Parent's Guide | Questions and Answers

Name

ATOS Book Levels (ZPD Range)

Interest Level
(tick one)

☐ **UY**
Upper Years
Ages 14 and above

| 18 |
| 17 |
| 16 |
| 15 |
| 14 |

MY+ ☐
Middle Years Plus
Ages 12 and above

☐ **MY**
Middle Years
Ages 9–13

| 13 |
| 12 |
| 11 |
| 10 |
| 9 |

☐ **LY**
Lower Years
Ages 5–8

| 8 |
| 7 |
| 6 |
| 5 |

Dear Parent or Guardian,

There are many things you can do to help your child become a better reader:

- Read with your child.
- Start a home library.
- Ask questions about the books your child has read.

When you make learning a family affair, there's no limit to the success your child can achieve!

Selecting the right books for your child to read is easier than ever.

Visit www.arbookfind.co.uk to access Accelerated Reader Bookfinder.
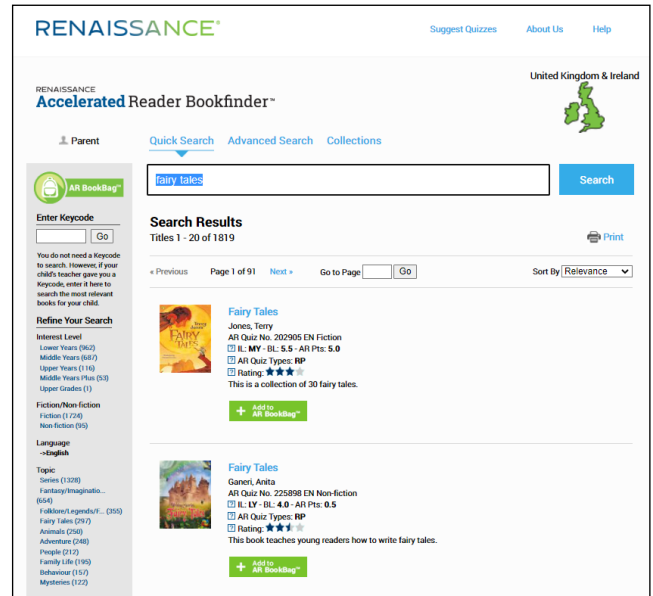
With just a few clicks, you can search for titles at the appropriate level that your child will find interesting and enjoyable.

Find Books and Create Book Lists in Seconds!

Quick Search

To use the Quick Search tab in Accelerated Reader Bookfinder:

1. Go to **www.arbookfind.co.uk**.

2. Click the **Quick Search** tab (on the top of the page).

3. Type a book title, author, topic or quiz number into the blank field.

4. Click **Search**.

5. To narrow the results, select any of the options on the left of the screen under **Refine Your Search**. You can continue to refine your search until you get your desired results.

6. To create a book list from the titles you have found, click **Add to AR BookBag** below the description of any book you want to add to your list.
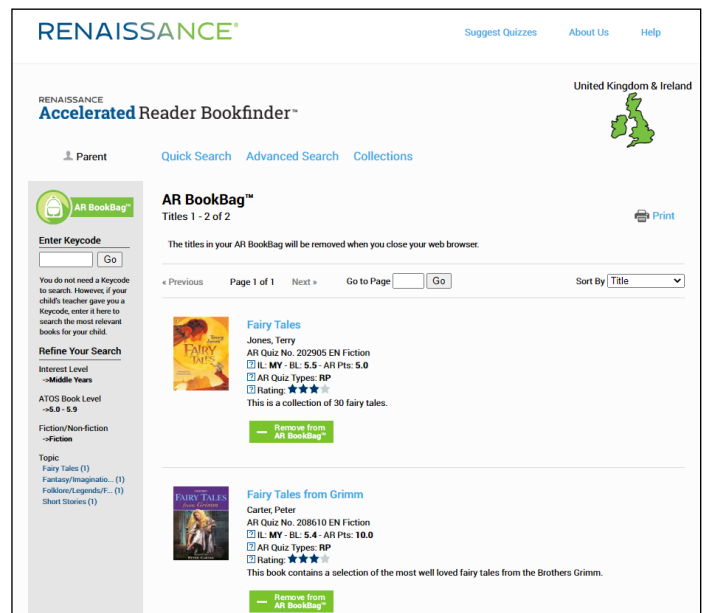
AR BookBag

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

Accelerated Reader Bookfinder Help

For information about specific features of Accelerated Reader Bookfinder, click **Help** in the upper-right corner.

