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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
"Repeated and monitored oral reading most effectively improves reading fluency and overall reading achievement."

-Put Reading First (Second Edition)

#### NATIONAL READING PANEL

"Fluency is the crucial bridge between word recognition and comprehension. And repeated oral readings are a key method for building fluency in all students."

-Teaching Children to Read

Reader's Theater Methodology Is a Research-Based and Approved Method of Teaching Reading Fluency and Comprehension, Meeting Over 50 Common Core Standards for English Language Arts, Literacy, and Most State Language Arts Standards!

Reader's Theater is a method of reading a story aloud, like a play, without memorization, props, or a stage. Students are each assigned a character role and read their part with expression, meaning, and enthusiasm.

#### **Benefits:**

- It's an easy-to-implement, fun, and engaging reading enrichment activity in the form of scripts/plays that do not require memorization, props, or a stage.
- It is fun for students! Students love it, and it promotes cooperative interaction with peers and makes the reading task appealing.
- Plays inherently come with built-in strategies to help students read better. The acting out of story dialogue compels readers to work more closely with the text to interpret and project meaning into the experience. As a result, students show improvement in vocabulary, comprehension, and retention.
- Research also shows four repeated readings sufficiently improve reading fluency. Most traditional
  texts can NOT hold students' attention for this repetition, but the group interaction truly engages
  students and is the most popular form of "repeated guided oral reading." Reader's Theater
  provides readers with a desired and legitimate reason to re-read text and to practice fluency.
- Role-play reading in a supportive environment helps to build confidence and self-esteem in children, strengthens oral communications skills in students of all reading levels, and helps to build or strengthen social/emotional bonds between members of a group. When children can read with success in front of their peers, their confidence and enthusiasm soar, and their reading and communication skills grow at a more rapid pace.



# Why Playbooks? ®

- Playbooks ® is the leading social-interactive, role-play reading enrichment program in the nation, and our materials have been making a difference in schools since 2001, positively impacting 6 million students.
- Playbooks ® Patented Format is the ONLY Reader's Theater program with color coded and multi-leveled books so readers of various levels can read confidently together.
- Playbooks® are easy to implement and come with the **most comprehensive tools for effective**Reader's Theater implementation including print and online guides, videos, role assignments, and assessments.
- Our program can be used for in-school, hybrid, or virtual learning, with printed and digital options.
- Story include Classic Literature, Math, Science, Social Studies, and key SEL competencies including Resilience, Appreciating Differences, Cooperating, Setting Goals and more!
- Each story comes with Supplemental Activity Worksheets with 8-12 engaging activities to accompany and reinforce ideas from the story.

PATENTED FORMAT	COLOR-CODED	MULTI-LEVELED	RESEARCH BASED		
Playbooks® are the ONLY Reader's Theater books that are color coded and multi-level. Playbooks are easier to read and allows teachers to include students of different levels.  This specialized format is protected under U.S. Patent #7,456,834. Only Playbooks Publishing, Inc. can provide you this ultimate format. Don't settle for lesser copycats.	Each reader's dialogue text appear in a different color, making it easier for students to follow their character roles, quickly see where their part starts and stops and how much they will read, and easily be prepared for their next turn to speak. This leads to increased reading confidence and involvement. Color does not represent the level of the role, however, so that students do not know they've been assigned an easier or harder role.	Easier and harder roles in the same story help students avoid stumbling in front of their peers, allowing them to read aloud with confidence and accuracy. Playbooks® multi-leveled character roles are edited using a proprietary leveled word dictionary and strict sentence structure guidelines, so students achieve ultimate success and fluency among their peers. We do not simply assess what an author has written to determine what level the text might be; we actually edit and level the roles!	Research shows four repeated readings sufficiently improve reading fluency. Most traditional texts can NOT hold students' attention for up to four separate readings. Reader's Theater truly engages students and is the most popular form of "repeated guided oral reading", creating a fun experience for students and teachers! Check out the study for our Playbooks® program.  LEARN MORE		



Squeal

Slink

**Buttercup** 

Color-coded dialogue text allows students to better identify the amount of the text they will read which gives them a sense of ownership and security.

Opportunities for choral readings within the story.

Buttercup He looks good!

Slink (grinning) He DOES look better. I think it

worked!

Squeal I do not think the color is right. But he does

look more like a duck.

