

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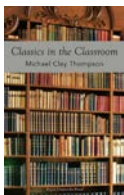
The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963 was intended to draw attention to the injustice of segregation and to push for job and economic equality, and it was on that day that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his *I Have a Dream* speech. In this book, Michael examines that speech, looking at the poetry, grammar, and vocabulary of the most important modern statement of America's commitment to the equality of its citizens.

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Classics in the Classroom



This book is an oasis of material for homeschooling parents who want their children to benefit from the education of classic literature and original source material. Michael believes that the classics are part of the heritage our civilization offers, and once students are comfortable with educated language, they love the classics and prefer them to forgettable books.

Classics in the Classroom has two parts. The first part contains Michael's approach to classic literature and how it should be taught. The second part contains a list of 1,350 titles for readers in kindergarten through graduate school. Arranged alphabetically by author, the list includes comedy, tragedy, adventure, drama, children's stories, poetry, philosophy, and history. It is cross-referenced to other distinguished reading lists and indicates books that are prize-winners.

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The Heart of the Mind

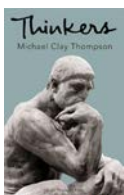


Michael approaches the topic of giftedness from a variety of angles in the thirty-nine essays in this book. Many of the essays focus on advocacy for appropriate educational experiences for gifted children, with discussions ranging from curricular content to depth, grammar, leadership, grouping, acceleration, and student choice in assignments. Some of them are satirical in nature, revealing truths by deliberately looking at falsehoods. Others investigate gifted minorities and those with learning disabilities.

Michael also provides a nice range of essays that simply describe some of the world's greatest gifted thinkers and talents, such as Rembrandt, Carl Sagan, Isaac Newton, Archimedes, Victor Jara, Rachel Carson, and the artist Gaudi, among others. Together, the essays offer a multifaceted look at giftedness in a way that no single essay could do. It is an exploration of the heart of the gifted mind.

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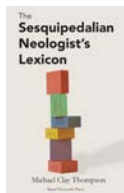


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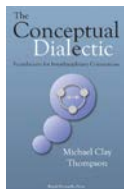
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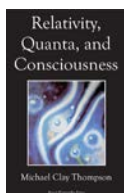
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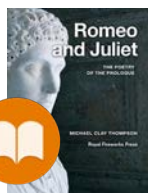
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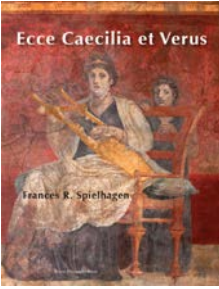


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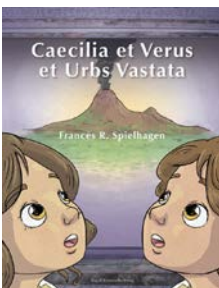
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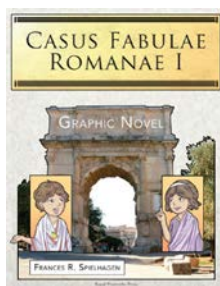
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Dr. Frances R. Spielhagen taught Latin for thirty years before becoming an academic. She is currently Professor of Education, co-founder, and co-director of the Center for Adolescent Research and Development at Mount Saint Mary College, New York.

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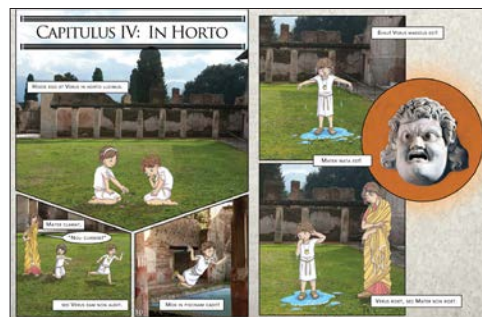
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Will has decided that the world he drew for Mark and Theo is imperfect and therefore is not worth maintaining. Mark and Theo argue against this idea, insisting that something that is not perfect can still be good. Children learn about principles originally put forth by Plato in his quest for a perfect world and Aristotle's rejection of that world. They learn how to identify a problem, make an argument, and make objections. In the process, they watch Mark and Theo work together toward a surprising conclusion that ultimately convinces Will that, though imperfect, they are perfect as they are.

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The four main philosophers presented in this book—Augustine, Anselm, Aquinas, and Pascal—are classic in the original sense: judged as having the highest value over the test of time. The characters in the story discuss and evaluate their views from atheist, Christian, and Buddhist perspectives, and throughout, they offer readers different perspectives using convincing arguments that will help to teach tolerance for the beliefs of others.



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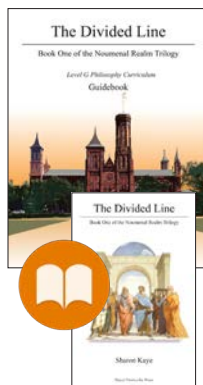
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The Divided Line (ages 11-15)

Book One of the Noumenal Realm Trilogy

by Dr. Sharon Kaye



The Divided Line is the first book in the Noumenal Realm Trilogy, which focuses on the unconventional educational initiatives of an institution called the New Smithsonian Foundation, whose aim is to educate the children of America through virtual reality experiences instead of dusty museum artifacts. In this novel, a group of middle schoolers enter famous paintings, where they meet Socrates, Plato, and René Descartes, who show them the secret to entering the Noumenal Realm. They have to interpret the paintings and the philosophers' theories in order to complete the simulations and escape from virtual reality.

