

Five Tips to selecting the Right book

Taking your Little to the library or a bookstore is a great idea. Browsing through a book aisle is an excellent way to discover novel interests, diverse reading genres or stumble upon a new favorite author. It's also an educational experience that can increase their skills with limitless payoff! Here are a few tips Bigs can use to help a Little select a book they can actually read by themselves and enjoy. Happy Reading!

1. Select a book of interest and turn to any page in the book. Have your Little start to read the page aloud to you or to themselves. Count the words on the page that they did not know, stumbled upon or mispronounced.
2. If there is only one word missed, the book is good for independent reading, reading just for enjoyment or for your Little to read to someone else. Comic books or books two grades below reading level often fit into this category.
3. Two words missed makes this book a good choice. Just help them figure out what the two words mean by the words around it because this one is still a keeper! Books for class assignments or projects should fit into this range.
4. Three words missed means that the student may need help reading this book. Maybe you and your Little can sit and read a chapter together aloud or you take turns reading it. Consider selecting a new book if it's just for independent reading.
5. Four or five words missed means that this is a tough read for your Little. They are not ready to read this alone and may not be ready to read it with you because of the content. Select another book that is easier. Either with shorter chapters or less words on the page.