Spencer (with worry) I don't want to look just like

Buttercup. I am a boy, you know.

Buttercup Yes, he is a boy duck.

Slink Then you need something to make you look

more....

Squeal Big and strong! Just like me! Look at this!

Narrator Squeal proudly turned around to display a-U

shaped symbol on his backside.



Easier and more difficult roles in the same story to allow students to read with confidence and accuracy

I'm sorry to tell you, darling. But that a Lucy brand, not a tattoo. It tells the farmers where you belong. Spencer (shouting) Good! I want to belong! I want a tattoo! If you want a tattoo, youre going to get a tattoo. This story just gets better and better! I can't wait to get a picture of this! Now, what's it going to be? Lucy (eagerly) I believe it should be something big ... like a cow. Spencer (with worry) I don't like that idea. Squeal (helping) Or, maybe you can make it a pig. Spencer Well....

Hey ... that looks like a tattoo!

Yes, and it is big!

(very happy) See the mark on my back? It makes me look big and strong.

Buttercup He is not a pig. That is not it!

Slink How about the letter

S, for Spencer?

Spencer (happily) I like that!

Buttercup Yes, an S!

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Colorful and detailed illustrations increase student interest

### Character Summary

Before beginning this story, it is helpful for each reader to read his/her character's summary aloud.



#### Buttercup

l am a duck. I am not big. I like bugs.

#### Squeal

The animals on the farm say I am too nosy. I just like to know what is going on!

#### Spencer

| know | should look like a duck, act |like a duck, and talk like a duck, but | | don't know how! Why am | | different?

#### Lucy

I am a very clever dairy cow who just happens to be from TEXAS! Because I'm so clever, everyone just seems to come to me for advice. Balanced Roles allow <u>ALL</u> readers to speak regularly throughout the entire story

Lowest level roles are often the star characters, building confidence for struggling readers.

#### Recommended Reader Assignment



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A timeless tale presented in....



	5	Playbook Advantage Format		5			
R	teader No.	Story Character	Group 1 Reader	Group 2 Reader	Group 3 Reader	Group 4 Reader	Group 5 Reader
	1	Buttercup Laks 24 Times 6% of Story Stage 1 - Early Reader					
	2	Squeal Speaks 19 Times 9% of story Stage 2 - Beginning Reader					
	3	Spencer Speaks 25 Times 13% of story Stage 3 - Transitional Reader					
	4	Mother Duck Speaks 26 Times 13% of story Stage 3 - Transitional Reader					
	5	Lucy Speaks 21 Times 20% of story Stage 4 - Intermediate Reader					
	6	Slink Speaks 23 Times 18% of story Stage 4 - Intermediate Reader					
	Ū	Narrator Speaks 22 Times 21% of story Stage 4 - Intermediate Reader					



# Flexible implementation: Use on smartboards, tablets, or original printed versions!









Digital for Distance Learning, Whiteboards, Computers or Tablets Print Books for In-Person Reading



# **Product Lines**

# Reader's Theater, Jr.® Pre-K to 1st Grade

Reader's Theater, Jr.® is a unique series of **ten important early childhood topic sets**, each of which includes one full-length reader's theater story and five mini-stories which are designed to be read first and help prepare young readers for the full-length story (along with additional materials). Our simple and engaging stories are especially created for this age group with topics including Counting, Alphabet, Weather, Healthy Foods, Fitness, Community Helpers , People Pals, Shapes, Learning and Trying New Things.





# Passengers: Curriculum-Based Reader's Theater

#### K-2 & Grades 3-5 Sets

Curriculum-Based Readers Theater (CBRT) incorporates the basics of traditional Reader's Theater— actors reading aloud from a script, performing without costumes, props, or stage movement. CBRT scripts are subject based—science, math, and social studies—dramatizing the content to make it more interesting and memorable and to inform and entertain. Reading these types of scripts is effective in increasing retention of curriculum information, improving reading fluency, engaging students in a learning experience.

# Playbooks® K-12

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# **Contact Us!**



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There are few opportunities for Pre-K and Kindergarten students to engage in true Reader's Theater with their own expressive reading roles, but this series takes a step-by-step approach that both provides students with material at a level they can master, and fosters the growth to allow students to get into character and be part of a story. With this progression of skills and teaching methods, the learning is exponential!