The storyline of this volume focuses on the famous "Analogy of the Divided Line" from Plato's masterpiece of world literature *The Republic*. Socrates divides a line into four sections in order to show how the human mind progresses from imagination to facts to concepts to ideas. But is the goal of this progression certainty, as René Descartes argues? The young heroes of this novel discover a fatal flaw in Descartes's logic and find the goal of the Divided Line hidden in a Grecian urn instead.

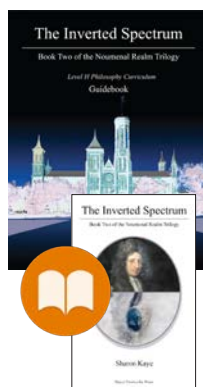
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The Inverted Spectrum (ages 12-16)

Book Two of the Noumenal Realm Trilogy

by Dr. Sharon Kaye



The Inverted Spectrum is the second book in the Noumenal Realm Trilogy. In this novel, middle schoolers Jonah and Roslyn must solve the mysterious disappearance of philosopher John Locke in order to save one of their classmates from a philosophical thought experiment gone awry. In the process, they learn about empiricism and its connection to the birth of democracy.

The storyline of this volume focuses on John Locke's famous thought experiment about a man who wakes up one morning to find that he perceives all the colors opposite of how he used to see them. This thought experiment shows that we can't know how others perceive the world. But what if other aspects of our consciousness could be inverted? The young heroes of this novel discover that consciousness is what gives human beings personal identity and a basis for political equality.

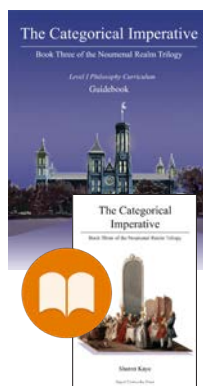
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The Categorical Imperative is the third book in the Noumenal Realm Trilogy. In this novel, middle schoolers Roslyn, Brent, and Jonah track down Jean-Jacques Rousseau, David Hume, and Immanuel Kant in order to battle skepticism and prevent the New Smithsonian Foundation from being shut down. In the end, they learn that reality is more amazing than they ever dreamed.

The storyline of this volume focuses on the European Enlightenment. While bold thinkers questioned the laws of God, the laws of nature, and the laws of civil society, Jean-Jacques Rousseau's breakthrough concept of autonomy showed that humans should obey only their own laws. But can autonomy provide a new foundation for both science and morality, as Immanuel Kant insisted? The young heroes of this novel discover what it means to obey your own laws.

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by Dr. Sharon Kaye

When TJ finds an abandoned cabin in the woods, he starts having dreams that take him back to the nineteenth century, where he meets a man living in an identical cabin, this one by Walden Pond: Henry David Thoreau. TJ soon learns that his classmate Ivy is sharing the dream with him; she is Louisa May Alcott, and he is a teen spending the summer with the Alcott family. Together they must solve the mystery of a murdered woman near Thoreau's cabin. Along the way they meet Ralph Waldo Emerson, Amos Bronson Alcott, Margaret Fuller, and William Ellery Channing.

Solving the mystery in the dream requires TJ and Ivy to learn about Transcendentalism, including the Transcendentalist's views on slavery, women's rights, and the relationship of humans to the natural world.

This information allows TJ and Ivy to solve a mystery in their waking lives of a missing painting. As he works through the mysteries, TJ finds himself with a new perspective on his real life and how he ultimately wants to live it.

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by Dr. Sharon Kaye

In this fictionalized version of philosopher John Dewey's youth, Dewey is given an opportunity to meet eminent philosopher William James. In doing so, he finds himself at a philosophers' camp, where he also meets Josiah Royce, Felix Adler, Henry Bergh, Charles Saunders Peirce, and Victoria Woodhull. From them he learns about Pragmatism, which helps to shape his ideas about democracy and its impact on social justice issues, including the rights of women, the poor, people of color, animals, and, notably, children. Dewey's ideas about education were radically different from those that were accepted at the time, and he subsequently revolutionized the American educational system.

But that was all to come. This story examines Dewey's awakening to the concepts that would propel him to eminence later in life. And in this story, he gets to feel the first stirrings of love and to solve a murder mystery. It is a fascinating and compelling tale of curiosity and discovery.

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The Original Position (ages 16 and up)

Book Three of The Dreamcatcher Trilogy



by Dr. Sharon Kaye

Gloria is a typical twenty-one-year-old living in post-World War II America when her brother Stanley goes missing. On her way to speak with his friends at Princeton University, she discovers the body of a student who has been murdered, deepening her worry for her brother's safety.

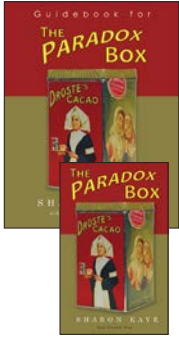
Stanley is a member of the Dreamcatcher Committee, which philosopher John Dewey has tasked with locating the next greatest philosopher—the thinker who can solve the problem of how to establish both peace and justice in society. That person will receive a special dreamcatcher from Dewey. The only problem is that, along with Stanley, the dreamcatcher is now missing.

