

KEEP BOOKS®

The Joy of Learning to Read!

KEEP BOOKS are designed as a school/home (PreK through grade 2) book program that addresses the need for inexpensive but appropriate books in the home. KEEP BOOKS:

- Were developed and written by educators at The Ohio State University.
- Are sold on a not-for-profit basis and help support literacy programs at The Ohio State University for twice the literacy impact.
- Provide children with books to take home to read again and again.
- Create positive communications with parents and caregivers.
- Allow children to take ownership and develop their own library.
- Enhance achievement because children are motivated and encouraged to read at home.
- Are leveled for Guided Reading (Fountas & Pinnell) and Reading Recovery®.



What are KEEP BOOKS?

KEEP BOOKS are little books that children can take home to keep and read again and again. These little books support beginning readers by offering enjoyable stories and a chance to read with independence. The stories in KEEP BOOKS are about children's everyday lives, and they are simple but interesting and often amusing. They are illustrated with black-and-white line drawings and have colorful covers. Most KEEP BOOKS have eight pages and measure 5½" by 4¼"—just the right size for a child's hands. Children will enjoy writing their names in their books and coloring or adding to the pictures. KEEP BOOKS also offer a good model for children as they begin to write. They can write their own books using My Own KEEP BOOKS®.

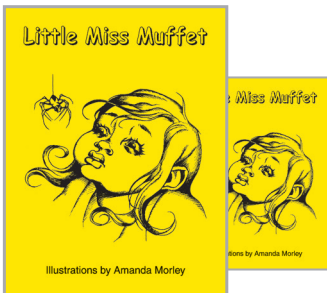
What Is the Purpose of KEEP BOOKS?

KEEP BOOKS:

- Provide a great deal of easy reading material so children get lots of practice.
- Include many high-frequency words that children read again and again, thus building word knowledge.
- Provide opportunities for children to notice how words "work" and learn phonics skills.
- Make it possible for children to read on their own rather than always depending on adults.
- Motivate children to write.
- Build a library of books at home that children can access any time.
- Help children learn to store, care for, and retrieve books.
- Help children build confidence in themselves as readers.

Some KEEP BOOKS sets have special purposes. For example, the *Letters, Sounds, & Words* sets are designed to help children learn more about letters, sounds, and words. The *Nursery Rhymes and Rhymes & Songs 1* sets are designed to help children learn traditional rhymes and songs and connect them with written language. *Letters, Words, & Numbers* and *Letters, Words, & Numbers Caption Books* sets focus on math concepts, so children are learning to "read" and figure out the kinds of problems that require mathematical reasoning. The *Fact & Fiction 1* set contains 8 paired books. Each fictional title offers an interesting story that is paired with a factual book on the same topic. All are designed to increase children's confidence and their value for reading.

Variety of Uses for KEEP BOOKS



Shared Reading

BIG KEEP BOOKS correspond to their smaller counterparts and are available for the *Caption Books*, *Emergent Reader 1*, *Nursery Rhymes*, *Rhymes & Songs 1*, *Spanish Caption Books*, *Spanish Emergent Reader 1*, and *Spanish Nursery Rhymes* sets. BIG KEEP BOOKS measure 8½" by 11", have laminated covers and their print has been designed so that it is easy for children to see. You introduce the book through shared reading and then children read the little books for themselves.

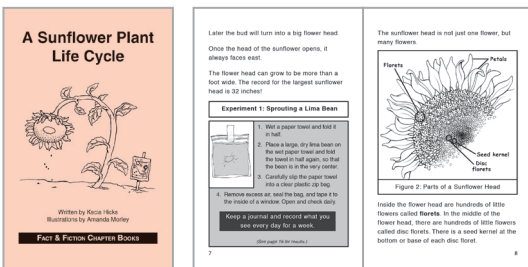
Small Group Reading

The *Raccoon Family Adventure 1* series is available in color for use with individual and small group reading lessons. The resource *Teaching Suggestions for a Reading Lesson* is included on the inside back cover for:

- Interactive introductions
- Word study
- Language/vocabulary study
- Comprehension/discussion questions
- Writing ideas to extend the story



Add the Small Group Reading set to your permanent classroom collection and/or school book room. The corresponding black & white version is for students to take home.