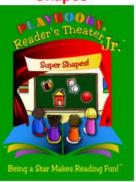


Complete Collection: \$899

#### Counting



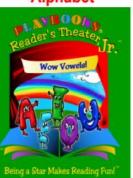
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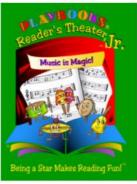
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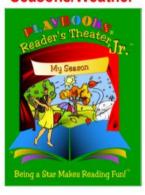
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Seasons/Weather



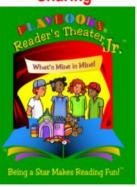
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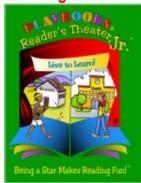
**Healthy Eating** 



Sharing



Loving to Learn





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Complete Set K-5 \$869.00

### Passengers: Grades K-2 (Complete K-2 Series: \$372 (90 Books))

#### Math Train: \$159

Includes 36 Books Total

- 1. Coin Value Identification
- 2. Telling Time & Schedule
- 3. Sorting & >,<,=
- 4. Base 10 & Place Value
- 5. Addition
- 6. Subtraction

#### **Science Train: \$159**

Includes 36 Books Total

- 1. Eating Healthy
- 2. Our Bodies & 5 Senses
- 3. Mammals
- 4. The Weather
- 5. Habitats-Environments
- 6. Earth in its Universe

#### **Social Studies Train: \$74**

Includes 18 Books Total

- 1. Transportation
- 2. Geography
- 3. Citizenship & Responsibility

# Passengers: Grades 3-5 (Complete 3-5 Series: \$497 (90 Books))

#### Math Train: \$199

Includes 36 Books Total

- 1. Multiplication & Division
- 2. GCF & Prime Numbers
- 3. Fractions & Decimals
- 4. Measurement
- 5. Geometry Terms
- 6. Dimensions in Geometric Shapes

#### Science Train: \$199

Includes 36 Books Total

- 1. Vertebrates
- 2. Plant Life
- 3. Weather & Climate
- 4. Water & Rock Cycles
- 5. The Solar System
- 6. Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

# **Social Studies Train:** \$74

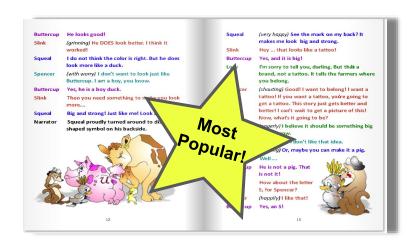
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- 1. Famous African Americans
- 2. Government & Freedom
- 3. Easy Economics



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Playbooks come with a range of topics:

- STEM: Including Math, Science and Engineering
- SEL or Character Education: Including acceptance, antibullying, compromise, responsibility, cooperation, friendship, and honesty.
- Health: Including Nutrition, Exercise, Sports, Self-Care
- Music & Rhyming
- Folk Tales, Myths & Legends, plays on classic stories.

<sup>\*</sup> For printed sets, each story set includes a book copy for the recommended number of readers based on each story's number of characters, plus an extra copy for the teacher. This is 5-10 copies depending on the story.



We have assembled collections of the top Playbooks® stories into "Bundle Kits" along with everything you need for a successful Reader's Theater program with special discounted pricing for the sets!

We can also custom-make kits for you based on the length of your program, topic preferences and grade level. Kits range from 4-weeks to 10-weeks.

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## **Summer Programs**

5 week Programs (can be customized for 4 or 6 weeks)

- K-2 Social Emotional Learning (SEL))- \$145
- Grades 3-5 Social Emotional Learning (SEL)) \$265
- Grades K-3 Math & Science- \$185
- Grades 4-8 Math & Science- \$275

# **Afterschool Programs**

10 - week Programs (can be customized)

- Grades K-2 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) \$336
- Grades 3-5 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) \$525
- Grades 6-8 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) \$577
- Grades PK-5 Healthy Themes Bundle \$449
- Grades K-8 Math & Science Bundle \$595
- Grades K-5 Folk Tales, Myths, And Legends \$519







For a10-week reading program, these kits allow every student to have the opportunity to...