So Gloria and the committee members head out to find both her brother and the dreamcatcher. Their search leads them to explore the philosophical theories of an array of individuals with ideas about how to achieve a society that is both peaceful and just. But the person who has the most profound theory is not who they think, and in a fascinating twist, the answer provides them with the whereabouts of both the dreamcatcher and Stanley.

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The Paradox Box (ages 17 and up)



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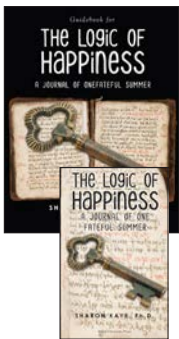
Ludwig Wittgenstein was a brilliant, intense man who published one of the most important works of logic ever written. This story, a work of historical fiction, is told by David Pinsent, a student who befriends Wittgenstein at Trinity College in England just before World War I. Despite Wittgenstein's odd mannerisms and difficult personality, he and David are welcomed into the elite intellectual circles at Cambridge, which include philosophers such as Bernard Russell, John Maynard Keynes, and G.E. Moore. In addition to his work in logic, however, Wittgenstein has developed an innovative propeller for a flying bomber, and David finds himself caught up in international intrigue as both England and Germany vie for the design to give them an advantage in the impending war.

But David and Ludwig have become intimate, and as war looms, David is forced to confront the role that their forbidden relationship plays in the risks to Wittgenstein's safety. Their story is both tragic and inspiring, and it aptly illustrates the deeply human core of philosophical ideas. This novel illuminates the complex philosophical, linguistic, and mathematical issues that engaged some of the best thinkers of the early twentieth century.

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The Logic of Happiness



by Dr. Sharon Kaye

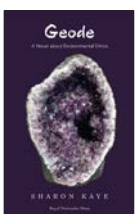
Disillusioned with college, Everett takes a position teaching philosophy to kids at a summer academy with fellow student Juniper. He uses as his curriculum an exploration of happiness as described by ten of history's most significant philosophers. This idea is sparked by a collection of readings saved by the original owner of the mansion in which the academy is housed. But along with those readings is a set of clues that lead to a rare work by an ancient Greek philosopher—a codex—that is hidden in the mansion. Everett prepares the readings for his students while solving the clues with Juniper to find the codex. What he doesn't know, however, is that he and Juniper are not the only ones on the hunt for the book.

As Everett works through the readings, he considers each philosopher's thinking about how to achieve happiness, slowly gaining clarity on what he wants for his future in the process. But the mystery of the codex takes a dark turn, and everything he thought he knew is turned upside down. Will he be able to take everything that he has learned—both the good and the bad—to build a life for himself that will bring him the most happiness?

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Geode: A Novel about Environmental Ethics



by Dr. Sharon Kaye

When Mark discovers a fish kill at a local pond, his classmate Theo introduces him to a new AI chatbot developed by her mother called ChatGEODE. GEODE is an acronym for Great Environmentalists On Demand Electronically, and this program contains a storehouse of information collected from an array of individuals who promoted various ideas about the responsibility that humans have toward the natural world. And so launches Mark's exploration into environmental ethics.

The chatbot, along with some mysterious beings in a nearby cave, provides Mark with a wealth of information—in particular, several theories about how to combat the problem of climate change. As Mark learns more, he becomes frustrated with what humans are doing with nature. But Theo, an ardent environmentalist, uses her knowledge and passion to assist Mark, first in unraveling the mystery of the beings in the cave, but also in charting a path forward as they strive to do their part to help solve the climate crisis.

This book contains an "Explore More" section at the end with excerpts of original works, as well as discussion questions that will enable students to dig deeply into the issues, allowing them to formulate their own thoughts and opinions about possible solutions to the problem of climate change.

1422 Geode: A Novel about Environmental Ethics (177 pp.) \$20.00

The Circle of Happiness

Mom's Choice Award Winner!

by Ingrid Klass

Mae is spending a day at the park with her family, which is fun...until it's not. She becomes bored and irritated by her annoying little brother and the pesky mosquitoes that abound. She believes that if only she were somewhere else, she could be happy. When a monkey appears and leads her through a circle in the air into another world, Mae is excited to begin an adventure that will help her to find happiness. Almost immediately she regrets her decision—the new world is hot and sticky and has even *more* mosquitoes. Now she thinks she would be happier back home. Mae's adventure takes a series of unexpected twists as she meets an array of colorful characters, all of whom teach her valuable lessons about what it is that will truly make her happy—no matter where she is.

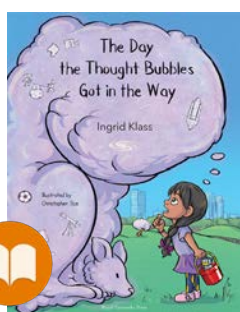
This book introduces preteens and teens to the fundamentals of Eastern philosophy in a fun and engaging way. The storyline, centered on the problem of how to find happiness, will draw them in and help them find connection with the concepts. The lessons they learn as they follow Mae on her journey will stay with them for a lifetime.

