

## Find a Lexile Measure for a Specific Book

### Lexile.com

1. Go to [www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com)
2. Click on the “Tools” tab and select “Find a Book”
3. On the right side of the page, use the “Look up a Book” search. Title and/or author is usually sufficient information for a search.

### Barnes & Noble

1. Go to [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com)
2. Search for the book.
3. Find the book in the list of search results, make sure to select the print format of the book—not an audiobook, and click on the title of the book.
4. Scroll down to the “Overview” tab. If it is available, the Lexile measure will be listed in “Product Details.”

### Novelist: a WPL Online Resource

1. Go to [www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org](http://www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org)
2. On the left side of the page, click “Book Suggestions and Reader Resources”
3. Click on the “Novelist Plus” icon.
4. Enter your library card number without spaces.
5. Search for the book.
6. If the Lexile measure is available, it will be listed in the book’s description in the results list.

### Lexile Analyzer

- Use the Lexile Analyzer if a book does not yet have an official Lexile Measurement.
- The Analyzer does not give a certified Lexile measure - only an estimation.

#### **Lexile Analyzer Instructions:**

1. Go to [www.Lexile.com](http://www.Lexile.com)
2. Click on the “Tools” tab, select “Lexile Analyzer”
3. Register for the free service. Basic information and an email account is required.
4. Next, follow the instructions offered by Lexile.com to prepare your book’s excerpt.
  - The excerpt must be saved as a .txt file.
  - Links on the right side of the page, labeled “Online Help” take you step-by-step through excerpt preparation.
  - WPL recommends that you record the excerpt used and print the Analyzer results for future reference.
5. After saving the .txt excerpt, click “browse” in the Analyzer and select your saved .txt file.
6. Click “Submit.”
7. The Analyzer will give you an estimated Lexile measure for your book.

#### **Don’t want to type up an excerpt? Barnes and Noble may have one!**

1. Find your book on [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com)
2. Click on the title.
3. If an excerpt is available, it will be under the “Features” tab.

## The Lexile Framework for Reading



### A WPL Guide

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815-338-0542

#### **What is the Lexile Framework?**

- The Lexile Framework for Reading is a scientific approach to reading measurement that matches readers to books, articles and other reading resources.
- The Lexile Framework measures both reader ability and text difficulty on the same scale, called the Lexile scale.
- A Lexile measurement is based on how difficult a text is to comprehend, word frequency, and sentence length.
- The Lexile Framework for Reading was developed by MetaMetrics.com

*The Lexile measure of a book—a measure of text difficulty—is a good starting point in the book-selection process, with other factors then being considered. **The Lexile measure should never be the only factor considered when selecting a book.***

-from Lexile.com

# How to Find a Book Using Your Lexile Measure or Range

## Lexile.com

### Search:

1. Go to [www.Lexile.com](http://www.Lexile.com)
2. Select the “Tools” tab, then “Find a Book”
3. Enter your assigned Lexile measure or range.
4. Choose either “All Categories” or select your interests. You may choose multiple interests. Clicking on the “[+]” will show you subcategories. Select “Search.”
5. View your result list!

### Results:

Click on the title to see more information, including (when available) a short description of the book’s plot and a list of subjects the book contains.

### Does WPL have this book?

In the Lexile.com results list, click on the “WorldCat” icon next to the title and enter our zip code (60098). click on “Woodstock Public Library.” **-OR-** Ask us to search for you!

### My Reading List:

- Register with Lexile.com to use the “My Reading List” feature.
- Create a customized list of books that fit your reading Lexile measure and interests.
- From the My Reading List page, you can also edit, email, and print your list.

### Refining your search results:

After you receive a list of search results, use the “Refine your results” to narrow the search further.

- **Limit book by age recommendation.** Use the first “slider” to choose an age and refine your results to include only books recommended by Lexile.com for that age group.
- **Limit book by type.** Choose from Juvenile fiction and Juvenile nonfiction to see only children’s books.
- **Limit by “Lexile code.”**

**NC: Non-Conforming** — NC books have a Lexile measure markedly higher than is typical for the publisher's intended audience or designated developmental level of the book. The NC code is useful when matching high-ability readers with a book that's still at an appropriate developmental level.

**HL: High-Low** — HL books have Lexile measures much lower than the average reading ability of the intended age range of the readers. “High-Low” refers to high interest level, with low reading ability. Often fiction, HL books are useful when matching older (grade 7 and beyond) struggling or reluctant readers with text at both an appropriate difficulty level and developmental level.

**AD: Adult Directed** — These books are traditionally read to a child. Usually, picture books.

**GN: Graphic Novel** — Refers to a book’s format and not its subject matter. Graphic novels have text boxes and rely primarily on pictures to tell a story. They are similar to comic books.

**NP: Non-Prose** — Any book comprising more than 50% non-standard or non-conforming prose. Usually poems, plays, songs, recipes, etc.

**IG: Illustrated Guide** — Usually nonfiction, IG books are often used as a reference resource rather than read in their entirety like a storybook.

## Barnes & Noble [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com)

### Search:

1. Go to [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com)
2. Click on the “Kids” tab
3. Scroll down to the “Easy Search Tools for Children’s Books” and click on “Find Children’s Books”
4. Enter your child’s age



5. Enter your child’s Lexile level or range
6. Choose the book format you’d like
7. If you chose “Books,” you may narrow down the search. “Teen” or “Children” will narrow the search to books published for those audiences.
8. View your list of results.

### Results:

Click on the book’s title, then scroll down to the “Overview” tab. The Lexile measure will be listed in “Product Details.”

### Also available at bn.com:

- Editorial Reviews from professional review sources like *School Library Journal*, *Booklist*, *Kirkus Reviews*, and more
- Customer Reviews
- Synopsis or book summary
- Excerpts (when available)

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