- Read 10 different plays in a small nonthreatening group
- Read 10 different roles and repeat them 3-4 times each to quickly build reading fluency
- Perform 1 play in front of other peer groups
- Watch 9 other peer groups perform 9 other plays
- Build reading fluency, comprehension, confidence, and speaking skills

<u>View our Implementation Tools for our Webinar on Rotations</u>

# As with all our stories - full of Implementation Tools & Extras!

In addition to the printed books, each kit includes

- Teacher's Guide
- Quick-Start Implementation Instructions
- Step-by-Step Implementation Instructions
- Pre and Post-Assessment Module
- Recommended Reader Assignment Forms for Each Story
- · Award Certificates
- Reading Level Correlation to Fountas & Pinell, Reading Recovery, DRA, and Lexile Links to all Reprintables online, Online Implementation Videos, Supplemental Activity Worksheets, Staff Training Webinars And even more online tools....

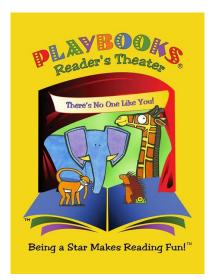
VIEW READING LEVEL CORRELATIONS



# **Sample Stories**

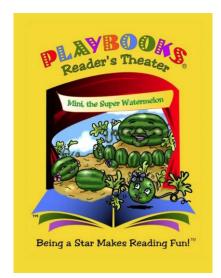
## Click on the Images Below to get a sense of our stories and unique format

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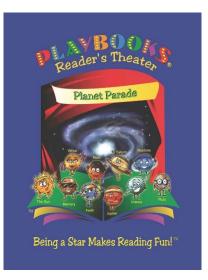
#### GRADES K - 2 There's No One Like You

In this cute story, each animal is self-conscious about a different body part. For example, Geri the giraffe thinks her neck is too long. It's lucky they all have such good friends to tell them how being different can be a good thing!



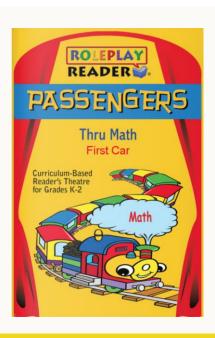
#### GRADE 3 - 5 Mini, the Super Watermelon

Did you know watermelons are super foods packed with vitamins? This is just what Mini learns when she wanders away from the vine. Discover Mini's superpowers and some interesting, healthy facts with this powerful little heroine!



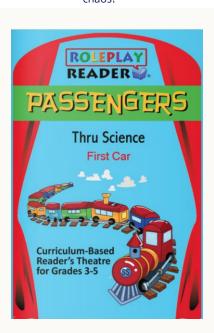
#### GRADE 6 - 8 Planet Parade

Some of the planets are grumbling about their places in the solar system. When they contemplate trading their spots in the planet parade, will the solar system continue to operate like normal or will our planetary friends spin into



PASSENGERS transports students through learning important topics in Math, Science, and Social Studies in the most fun and engaging way

The structure of each script is based on passengers asking a conductor little questions to answer the conductor's BIG questions. When they make it to the last car, a surprise awaits them!





# **Implementation Tools**

We provide a comprehensive program with print and online Implementation tools including:

- Quick start & In-depth Teacher's Guide
- Story-Rotation Webinar

 Complete the top portion of the Story Rotation Chart and enter your student groups and the first story Group 1 for Week 2. Week 1 is your introduction week.

 Repeat steps 6 & 7 for additional stories in your kit and enter story names in weeks 3-10. Again, see Role Assignment Webbar for assistance.

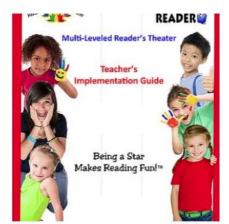
"QUICK START" GUIDE

Short on time? Here's the Quick Start Guide to get

you going in a few minutes

- Role Assignment Webinar
- Student Videos
- Role Reader Assignment Forms





#### PLAYBOOKS® TEACHER'S GUIDE

A full overview on everything you need to implement your program

# <u>Implementation</u> Tools – Click Here

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Read the first story in your kit for each grade level or cost pands level span (e.g., K. C., 25-, 66-8) to become familiar with the characters and sowy hences, identifying main roles, supporting roles, sinsy characters, and other features that will later be useful for role assignment. With the free implementation weekiness provided rooms assademted execution for consider for information, and proceedings of the control of the space of the control of the control of the control of the space of the control of the control of the control of the space of the control of the control of the control of the space of the control of the control of the control of the control of the space of the control of the control of the control of the control of the space of the control of the control

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    4. Before reading in small groups for the first time, coach students on
- STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Includes copies of the forms below.