The Travel Guide follows Mae's adventures in the accompanying novel and explains the foundations of what she is learning. The characters that Mae meets are representational of several important Eastern philosophical figures, including the Buddha, Mahavira, Charvaka, Goshala, Confucius, Lao Tzu, and the Upanishadic philosophers. This guidebook provides in-depth discussions about their lives, the historical context of the time period in which they lived, and their philosophies on what it means to be happy—and what it takes to get that way. It also includes discussion questions for each chapter that will have young thinkers pondering important questions about what happiness means to them. This is a good introduction to the fundamentals of Eastern philosophy in the context of the question of how to find happiness.

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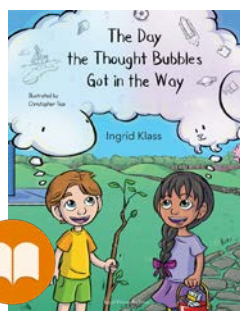
Academics' Choice Award Winner!

by Ingrid Klass

Play should be fun for Rosa and Kevin, but they find that their thoughts make them dissatisfied. This engaging story, told in rhyme, follows them as they learn how to transform their thinking so that they can be happy. Beautifully illustrated, this book leads young children into the foundations of Buddhist philosophy. Pages in the back provide an explanation of the philosophy, questions for discussion, and resources for further exploration.

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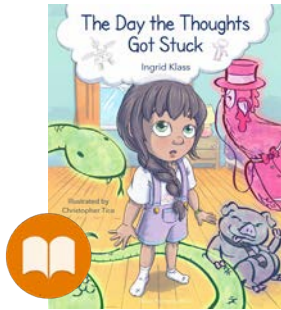


The Day the Thoughts Got Stuck

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Rosa wants a robot for her birthday, but when she doesn't get the one she wants, she finds that her angry and dissatisfied thoughts stick to her like glue, and she can't seem to get rid of them. Three unusual characters arrive, each promising to remove the negative thoughts from her head, but each one fails and in fact only serves to make the situation worse. Finally a new character appears, and it leads Rosa to the truth about how to combat ignorance, hate, and greed so that she can find happiness, even when things don't go exactly as planned. This fun story, told in rhyme, is delightfully illustrated and includes pages in the back that provide an explanation of the basics of Buddhist philosophy, questions for discussion, and resources for further explanation.



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GRAPHIC NOVEL

Who Are You Times Two

An Interactive Adventure through Eastern Philosophy

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by Ingrid Klass

Phil the philosophy monkey and Soph the tiger set off on a journey to discover the nature of identity in this creative and dynamic graphic novel written as an interactive adventure book.

Are you the same person you were yesterday? How about last week? Last year? When you were born? It would seem that you can't be the same person, and yet is there something about you that makes you you, even when everything else has changed? Does something in you stay the same? If it does, what is it?

Phil and Soph explore the philosophical theories about identity and time of twenty-three Eastern and Middle Eastern philosophers as they travel in time from place to place, trying to unravel the mystery of whether or not their hammock from an earlier time is the same as the hammock they have today. They went back and brought the hammock from the past with them to the present, so now they have two hammocks, but it's the same hammock, just from two different times, so...how many hammocks do they really have?

To complicate matters, during the course of their time traveling, they inadvertently break time, leading to two Phils and two Sophs, a past version and a present version. Who's who? Are they the same? Are they different? Only the wisdom of the philosophers can help them to decide and get back to the correct time.

This is a stunningly illustrated book that allows readers to choose which theories they want to explore. In this way, it offers something different every time someone reads it...which means it's a different book each time...except it's the same book. Actually, maybe we should ask Phil and Soph about that.

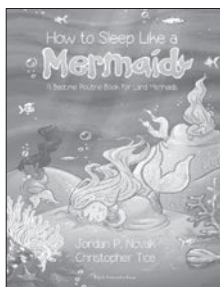
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How to Sleep Like a Mermaid

A Bedtime Routine Book for Land Mermaids



by Jordan Novak

Calling all Land Mermaids! What's a Land Mermaid? It's a mermaid who lives on land, of course! Could your child be one of them? We think so!

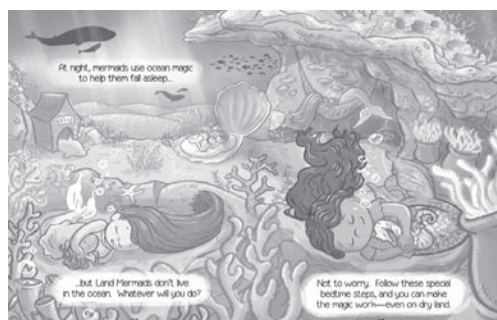
How to Sleep Like a Mermaid takes kids on a dazzlingly illustrated journey to discover the important bedtime steps that real mermaids take to get ready for sleep. This enchanting bedtime routine covers winding down, brushing teeth, and changing into pajamas, as well as a few special mermaid steps that will delight young readers and make getting ready for bed as magical as a visit to the underwater world.