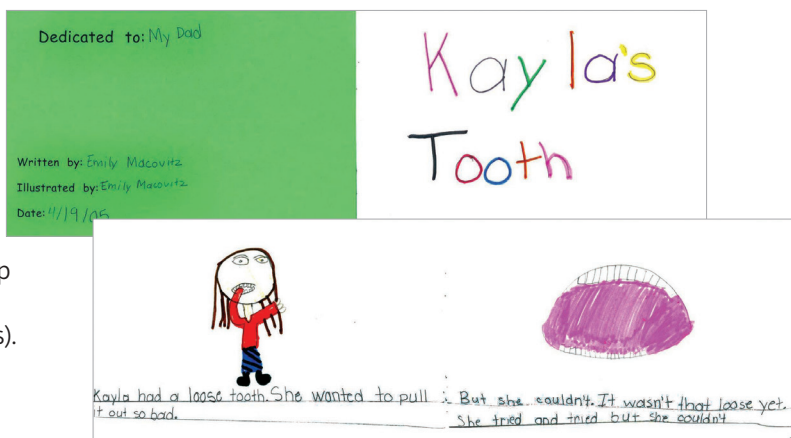


Self-Extending Reading

Relating fact to fiction can make learning fun for children. The *Fact & Fiction 1* KEEP BOOKS set features 8 paired books focusing on fun topics like thunderstorms, the ocean, sunflower plants, and cats. Each fictional title offers an interesting story that is paired with a factual book on the same topic. These books are larger (5½" by 8½") and have 16 pages to challenge a self-extending reader.

Story Writing

My Own KEEP BOOKS are blank books that can be used to reinforce a variety of lessons: reading, writing, drawing, and math! Many children enjoy writing their own KEEP BOOK and are easily able to follow the format of their favorite story. My Own KEEP BOOKS can be purchased in individual and group quantities and also in large format (15 large 11" by 8½" books with 12 pages).



LIBRITOS MIOS® & LIV MWEN™

Libritos Míos

LIBRITOS MIOS are Spanish Language KEEP BOOKS. There are currently three KEEP BOOK sets available in Spanish. The *Spanish Caption Books* and *Spanish Emergent Reader 1* sets are translations of English *Caption Books* and English *Emergent Reader 1* sets. The *Spanish Nursery Rhymes* set is comprised of stories based on Spanish culture.



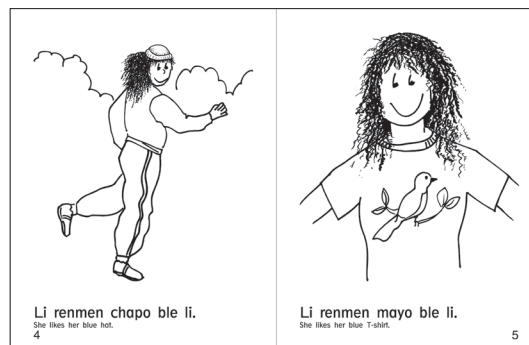
Libritos Mios are currently available at special pricing. Visit the KEEP BOOKS website at: keepbooks.org or contact KEEP BOOKS customer service at: 800.678.6484 or keepbooks@osu.edu and ask about Spanish Trios.



Liv Mwen

LIV MWEN books are Haitian Creole Language KEEP BOOKS. There are currently 18 KEEP BOOK titles available in Haitian Creole. These books unlike the Spanish language KEEP BOOKS include both Haitian Creole text and the English translation below in a smaller font size. LIV MWEN books are currently available in sets of 900 books (50 copies of the 18 titles).

To order LIV MWEN books or inquire about larger quantity orders please contact KEEP BOOKS customer service at: 800.678.6484 or keepbooks@osu.edu.



What Free KEEP BOOKS Resources Are Available?

For Teachers


This resource will assist you in gaining support and funding for a KEEP BOOKS program. It contains valuable information on how to use KEEP BOOKS and My Own KEEP BOOKS in the classroom, introduce KEEP BOOKS to parents and get them involved.

A full *Teacher Guide for Using KEEP BOOKS* is available online at: <http://www.keepbooks.org/guides.html>.

For Parents

We would like to help you use KEEP BOOKS to create positive communications with parents and caregivers. These guides allow parents to discover easy ways to experience reading with their child. Guides include reading activities using My Own KEEP BOOKS.

Free downloadable guides by age are available online at: <http://www.keepbooks.org/guides.html>.




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Teacher's Guide
for Using
KEEP BOOKS®

School to Home Reading for Preschool, Kindergarten, and Primary Children

Introduce KEEP BOOKS in the classroom...



...then send KEEP BOOKS home to read again & again!

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FOR ALL AGES

Reading KEEP BOOKS With Your Child

- Read the book to your child.
- Ask your child to point to the pictures.
- Ask your child to name the pictures.
- Ask your child to tell you about the pictures.
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More Learning

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Coming soon...online ordering and exciting future products such as e-books!

For more details and the latest products & information from KEEP BOOKS visit the website at keepbooks.org or contact KEEP BOOKS at The Ohio State University.

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