<u>Click Here to view Recommended</u> <u>Reader Assignment Forms</u>



Role Assignment
Webinar
Learn how to assign reader roles
for the best outcomes

Role Assignment Training Presentation



# **Tools & Supplements**

## Included in every kit...

- Supplementary activities
- Student award certificates
- Reading evaluations
- Reading reminders





**Click Here to see Supplemental Activity Worksheets** 



Make your students feel like stars with these performance awards including Most Encouraging Performer, Best Comedy, Best Facial Expressions and more! Makes the program fun and builds confidence.

#### **Reading With Expression Reminders**

# Reading strategies to remember: • Speak clearly and enunciate

- Vary your volume and pitch appropriately (loud and soft, high
- Adjust your rate/speed, read smoothly, and pause when appropriate (use punctuation to figure out when)
  Read with emotion and emphasize key words where needed
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- Use facial expressions and hand/body gestures
- Use the best tone of voice for the sentence (nasal, firm, whispery, somber, etc.)
  Make some eye contact

#### Social Skills to remember:

- Stay in character throughout the story Be considerate, polite, and encouraging to others Listen to others when it is not your turn to read
- Don't distract others by whispering and wiggling Keep up with your part so others don't have to wait
- Keep a good attitude towards yourself and other
- Show interest and motivation for the activity Offer help when to others when needed







#### Form #1C - Playbooks® Reading Level Correlation Chart

In order to assist teachers and facilitate the assigning of roles for Reader's Theater small group reading, Playbooks®, Inc. has developed a simplified series of reading levels. The following provides an approximate correlation between these levels and other reading level scales.

Playbook® Reading Level	Playbook® roles written at this level have	Approximate Correlation to Other Reading Scales			
		Fountas & Pinnell/Guided Reading	Reading Recovery	DRA	Lexile
Stage 0 Emerging Reader Grades PK-1	short and simple sentences. 3- 4 words per sentence using vocabulary with "hard" consonants and "short" vowels, including some early sight words, and 1 sentence per passage.	A-C	1-3	1-4	0-100
Stage 1 Early Reader Grades K-1	simple sentences and sight words or words introduced by another character role, 3-4 words per sentence, and 1-2 sentences per passage.	C-F	3-10	4-10	100-199
Stage 2 Beginning Reader Grades 1-2	simple sentence structure with slightly longer passages and more high frequency words, and 2-3 sentences per passage.	F-K	10-18	10-24	200-399
Stage 3 Transitional Reader Grades 2-3	some large chunks of texts with an increase in vocabulary difficulty and sentence structure, and 3-4 sentences per passage.	L-N	20-22	28-34	400-599
Stage 4 Intermediate Reader Grades 3-4	longer passages and more elaborate vocabulary and sentence structure, and 4-5 sentences per passage.	O-S	24-26	38-40	600-799
Stage 5 Advanced Reader Grades 5-6	some use of complex sentences and concepts, more developed character dialogue and detailed text, and some figurative language.	T-Y	28-30	44	800-999
Stage 6 Expert Reader Grades 7-12	complex sentences, more advanced sentence variation, and figurative language.	Z	32-34		1000- 1100

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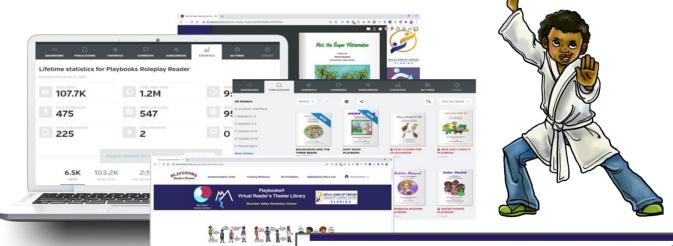


NEW!

# **Virtual All Access Pass (VAAP)**

This is an exciting new resource for your teachers and students. With your Reader's Theater Virtual All-Access Pass, your program will have Virtual, Downloadable, and Printable access to our full library of 120 titles within Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12. This virtual access comes with a customized portal and customized interfaces.





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Your teachers/instructors click on their school logo and they land on their own custom branded page. This page shows all the titles included in your pass. The story characters, their grade level span, and much more is shown clearly on this page. They just click to choose the Playbooks® story and it opens in the custom Flip-Book Viewer all ready for them to read with their students through Zoom or some other meeting service. You can also see usage metrics.