Following a consistent bedtime routine has been shown to have numerous benefits for children, including helping kids fall asleep faster and more easily, improving sleep quality, supporting emotional well-being, and enhancing family bonding. Using a mermaid bedtime routine can make the experience even more special, adding a sense of serenity and helping to create treasured bedtime memories for years to come.

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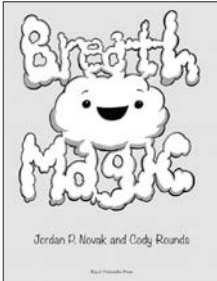
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There is an instructor guidebook to go with this book.

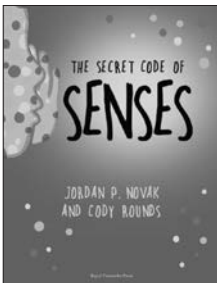
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by Jordan Novak and Cody Rounds



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become happier and more mindful of both what is happening around them and what is going on within.

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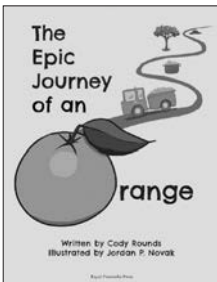
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by Cody Rounds



Most of us eat without thinking much about it. In fact, we're usually doing something else at the same time, such as watching TV or reading or playing on our phones. Eating mindfully enables us to become more aware of the food that nurtures us, and it allows us to appreciate, not just the food itself, but the time and effort that so many people put forth in order to get that food to us. A simple snack such as an orange is not in fact simple at all when children learn the extraordinary journey that it made to go from a seed to a tree to a fruit, then from an orange grove to a truck to a distribution factory to a grocery store and more. A surprising number of people are involved in every stage of

the orange's journey. When children know that, when they appreciate all that is involved, they can spend some time enjoying their food, exploring its tastes and textures—and, not unimportantly, how it makes them feel after they've eaten it. Mindful eating offers benefits of more than just awareness and focus but also of gratitude and appreciation, which all of us—not just our children—could use a little more of.

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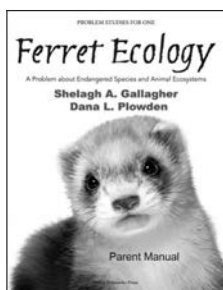
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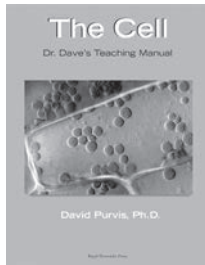
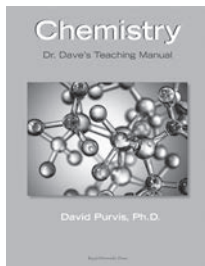
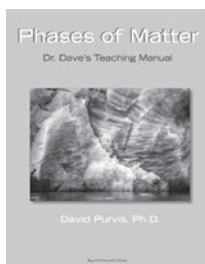
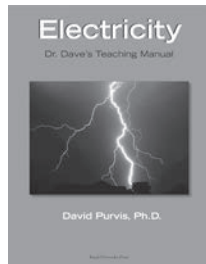
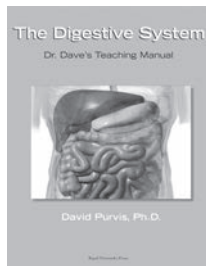
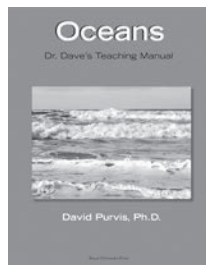
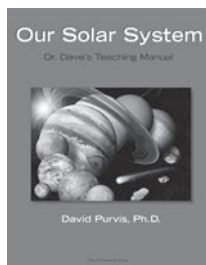
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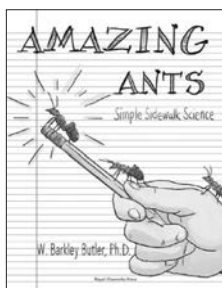


by Laurel M. Dodge

This book introduces the idea that all families, wherever they live, can find a "wild spot" to study, allowing them to observe plants, animals, insects, and more, as well as the changing seasons. With wonderful illustrations and examples, Laurel Dodge, an expert in environmental studies, writes with passion and sensitivity. She discusses how to find places to explore, how to go at a pace appropriate for children to connect with what they see, how to record and identify what you find, how to cooperate with others, and how to develop nature study as an enriching part of family life. She writes, "The strongest influences on children's lives are the actions and values of their families. A family that demonstrates its values by getting outside, getting moving, and getting engaged with nature teaches compassion, conservation, and curiosity with every step. It is up to you to show your family what you value."

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Amazing Ants: Simple Sidewalk Science

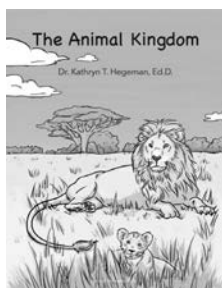


by Dr. W. Barkley Butler

Ants are an interesting and convenient introduction to science for young people who want to learn about the process of science and the design of scientific experiments, as well as those interested in biology. Dr. Butler guides students through the process of developing a series of experiments with ants—one of the easiest live animals to acquire and use in a scientific setting. The book includes information about how to find, bait, and identify ants; how to conduct experiments using ants; how to analyze and present the data gathered; resources for further exploration; and more. Although it is written for the students themselves, it also contains an instructor section with sample exercises for classes of students, as well as advice for keeping ant colonies to enable students to continue their study of ants all year long.

