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**Title:** Saturn

**By:** Christine Taylor-Butler

**Back Cover:** “What is Saturn, Saturn is the sixth planet from the Sun. Saturn has lots of rings! Can you skate on Saturn’s rings?

 Let’s find out! Look inside to learn more about Saturn and its place in space!”

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**Vocabulary:** core, orbit, rings, Saturn, solar system, Titan, tornado

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**Title:** Uranus

**By:** Christine Taylor-Butler

**Back Cover:** “What is Uranus? Uranus is the seventh planet from the Sun. What else do we know about Uranus?

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**Vocabulary:** crators, Miranda, orbit, solar system, Titania, Uranus, *Voyager 2*

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**Title:** Jupiter

**By:** Christine Taylor-Butler

**Back Cover:** “What is Jupiter? Jupiter is the fifth planet from the Sun. It is a giant ball of gas. Can you dance on Jupiter?

 Let’s find out! Look inside to learn more about Jupiter and its place in space!”

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**Vocabulary:** bands, Jupiter, solar system, Europa, Io, space probe, storm



**Title:** Neptune

**By:** Melanie Chrismer

**Back Cover:** “What is Neptune? It is a big, blue, windy planet. What else do we know about Neptune?

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**Vocabulary:** clouds, Neptune, orbit, scientists, solar system, telescope, Uranus

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**Title:** Mercury

**By:** Christine Taylor-Butler

**Back Cover:** “What is Mercury? Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun. Can you sing on Mercury?

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**Vocabulary:** core, meteorite, moon, craters, Mercury, solar system, space probe



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**Vocabulary:** craters, solar system, Titania, Miranda, orbit, Uranus, *Voyager 2*



**Title:** Pluto

**By:** Christine Taylor-Butler

**Back Cover:** “What is Pluto? Pluto is a dwarf planet. Pluto is very cold, too. What else do we know about Pluto?

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**Vocabulary:** core, orbit, Pluto, moon, Neptune, solar system, telescope

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**Title:** Saturn

**By:** Elaine Landau

**Back Cover:** “What would happen to a spaceship on Saturn? Saturn’s thick atmosphere would crush an ordinary spaceship. Any ship that made it through the atmosphere would sink into the gas-and-liquid planet. Inside you’ll find:

* What Saturn’s rings are made of;
* Drawings, photos – and a time line showing how Saturn’s rings were discovered;
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**atmosphere** (AT-mu-sfihr) – the blanket of gases that surrounds a planet or moon

**axis** (AK-siss) – an imaginary line that runs through the center of a planet or other object

**chemical** (KE-mih-kuhl) – a substance or mixture of substances

**comets** – large chunks of rock and ice that travel around the sun

**equator –** an imaginary line around the center of a moon or a planet, halfway between the north and south poles

**gravity –** a force that pulls two objects together; gravity pulls you down onto Earth

**orbit –** to travel around an object such as a sun or planet

**rotation –** the action of spinning on an axis

**solar system** (SOH-lur SISS-tuhm) – a sun and all the objects that travel around it

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**Title:** Uranus

**By:** Elaine Landau

**Back Cover:** “What is unusual about the names of Uranus’s moons? They are all named after characters in William Shakespeare’s plays. Inside you’ll find:

* What the weather is like on Uranus;
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**dwarf planets –** bodies in the solar system that orbit the sun, have a constant (nearly round) shape, are not moons, and have orbits that overlap with the orbits of other bodies

**fluorescent** (flo-RE-snt) – giving off light energy after receiving another form of energy

**gravity –** a force that pulls two objects together

**meteoroids** (MEE-tee-uh-roidz) – chunks of rock, metal, or other debris in space that are up to .6 mile (1km) in size

**orbits –** travels around an object such as a sun or planet

**rotate –** spin on an axis

**solar system** (SOH-lur-SISS-tuhm) – a sun and all the objects that travel around it

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**Title:** Mercury

**By:** Elaine Landau

**Back Cover:** “Why did the Greeks have two different names for the planet Mercury? They thought it was two different stars – a morning star, Apollo, and an evening star, Hermes. Inside you’ll find:

* How much you would weigh on Mercury;
* Time lines, drawings, photos – and details about Mercury’s mysterious craters;
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**gravity –** a force that pulls two objects together

**mass –** the amount of matter, or stuff, in an object

**orbit –** to travel around an object such as a sun or planet

**rotate –** to spin on an axis

**solar panels –** metal sheets designed to collect the sun’s energy and turn it into electricity

**solar system** (SOH-lur SISS-tuhm) – a sun and all the objects that travel around it

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**Title:** Neptune

**By:** Elaine Landau

**Back Cover:** “Do you need a telescope to see Neptune? You can see Neptune with good binoculars. It looks like a tiny circle. Inside, you’ll find:

* How an ocean of hot water survives on an ice-cold planet;
* Time lines, drawings, photos – and the story of Neptune’s journey to become the solar system’s most distant planet;
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**gravity –** a force that pulls two objects together; gravity pulls you down onto Earth

