

The
TOWER of
BOOKS
Challenge

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Get to STACKIN'!

20-Book Challenge

CATEGORY
LISTS

Name _____

The **Tower^{of} BOOKS** Challenge

DIRECTIONS: To accomplish The Tower of Books Challenge, you must read the correct number of books from each category below. After reading one, check off a box. Then add a cut-out-book to your stack! (You do not have to complete the categories in order.)

category:

- ☐ ☐ 2 Picture BOOKS by the same author
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS from one series you've not read
- ☐ ☐ 2 Informational BOOKS on the same topic
- ☐ ☐ 2 Caldecott or Newbery Medal BOOKS
- ☐ 1 Collection of POEMS
- ☐ 1 Fairy Tale
- ☐ 1 Folktale
- ☐ 1 MYSTERY
- ☐ 1 Historical Fiction BOOK
- ☐ 1 Biography
- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Magazine or Newspaper Articles
- ☐ 1 "Your Choice" Chapter BOOK
- ☐ 1 "Your Choice" Picture BOOK
- ☐ 1 "Your Choice" Informational BOOK

= 20 BOOKS!

The "original" Edition

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category:

- ☐ ☐ ☐ 3 Nonfiction/Informational BOOKS
 - ☐ 1 Biography or Autobiography
- ☐ ☐ 2 Realistic Fiction BOOKS
- ☐ ☐ 2 Fantasy BOOKS
 - ☐ 1 Adventure Book
 - ☐ 1 Historical Fiction Book
 - ☐ 1 Science Fiction Book
 - ☐ 1 Mystery
 - ☐ 1 Comedy/Humorous Book
 - ☐ 1 Collection of Poems
- ☐ ☐ 2 Fairy Tales
- ☐ ☐ 2 Folktales or Legends
 - ☐ 1 Myth/Mythology Book
 - ☐ 1 Graphic Novel/Comic Book

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The "Genres only" Edition

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category:

- ☐ ☐ 2 Poems
- ☐ ☐ 1 Rhyming Picture Book
- ☐ ☐ 2 Fiction Picture Books
- ☐ ☐ 2 Nonfiction Picture Books
- ☐ ☐ 2 Chapter Books/Novels
- ☐ ☐ 1 Short Story
- ☐ ☐ 1 Graphic Novel or Comic Book
- ☐ ☐ 1 Instruction Manual
- ☐ ☐ 1 Recipe
- ☐ ☐ 1 Audio Book
- ☐ ☐ 2 Magazine Articles
- ☐ ☐ 1 News Article
- ☐ ☐ 2 Website Articles
- ☐ ☐ 1 Blog Post

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The "Format Variety" Edition

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category:

- ☐ 1 BOOK With the word "one" in the title
- ☐ 1 BOOK With the word "two" in the title
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a 3-word title
- ☐ 1 Informational BOOK about a tiny animal
- ☐ 1 Informational BOOK about an enormous animal
- ☐ 1 PICTURE BOOKS With talking animals
- ☐ 1 CHAPTER BOOK With talking animals
- ☐ 1 Informational BOOK With strange-but-true facts
- ☐ 1 COMIC BOOK
- ☐ 1 HOW-TO BOOK
- ☐ 1 PICTURE BOOK that rhymes
- ☐ 1 BIOGRAPHY of a person who is still alive
- ☐ 1 BIOGRAPHY of a person who lived a LONG time ago
- ☐ 1 BOOK Set during the winter
- ☐ 1 BOOK Set during the summer
- ☐ 1 "Fractured" FAIRY TALE
- ☐ 1 BOOK that looks SILLY
- ☐ 1 "Your Choice" Informational BOOK
- ☐ 1 "Your Choice" PICTURE BOOK
- ☐ 1 "Your Choice" CHAPTER BOOK

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"Quirky Categories" Edition

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category:

- ☐ 1 BOOK With "quirky," "weird," "strange," or "odd" in the title
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a glossy (shiny) book jacket
- ☐ 1 BOOK that is (or almost) falling apart
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a cover that is mainly black
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a cover that is mainly white
- ☐ 1 BOOK from a series that has at least 11 books
- ☐ 1 Informational Book/Article about a movie star or an actual star
- ☐ 1 Informational Book/Article about something extinct or that stinks
- ☐ 1 Informational Book/Article about rocks, clocks, or peacocks
- ☐ 1 BOOK involving a sport you do NOT play
- ☐ 1 BOOK involving a place you have NOT visited
- ☐ 1 BOOK in which the last numbered page ends in a 4
- ☐ 1 BOOK With dialogue (characters talking) on the first page of text
- ☐ 1 BOOK With an exclamation mark on the first page of text!
- ☐ 1 BOOK set in outer space
- ☐ 1 BOOK set underground
- ☐ 1 BOOK about which a movie has been made
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a copyright year of last year
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a copyright year of your birth year
- ☐ 1 BOOK you've read about a zillion times because you love it so much

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"Even Quirkier" Edition

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category:

* Use the front and back cover to help determine if a book fits a category.

- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS With ONE main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With TWO main characters
- ☐ 1 BOOK With FOUR main characters
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS With a character's name in the title
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS With a main character who looks DIFFERENT than YOU
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a BOY main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a GIRL main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a main character with glasses
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS With main characters who are siblings
- ☐ ☐ 2 BOOKS With main characters who are friends
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a fish main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a bird main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a bug main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a dog main character
- ☐ 1 BOOK With a mouse main character

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The "Characters" Edition

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category:

- ☐ 1 BOOK by Eric Carle
 - ☐ 1 BOOK by Kevin Henkes
 - ☐ 1 BOOK by Arnold Lobel
 - ☐ 1 BOOK by Mo Willems
 - ☐ 1 BOOK by Cynthia Rylant
 - ☐ 1 BOOK by Tomie dePaola
 - ☐ 1 BOOK by Jan Brett
 - ☐ 1 BOOK by Denise Fleming
 - ☐ 1 BOOK by Steve Jenkins
 - ☐ 1 BOOK by Nic Bishop
 - ☐ 1 BOOK by April Pulley Sayre
 - ☐ 1 ALPHABET BOOK
 - ☐ 1 STORY that Rhymes
 - ☐ 1 BOOK of POEMS
 - ☐ 1 FAIRY TALE
 - ☐ 1 CALDECOTT Medal BOOK
 - ☐ 2 Your Choice: Fictional BOOKS
 - ☐ 2 Your Choice: Informational BOOKS
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Primary "AUTHOR FOCUS" Edition

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category:

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- ☐ 1 BOOK by Kevin Henkes
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Arnold Lobel
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Mo Willems
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Cynthia Rylant
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Tomie dePaola
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Dr. Seuss
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Doreen Cronin
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Jan Brett
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Denise Fleming
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Bill Martin Jr.
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Lois Ehlert
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Ezra Jack Keats
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Jonathan London
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Chris Raschka
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Laura Numeroff
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Robert Munsch
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Steve Jenkins
- ☐ 1 BOOK by Nic Bishop
- ☐ 1 BOOK by April Pulley Sayre

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Primary "Authors Only" Edition

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category:

- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Jane Yolen
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Patricia Polacco
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Jon Scieszka
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Eve Bunting
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Chris Van Allsburg
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Margie Palatini
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by William Steig
- ☐ 1 Informational Book by Seymour Simon
- ☐ 1 Informational Book by Gail Gibbons
- ☐ 1 Book of Poetry by Shel Silverstein
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Kate DiCamillo
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Andrew Clements
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Bill Wallace
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Roald Dahl
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Avi
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Louis Sachar
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Beverly Cleary
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
OR Katherine Paterson
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Peg Kehret
OR Jerry Spinelli
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Laura Ingalls Wilder
OR Gary Paulsen

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Intermediate "Author FOCUS" Edition

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category:

- ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Kate DiCamillo
- ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Andrew Clements
- ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Bill Wallace
- ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Roald Dahl
- ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Avi
- ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Louis Sachar
- ☐ 2 Chapter BOOKS by Beverly Cleary
 - ☐ 1 Chapter BOOK by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
 - ☐ 1 Chapter BOOK by Peg Kehret
 - ☐ 1 Chapter BOOK by Katherine Paterson
 - ☐ 1 Chapter BOOK by Jerry Spinelli
 - ☐ 1 Chapter BOOK by Laura Ingalls Wilder
OR Gary Paulsen
- ☐ 1 Newbery Medal Book

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"Chapter BOOKS ONLY" Edition

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category:

- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by David Wiesner
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by David Small
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Steven Kellogg
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Lane Smith
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Kadir Nelson
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Jon J. Muth
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Barbara Cooney
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Brian Pinkney
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by G. Brian Karas
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Bryan Collier
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by David Diaz
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by David Macaulay
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Erin E. Stead
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Jon Klassen
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by C. F. Payne
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Christopher Myers
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Marjorie Priceman
- ☐ 1 BOOK Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman

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"Picture Book Illustrators" Edition

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category:

- ☐ 1 BOOK BY MEM FOX
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY JEANNIE BAKER
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY MARGARET WILD
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY PAMELA ALLEN
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY LIBBY GLEESON
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY BOB GRAHAM
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY ALISON LESTER
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY JACKIE FRENCH
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY JENNY WAGNER
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY STEPHEN MICHAEL KING
- ☐ 1 BOOK BY NICK BLAND
- ☐ 1 ALPHABET BOOK
- ☐ 1 STORY THAT RHYMES
- ☐ 1 BOOK OF POEMS
- ☐ 1 FAIRY TALE
- ☐ 1 CBCA "BOOK OF THE YEAR" BOOK
- ☐ 2 YOUR CHOICE: FICTIONAL BOOKS
- ☐ 2 YOUR CHOICE: INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

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Primary "AUSTRALIAN AUTHORS" Edition

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category:

- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Shaun Tan
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Gary Crew
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by John Heffernan
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Jeannie Baker
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Colin Thompson
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Toby Riddle
- ☐ 1 Picture Book by Margaret Wild
- ☐ 1 Informational Book by Roland Harvey OR Alan Tucker
- ☐ 1 Informational Book by Anthony Hill OR Carole Wilkinson
- ☐ 1 Book of Poetry by Stephen Herrick
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Isabelle Carmody
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Emily Rodda
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Morris Gleitzman
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Paul Jennings
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Colin Thiele
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Andy Griffiths OR Jackie French
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Libby Hathorn OR Diana Kidd
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Catherine Jinks OR Sonya Hartnett
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Glenda Millard OR John Marsden
- ☐ 1 Chapter Book by Anna Fienberg OR Robyn Klein

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Intermediate "Australian Authors" Edition