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The Animal Kingdom



by Dr. Kathryn T. Hegeman

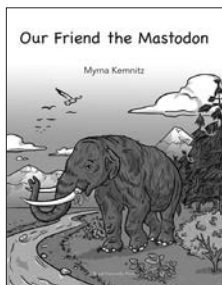
This book contains ten units featuring ten different animals—one for each month of the school year—with activity plans and animal record sheets for each animal. Each unit also covers such topics as animals' food, habitat, and adaptations. Comparisons among animals are encouraged by a life-span chart, a "My Favorite Animal" sheet, and an "Imagine You Are an Animal" sheet. A teacher manual is available to help instructors guide children to get the most out of the student book.

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Our Friend the Mastodon



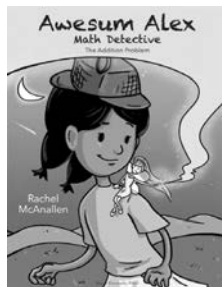
by Myrna Kemnitz

Mastodons provide the most common large fossil in the United States. Their bones are found everywhere, and the skeletons are often nearly complete. This book will help young children gain the most from visits to museums and other venues where they are likely to find an exhibit of mastodon bones. This is a fun book of reading, writing, thinking, and drawing.

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Awesum Alex: The Addition Problem



by Dr. Rachel McAnallen and Carol Ann Williams

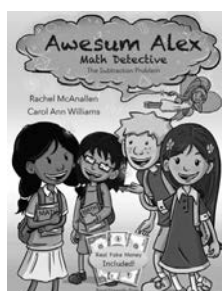
Alex, a precocious fifth-grade math detective, embarks on a mathematical mystery. The adventure leads her to question the tradition of adding the right-hand column of numbers first in an addition problem and opens up a new understanding for her about the ways in which we do math.

This elementary math text welcomes children into the story and provides them with valuable information that they are unlikely to find just about anywhere else. Rachel McAnallen and Carol Ann Williams are two of America's most creative and innovative math educators and teacher trainers, and in the accompanying implementation manual, they explain how to make addition at once comprehensible and exciting to children.

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Awesum Alex: The Subtraction Problem



by Dr. Rachel McAnallen and Carol Ann Williams

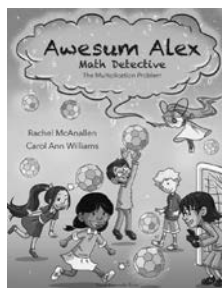
Gray is apprehensive about her first day at her new school, until she meets Pi, a tiny math guru who assures her that she will meet and befriend other mathematically precocious students like herself. Mrs. Googol-Plex's classroom is a magical place where Gray, Alex, and friends learn simple and surprising new ways to understand subtraction.

Because the characters in the story learn about subtraction primarily through the use of money, this book comes with a packet of fake money that children can use to practice with.

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Awesum Alex: The Multiplication Problem



by Dr. Rachel McAnallen and Carol Ann Williams

Emerson is starting the year at a new school, and he has all of the usual apprehensions plus one more: he is dyslexic, and he struggles with letters and numbers "jumping around" on him. Fortunately for him, he's been assigned to Mrs. Googol-Plex's classroom, where he is quickly befriended by Alex and her friends. This year the children are learning multiplication, and Emerson discovers that calling numbers by their place value names is a critical step in overcoming his dyslexia in math, not to mention understanding the true concepts behind mathematical reasoning.

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Awesum Alex Set

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by Bill McCandliss and Dr. Albert Watson

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The Grade 4 Math Challenge book contains 36 problems, with four extension problems, called "Looking-Back Questions," for each one, for a total of 180 problems. The looking-back questions build on the main problem and on one another, allowing students to use the problem-solving strategies in progressively more complex and challenging ways. The

Grade 5 and Grade 6 Math Challenge books contain 50 problems each, which get increasingly difficult as children progress through the books.

The problems in all of the books contain up to four hints for solving each problem. The hints contain one or more of several problem-solving strategies designed to help children figure out the steps necessary to arrive at a solution. However, most of the problems can be solved in a variety of ways, and children are encouraged to use the strategies that work best for them.

The topics covered include sets, numbers and numeration, operations, algebra, geometry, measurement, and probability and statistics. The focus is heavily on mathematical reasoning, as well as on problem-solving skills that can be applied in a variety of contexts, making this a true problem-solving program.

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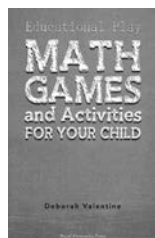
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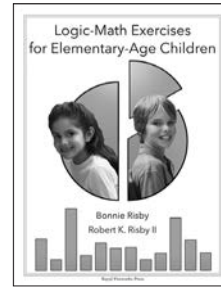
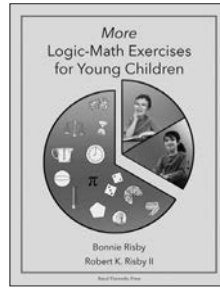
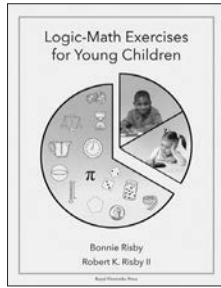
by Deborah Valentine



This book is a compendium of dozens of activities and games to play with young children to enhance their awareness of and ability in math. They offer a fun way for children to discover that math is all around them and that basic computation and estimation skills are essential to navigating life in the real world. The activities are easy to understand and quick to implement. This is an invaluable resource for parents who want to raise children who are comfortable using math in their everyday lives!

