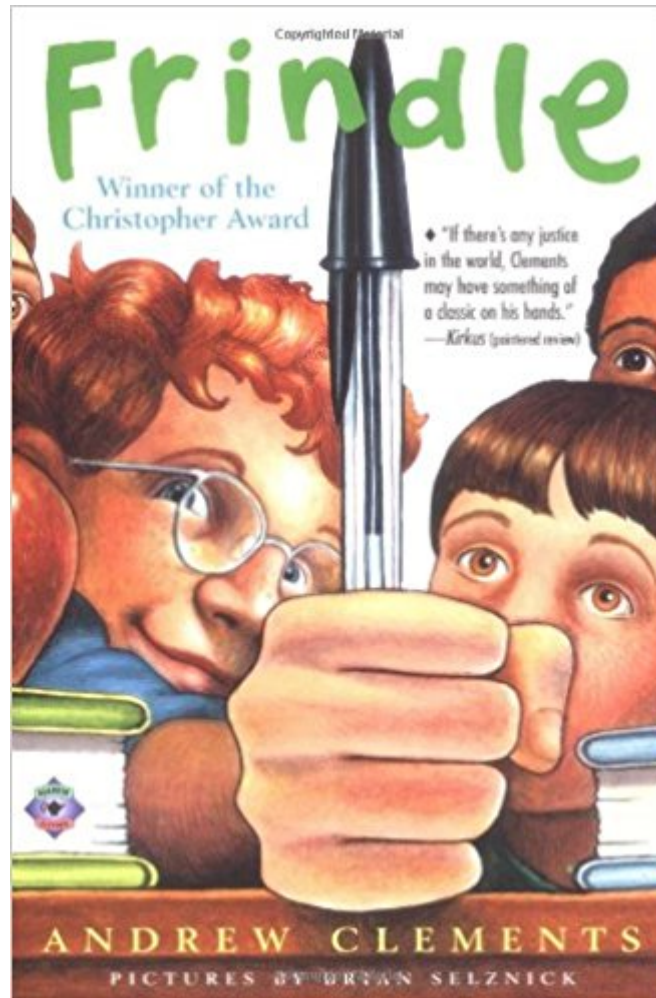




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Frindle



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Synopsis

From bestselling and award-winning author Andrew Clements, a quirky, imaginative tale about creative thought and the power of words that will have readers inventing their own words. Is Nick Allen a troublemaker? He really just likes to liven things up at school -- and he's always had plenty of great ideas. When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever...the frindle. Who says a pen has to be called a pen? Why not call it a frindle? Things begin innocently enough as Nick gets his friends to use the new word. Then other people in town start saying frindle. Soon the school is in an uproar, and Nick has become a local hero. His teacher wants Nick to put an end to all this nonsense, but the funny thing is frindle doesn't belong to Nick anymore. The new word is spreading across the country, and there's nothing Nick can do to stop it.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Trying to aggravate a tough language-arts teacher, a fifth-grade boy invents a new word for pen: "frindle." Soon, the whole country is using it. "Dictionary lovers will cotton to this mild classroom fantasy," said PW. Ages 8-12. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Gr. 3[^]-6. Ten-year-old Nick Allen has a reputation for devising clever, time-wasting schemes guaranteed to distract even the most conscientious teacher. His diversions backfire in Mrs.

Granger's fifth-grade class, however, resulting in Nick being assigned an extra report on how new entries are added to the dictionary. Surprisingly, the research provides Nick with his best idea ever, and he decides to coin his own new word. Mrs. Granger has a passion for vocabulary, but Nick's (and soon the rest of the school's) insistence on referring to pens as "frindles" annoys her greatly. The war of words escalates--resulting in after-school punishments, a home visit from the principal, national publicity, economic opportunities for local entrepreneurs, and, eventually, inclusion of frindle in the dictionary. Slightly reminiscent of Avi's *Nothing but the Truth* (1991), this is a kinder, gentler story in which the two sides eventually come to a private meeting of the minds and the power of language triumphs over both. Sure to be popular with a wide range of readers, this will make a great read-aloud as well. Kay Weisman --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

This book was on my daughter's Summer Reading List from school (2nd Grade going into 3rd)last year & I have to say it was enjoyed immensely by all of us! We would have her read a few pages every day to us(for her to practice her reading). We felt it was original & kept her attention throughout the book. The writing revealed the characters as imaginative, unique & steadfast in their decisions. You can't help but like the characters and empathize with their dilemmas. Our daughter would crack up with laughter the character dialogue & would come up with her own new names for things (which thankfully did not stick most of the time). We liked how the book ends with a flash forward scenario as well. It's a wonderful book!!

Our 12 year-old really enjoyed this one! He reads at a Grade 10 level and he can be pretty critical of books that don't hold his interest. However, when you talk with him about this book, you can tell that he liked it very much. Here's his quote about the book: "I think this was a good book from a kids point of view. The story was great I thought, although it could have been executed a little better." When pressed about what "executed a little better" actually meant, he said, "Well, I can't really think of specifics. i just wanted to sound smart. I give it an A-". :-)

My 9 year old daughter came home with an idea that if she would invent a word and have everyone to like it, she would become rich, just as a 5th grader did. I haven't hear of the story before and she wanted me to buy the idea of creating a new word, spreading it out, get rich and release her from the burden of school. I thought she was talking about a real character at her school. And I almost buy it until I begin to search on the internet about Nick Allen and the word friendle. Nothing was real. However I bought my kids the book and ended up reading it myself. The story is very creative,

hilarious and at some points it made me cry, especially because it made me remember those wonderful years of my school life, the influence of great teachers, the friends I don't see much and so many other great memories.

My eight year old daughter loves it. She asked me to buy the whole series after reading this one. She's in third grade.

I read this as a 5th grade teacher to my students. This month my 3rd grade daughter and I read it for her book report. Great book about words and fads. I always tear up at the end.

This book was an instant hit at our house...we read it in two sittings. We could all relate to the little boy in the story because he is like one of my sons. His creativity and imagination/ingenuity were really fun to follow in the story, and the various schemes he comes up with are hilarious...we all really loved the way he interacts with the fifth grade teacher. Also, there is a heartwarming element to this story at the end. I won't spoil it by giving away the ending, but it is truly a touching end with the teacher and the boy once he's grown up, and very much underscores the power of a good teacher in a child's life. I highly recommend and wish we'd heard of this book earlier. I will be sending it on to my siblings, one at a time, because I know my nieces and nephews will enjoy it as well.

nick allen is not an ordinary kid. he is not a troublemaker, but i wouldn't say he's the most innocent kid. so one day, nick comes up with a brilliant idea. make up a new word! so as he's walking home from school, his friend Janet drops her pen, and nick says, Janet, you dropped your... frindle. and suddenly, everything changes for him. he's not the normal kid he used to be. when he walks into the penny pantry store, he can't be unnoticed. at least one person would say, hey nick- i love your new word- frindle. but there is one person who doesn't seem to like his word- mrs. granger, a.k.a. the lone granger. mrs. granger isn't just an ordinary english teacher- she's a fierce one. nick makes millions of dollars on his frindle trademark with Bud Lawrence, and things turn out great for him. and it turns out-mrs. granger was rooting for him the whole time.

I read the book frindle it is about a kid that made a new word up called frindle instead of pen and his teachers didn't like it because they thought he was disturbing the dictionary and a reporter came and the story called "word wars" went all the way to the New York Times. My favorite part was when

Nick gave Mrs Granger a present

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