

GROWING **NLITERACY**

Discover the benefits of large print for developing readers.



3 OUT OF 4 **TEACHERS**

SAID STUDENTS READING BELOW GRADE LEVEL SHOWED BETTER COMPREHENSION AND RETENTION WITH LARGE PRINT BOOKS¹

IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS

Large print is a literacy intervention tool that has the power to enhance your reading program and get kids excited about reading. While large print and standard print books look the same from the outside, you'll see a big difference on the inside.



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Large Print

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will give this to Michael Clark upon his to school on Monday. I don't expect to see you in he

breaking safety tules again. I can excuse a first offer

a new student like Michael. He wouldn't know the Bot you should have known better. It is beneath the

dards of Sumhine Boddies. If anything like this hup

again, I'm afraid you'll be removed from the organization My chance to ditch this damb club is here, but it

wrong. Leaving isn't the same thing as being kicked of

pleasant evening, Merci 1

that you don't even want to try?"

"When's Mamil" Lask.

will think my deter

"Yes, miss. It wort's happen again." She gathers her things and flips off the light. "H

I walk across campus toward the drop-off circle. N II think my detention is another hadge of share,

last year when I said I didn't ware to be in the sp bee. It was because I'm always a wreck when 1 do at thing onstage in front of people. It makes my eye go era too. She said, 'Merci, how will it look to your trache

Its not her car that's waiting, though. Instead, it's P van, looking especially shabby in the loop. When I open

sound from across the parking lot. I've never I

grateful for the fact that nobody else is still around.

door, it squeaks so load that Miss McDaniels turn

taff meeting at the rehab center. ome late.'

ton't ask who's watching the twins fon't ask who's watching the twins posed to be me, of course. Abuel to talk, but if yo' pably struggling, or else Roli is helpin to bably struggling, or else Roli is helpin to be the totalk, but if yo' pi is chewing on a toothpick. His beard to ask your MERCI SUAREZ tell he's tired, and he's wearing his uchy work face. I think of last year when ked Papi what he liked about being a CHANCES GEARS hter. It was Career Day at school. Some ents came in to talk, but if yours couldn't te it, you had to ask your parents about ir work and report back. Just my luck, t day somebody had stiffed him \$250 for king a dent in a garage door while ho on a job. The guy said Papi had done it en he parked the van, but Papi knew it already there when he arrived. Papi tries er to argue with his customers, but it's always easy. I don't think he liked very ch about being a painter that day le gives me a solemn look as I buckle in, then he drives extra slow - even worse Roli. It's like we're in the homecoming ide.

> Why are we going so slow?" I say. Are you in a rush?" He makes a hand hal for the turn, which he takes inch by teaking inch, Roli-style.

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EXPANDED SPACING BETWEEN WORDS

HIGH-CONTRAST BLACK INK

1/3 **MORE** LINE SPACING

Standard Print

Our large print books are a similar size and weight as standard print editions. All Thorndike Press books have a larger font size, fewer words and lines per page, and clearer contrast between text and the background of the paper. Plus, our hardcovers are library bound and have a 100% guarantee on binding.

CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

According to a recent study, large print can be the key to growing reading skills and helping striving readers who struggle with standard print. When given the opportunity to choose their preferred reading format, students responded positively to large print. Those who tried large print books said they enjoyed reading them more than any other books they read during the school year.² Strong reading skills are essential for success in school and life, yet reading can be a challenging and frustrating experience.



of 4th and 8th graders are not reading at grade level³



of middle school students correlated schoolwork reading with stress⁴



of teens spend more than 4 hours per day with screen media⁵

BENEFITS IN ACTION

DECODE WORDS

With fewer words per page, large print books make the process of visualizing information easier for striving readers. Word recognition increases because the reader can decipher the words more effectively.

IMPROVE TRACKING AND READING FLUENCY

Larger font size and increased spacing force the eye to move more slowly. This helps the reader avoid skipping or rereading lines.

DEVELOP COMPREHENSION SKILLS

Once decoding errors are

eliminated and fluency improves, readers can focus on the meaning of the text and vocabulary.

WHAT LARGE PRINT CAN DO

We partnered with Project Tomorrow® to conduct a yearlong study in schools to measure the impact reading large printformatted books has on students' classroom engagement, comprehension, and achievement levels.

Teachers saw a noticeable improvement. Students who struggled with reading felt more confident and began changing their mindsets about reading.⁶



TITLES FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES

Our editors focus on diversity. We recognize that young readers want to see themselves and identify with storylines that match their experiences. Our catalog

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As the leading large print publisher, Thorndike Press, from Gale, part of Cengage Group, publishes unabridged reprints in large print format for middle grade and young adult readers. Our commitment to producing highquality, 100% guaranteed large print books supports young readers as they develop the skills necessary to become successful, confident, lifelong readers.

of over 1,000 titles grows monthly with high-interest fiction and nonfiction books that kids want to read, including contemporary classics, award winners, and bestsellers that are already part of their school's curriculum.



1, 2, 6. Based on a report from a 2018–2019 nationwide study to determine the efficacy of large print books on student reading skills and mindsets conducted independently by Project Tomorrow® at the request of Thorndike Press, from Gale, a Cengage Company.

3, 4. National Assessment of Educational Progress, The Nation's Report Card 2017 (July 2019)

5. Rideout, Vicky. "The Common Sense Census: Media Use by Tweens and Teens," Common Sense Media. (2015)

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