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Logic-Math Exercises for Young Children More Logic-Math Exercises for Young Children Logic-Math Exercises for Elementary-Age Children

by Bonnie Risby and Robert K. Risby II

The Logic-Math books are designed to develop critical-thinking skills in children through exercises involving math concepts. These concepts include number signs, counting, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percent, graphs, geometry, volume, and more, as well as number concepts that are involved in such topics as time and money. The exercises involve organizing information, sequencing, pattern decoding, understanding relationships, inferring, solving analogies, and deducing, all presented in a format designed to appeal to young children. The first two books in the series are for students in grades K-2. Many of the lessons are pictorial, with simple instructions that can be read to pre-literate children. The third book is for children in grades 3-4. All of the books include exercises in a range of challenge levels that will enable children to experience both success and the struggle that makes success more satisfying. Children of all ability levels will enjoy the challenges in these books and will soon be applying their critical-thinking skills to other areas of learning and life.

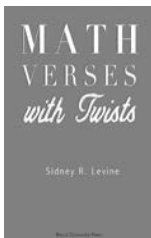
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5936 Math Verses with Twists (120 pp.) \$15.00

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by Robert Black

In this trilogy of mathematical fiction, Robert Black mixes his narrative with a series of pre-algebra-level math puzzles, using storytelling as a way of communicating math concepts. The heroine Lennie Miller finds herself roped into the role of "Pattern Finder," solving problems for a group of mathematically challenged monsters. The readers receive all the information needed to solve the problems at the same time Lennie does, and they can then try to solve the problems themselves or follow along as Lennie and her friend Gil find the solutions. But the path to those solutions isn't always the simplest or most direct one. Lennie runs into complications along the way, which not only makes for a more interesting story but also illustrates some often-neglected truths about problem solving. The aim of the novels is to present math concepts in a memorable and entertaining way, taking readers through the full experience of mathematical discovery.

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Florence Nightingale: The Lady with the Diagrams

by Robert Black

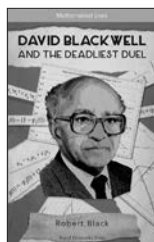
Florence Nightingale is known for her revolutionary impact on medicine. She transformed the hospital system and reformed the nursing profession. She was known internationally as the woman with the lantern who visited sick and wounded soldiers at night to soothe and comfort them. But what most people don't know is that Nightingale's influence went far beyond the medical profession. In an effort to make the results of her research on disease and death rates accessible to people, she began creating diagrams—visual tools to allow people to see beyond the simple numbers they were reading in order to understand the true nature of what those numbers conveyed. The "Lady with the Lamp" can also be credited as the "Lady with the Diagrams" for her work in pioneering ways for mathematicians and statisticians to present bare facts as intelligible truths.

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A Mathical Book Prize Honor Book



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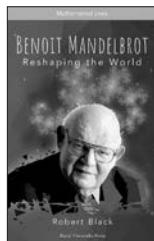


by Robert Black

In the late 1830s, an Englishman named Charles Babbage designed a computing machine called the Analytical Engine that would be, in effect, the first computer. Although he had not yet built it, his idea caught the attention of several scientists. One, from Italy, wrote about the machine in detail, and a London editor wanted that information translated. For that he turned to a countess named Ada Lovelace. Lovelace had worked hard to study advanced mathematics at levels that were rare for women during that era. She knew Babbage and understood the Analytical Engine, so she not only translated the information about it; she added detailed notes that explained the machine in plainer language. And, more importantly, she went even further than Babbage had and expressed some breakthrough ideas that are at the foundations of modern computer science.

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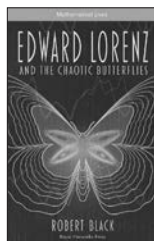
by Robert Black

Benoit Mandelbrot was a Polish Jew who escaped Nazism to become one of the most important mathematicians of the twentieth century. He had a talent for envisioning geometric solutions to mathematical problems, and his ability to find connections among seemingly unrelated subjects led him to the discovery of fractal geometry. His work at IBM with the first computers enabled him to explore and expand upon his ideas, opening up an amazing new mathematical realm. Others took what he did and applied it to new areas, such as economics, telecommunications, medicine, biology, and even art, and his work was the foundation for the development of smartphone antennas, movie animation magic, and much more.

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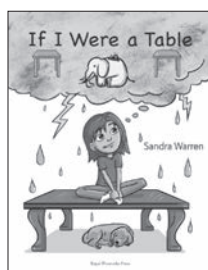
The Bird and the Bear is a story about the power of friendship. It is filled with endearing and engaging illustrations and includes guiding questions at the end.