Refine Your Search to Zero In on Specific Books

Advanced Search

The Advanced Search tab allows you to refine your search. Here you can enter more search criteria such as ATOS book level, interest level, topics/subtopics and fiction/non-fiction to get more specific results.

1. Click the **Advanced Search** tab (on the top of the page).

2. To determine the parameters of your search, select **Contains**, **Starts With** or **Exact Match**.

3. Select your search criteria and click **Search**.

   To be sure that the results are appropriate for your child, we recommend that you enter your child's ZPD range. The ZPD range is provided by your child's teacher or librarian. The ZPD range may be written on the first page of this document.

   When you enter a ZPD range, you are also required to select an interest level just above that range.

   Click the question mark icon for more information on ATOS book levels, ZPD ranges, and interest levels.

   If you are uncertain what books may interest your child, choose a topic and a subtopic to see a list of book categories.

4. When AR Bookfinder returns your list of search results, you can narrow the results list by selecting any of the options on the left of the screen under **Refine Your Search** (not shown). You can continue to refine your search until you get your desired results.

5. You can add any of these books to your AR BookBag.

Collections

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

1. Click the **Collections** tab (on the top of the page).

2. Select a collection and continue to click on your choices until you locate the desired book list.

What Kids Are Reading	Literacy Across the Curriculum	Awards	Reading Promotions	myON Books	PiXL Spine
The books found using the What Kids Are Reading collection come from Renaissance's publication, *What Kids Are Reading*. To see the titles in rank order or to simply learn more about this exciting report, please visit: http://www.whatkidsarereading.co.uk	View books related to NLT science recommendations.	View some of the most commonly referenced award lists.	View collections from reading promotions.	View myON books that have Accelerated Reader quizzes.	View books associated with PiXL Spine.

If you have questions about Accelerated Reader Bookfinder or how to best help support your child's reading practice, please contact your child's teacher and/or librarian.

What Is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at their own level and reads it at their own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz shows that your child understood what was read.) Accelerated Reader gives children, teachers and librarians feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher and librarian then use to help your child set targets and direct ongoing reading practice.

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

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

- Choose another book that is more appropriate.
- Ask more probing questions as your child reads and before your child takes a quiz.
- Pair your child with another pupil.
- Have the book read to your child.

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

What Is the ATOS Book Level?

Book level represents the difficulty of the text. Book levels are determined using the ATOS readability formula. The ATOS readability formula is applied to all the text that appears in a book and looks at three things: average sentence length, average word length, and word difficulty level. The higher book level a book has, the more difficult it will to read. ATOS book levels are consistent, reliable and objective measures of text complexity, but they do not take the plot or themes of the book into account. The interest level will give you a recommendation of the appropriateness of the content.

What Is the Interest Level?

The interest level attached to the book indicates age group appropriateness. Interest level is based on a book's content including theme, characterisation and plot. The interest levels are based on the recommendations of the publisher and/or literary book reviews by professional organisations. However, the final decision on whether the content of a book is appropriate for a particular child is left to parents, school librarians and teachers.

To help you choose the books most appropriate for your children, Accelerated Reader Quizzes are divided into four interest levels:

- LY (Lower Years, Ages 5–8)
- MY (Middle Years, Ages 9–13)
- MY+ (Middle Years Plus, Ages 12 and above)
- UY (Upper Years, Ages 14 and above)

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