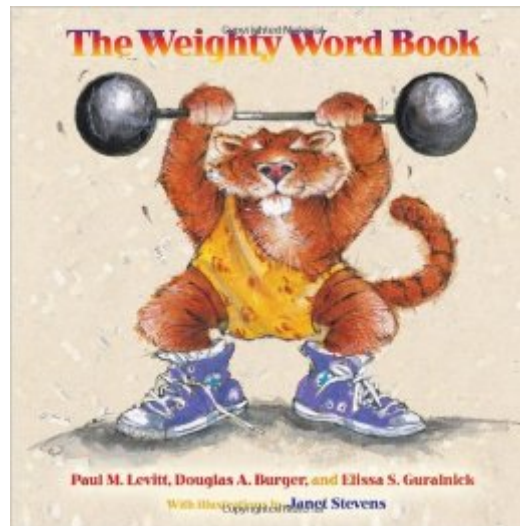


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# The Weighty Word Book



## Synopsis

"[The Weighty Word Book] will appeal to kids who want to sound as smart as they are. It offers a clever, funny way to introduce new words into the vocabulary. . . . There's one word for every letter of the alphabet--wait until you see what they do with dogmatic, juxtapose and zealot."--The Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colorado) "Each of these twenty-six short stories takes an elaborate, circuitous path that leads to a 'weighty' one-word punch line. . . . It's a creative and humorous approach to vocabulary building, and a natural lead in to having students create their own tall tales with multisyllabic conclusions."--School Library Journal

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## Customer Reviews

I have used The Weighty Word Book for 10 years in my third and fifth grade classrooms. The vocabulary words are excellent and the stories that help show the meaning are entertaining and meaningful. The students ask for me to read the book to them and they often not only remember the words, but also the stories for years. This is a wonderful book to show kids that they can have fun learning new "hard" vocabulary words. Try it, you'll find that you'll improve your own vocabulary.

...Who never to the world has saidI love this book, this children's book...Adults read children's books to children, but seldom pick one up for their own pleasure. They miss a lot by the omission. THE WEIGHTY WORD BOOK is an example of a book written for children that is delightful for adults, at

least adults who love words. It's written by three University of Colorado English professors and consists of a series of whimsical and enchanting stories about words -- selected words, useful and syllabic. In the first story, for example, Benjamin Van Der Bellows, a bear "who did not know the things he was supposed to know" is moved each time he makes a mistake to an office on a lower floor. Predictably, he winds up in the basement. "So, whenever a person has been lowered in position or rank or office, we say that person has suffered an abasement." There's an imaginative and articulate story about each letter of the alphabet. Don't miss this one -- it's for all ages and it's loads of fun.

The author of this book has found a wonderful technique for teaching children words. When I was a freshman in high school, our teacher read this book to us. I can still recite all the words and their meanings.

I found this a clever way to teach usable, "\$10-words" to kids (I'm guessing from about 9 or 10 years and older). I was especially impressed with the art work. But the inventive story-with-pun by which each word's definition is explained really WILL help kids (and adults, too, I'm sure), to learn-and-retain each word's meaning. It's the sort of book I'd have REALLY enjoyed back when I was 8-to-14. (But now, at 66, smiled periodically when reading, too!)

As a literacy teacher this book is perfect for students and educators. It is a new favorite of mine and has enhanced professional development for educators. I love the concept and the clever delivery is a high-light. The selected words, storyline and illustration make the words memorable.

The Weight Word Book is an excellent teacher resource for the upper Elementary School through High School level students. The stories are well written and engaging. The 'twists' at the end where the authors use a pun or word play to emphasize the vocabulary word in the story helps to cement the understanding. Even if you are not a teacher, if you enjoy short (2-4 page) stories with humor, craziness and a funny spin at the end, this book is well worth the read.

My nearly 10-year-old daughter and I are thoroughly enjoying this book, and know that we are going to be clamoring for more. This is a tremendous book to read on your own, but even better to share it aloud with others!

I bought this book to help my soon to be fifth grade daughter who has an interest in language. Her best friend now asks for us to read the book whenever she comes over. My daughter took it on a camping trip and kids came from all around to read it with us. They love it! Even my husband enjoys hearing the stories (we both learned a couple new words, and we have masters degrees!). Buy this book for any older elementary child you know. Its a great gift to their future and they will have a great time with it!

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