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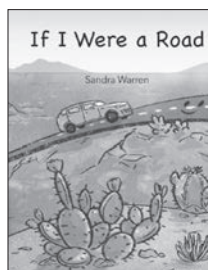


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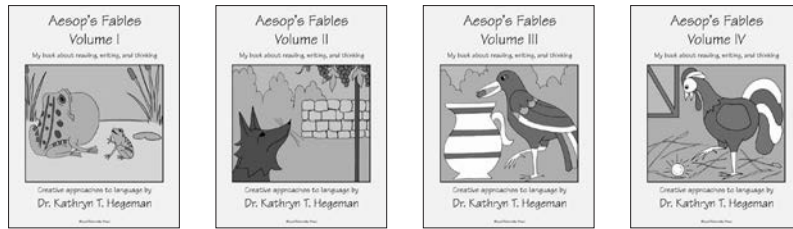
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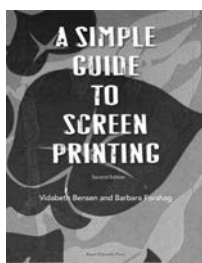
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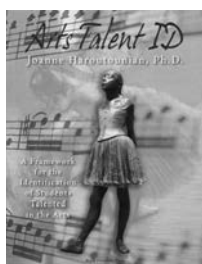


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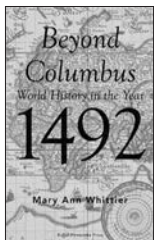
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by Mary Ann Whittier

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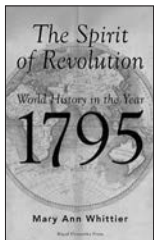
There was much more happening in 1492, including events of notable significance. And those events weren't only occurring in Spain and America; they were occurring all over the world—politically, socially, culturally, technologically, artistically, architecturally, religiously, and more. So why do most children learn little more than that "In fourteen hundred ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue"? It's a narrow, stripped-down, simplified fact that leaves out much of the important history that was unfolding in all parts of the world.

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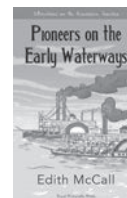
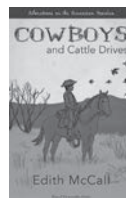
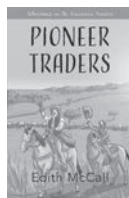
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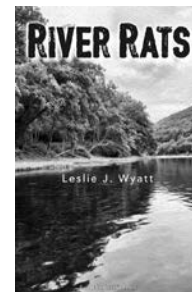
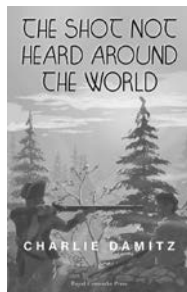
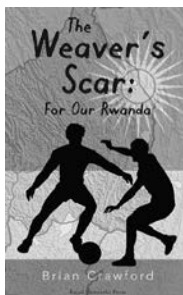


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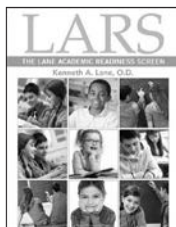


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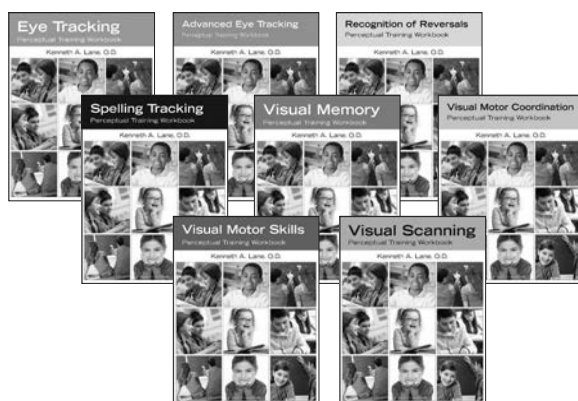
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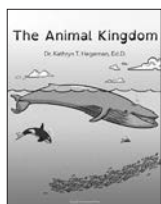
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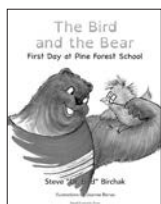


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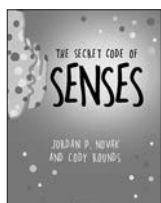


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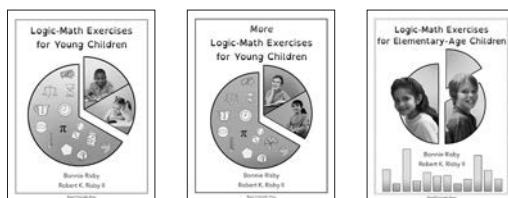


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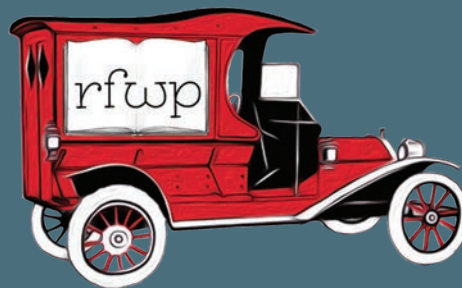
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