Finding the Right Book

Books that are too easy or too hard can instantly decrease motivation, so finding a book that is the right fit for your reader increases their chances of success. Using the chart, find the reading and interest levels that are most likely to match your student.

Interest Level

The number in the Interest Level column represents grade levels. For example, 4+ means a reader in fourth grade or higher will enjoy the story. The higher the grade level, the more likely you will find mature content.

Accelerated Reader Points

If your student's school uses Accelerated Reader (AR) as a reading incentive program, they may want to know how many points they can earn by reading a certain book. Check with the teacher if you are unsure if the school uses AR. Sometimes AR points are factored into a student's English, Language Arts or Reading grade. This might add to the motivation for reading any of the books on the list.

AR Book Levels

AR book levels can help you find a book that fits your student's ability and therefore increase the chance that he or she will enjoy reading it. The teacher might know the student's AR level, but if not, the first number is the grade level and the second number is the month. So, for example, a book level of 4.3 is "fourth grade, third month." This means the *average* reader in the third month of fourth grade should be able to read this book without any help.

AR book levels will give you an idea of how easy or how hard the text might be. Check www.arbookfind.com for any book your student wants to read for the Book Level and possible points.

Lexile Range

Check your student's school reports or contact the teacher to see if they know your student's Lexile Level, then offer books that are near that number.

Remember, though, that numerical measures of a book or reader are, at best, guesses of a book's appropriateness. Let the reader's interest in the topic and your knowledge of the reader's history be your best guide.

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Title	Character Identity	AR Points	AR Book Level	Lexile Level	Interest Level	Notes
Adaptation	L, G, B	15	5.5	790	9+	
Archenemy	L	2	4.5	720	7+	
Avengers: The Children's Crusade	G	*	*	*	8+	Marvel Comics
Better Nate Than Ever	G	9	5.9	930	4+	
Between You and Me	L	*	*	740	6+	
Drama	G, B	1	2.3	400	6+	Graphic Novel
Fat Angie	L	8	4.7	660	9+	cutting, body image, grief
Happy Families	T (M-F)	*	*	*	6+	
If You Could be Mine	L, G,T (F-M), T(M-F)	8	4.5	670	9+	
Kevin Keller	G	*	*	*	6+	Archie Comics
Kevin Keller: Drive me crazy	G	*	*	*	6+	Archie Comics
My mixed-up berry blue summer	L	3	3.9	570	4+	
See You at Harry's	G	7	3.6	600	6+	
Tessa Masterson will go to Prom	L	9	5.4	830	8+	

L=lesbian, G=gay (male), T=transgender, (F-M)=female to male, (M-F)=male to female, B=bisexual

*Not all books have AR book levels or Lexile Levels assigned to them.