**mathematician –** a person who specializes in mathematics

**orbit –** to travel around an object such as a sun or planet

**solar system** (SOH-lur SISS-tuhm) – a sun and all the objects that travel around it

**space probes –** spaceships that travel without astronauts on board

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**Title:** Mars

**By:** Elaine Landau

**Back Cover:** “Is there life on Mars? Nobody has ever found life on Mars. But some scientists think it’s possible that there is – or once was- life on the red planet. Inside, you’ll find:

* A Martian smiley face;
* Time lines, drawings, photos – and the reasons people once thought they had found Martians;
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**comets –** large chunks of rock and ice that travel around the sun

**gravity –** a force that pulls two objects together; gravity pulls you down onto Earth

**landers –** space vehicles that are designed to land on other planets and moons

**meteorites** (MEE-tee-uh-RITES) – space objects that have crashed into a planet

**orbits –** travels around an object such as a sun or planet

**rover –** space vehicle that explores the surface of another planet or moon

**solar system** (SOH-lur SISS-tuhm) – a sun and all the objects that travel around it



**Title:** Venus

**By:** Elaine Landau

**Back Cover:** “How hot can Venus get? The surface of Venus can get as hot as 870 degrees Fahrenheit. That’s twice as much heat as you need to bake a cake! Inside, you’ll find:

* Why a day on Venus really drags;
* Time lines, drawings, photos- and a close look at some of Venus’s volcanoes;
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**canyons** – deep, narrow valleys with steep sides

**comets –** large chunks of rock and ice that travel around the sun

**dwarf planet –** a body in the solar system that orbits the sun, has a constant (nearly round) shape, is not a moon, and has an orbit that overlaps with the orbits of other bodies

**gravity –** a force that pulls two objects together; gravity pulls you down onto Earth

**meteoroids** (MEE-tee-uh-roidz) – chunks of rock, metal, or other debris in space that are up to .6 mile (1km) in size

**orbits –** travels around an object such as a sun or planet

**poles –** the areas at the very north and very south of a sphere

**radiation –** waves of energy that flow off of an object

**solar system –** a sun and all the objects that travel around it

**Soviet Union –** a country in Eastern Europe and Northern Asia from 1922 to 1991, now broken up into smaller countries



**Title:** Jupiter

**By:** Elaine Landau

**Back Cover:** “How many other planets could fit inside Jupiter? All the other planets could fit inside Jupiter. They don’t call it a gas *giant* for nothing! Inside, you’ll find:

* Facts about what it’s lie on Jupiter;
* Time lines, drawings, photos – and a full-spread diagram showing just how big the largest planet is:
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**atmospheric pressure** (AT-mu-sfihr-ik PRE-shur) – the force of the weight of gases in the atmosphere pressing down

**axis –** (AK – siss) – an imaginary line that runs through the center of a planet or other object

**chemicals** (KE-mih-kuhlz) – substances or mixtures of substances

**comets –** large chunks of rock and ice that travel around the sun

**gas giant –** a planet made mostly of liquid and gas; Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune are gas giants

**orbit –** to travel around an object such as a sun or planet

**orbiter –** a spacecraft made to orbit an object without landing on its surface

**poles –** the areas at the very north and very south of a sphere

**rotates –** spins on an axis

**solar system** (SOH-lur SISS-tuhm) – a sun and all the objects that travel around it

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**Title:** Pluto from Planet to Dwarf

**By:** Elaine Landau

**Back Cover:** “How long does it take Pluto to travel around the Sun? It takes 90, 553 Earth days, or 248 Earth years. Inside, you’ll find:

* How Pluto came to be called a dwarf instead of a planet;
* Drawings, photos – and a time line of Pluto’s colorful history;
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**gravity –** a force that pulls two object together

**Kuiper Belt** (KY-pur belt) – an area in the outer part of the solar system that contains thousands of small space objects

**Kuiper Belt Objects –** icy, rocky objects that orbit the sun in the distant Kuiper Belt

**observatory –** a building containing telescopes and other scientific instruments for studying space

**orbit –** to travel around an object such as a sun or planet

**solar system** – a sun and all the objects that travel around it

**telescopes –** instruments that make distant objects seem larger and closer; used especially to study subjects in space



**Title:** What the World Eats

**Written by:** Faith D’Aluisio

**Photographed by:** Peter Menzel

**Back Cover:**

“25 Families. 21 Countries.525 Meals. Australia, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chad, China, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Great Britain, Greenland, Guatemala, India, Japan, Kuwait, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Philippines, Poland, Turkey, United States”

“Brilliantly executed…Engrossing and certain to stimulate.” – ***Publishers Weekly***

“A fascinating volume for browsing…Visually stunning.” – ***School Library Journal***

“[This] is a fascinating, sobering, and instructive look at daily life around the world, and it will draw readers of a wide range to its beautifully composed pages.” – ***Booklist***

“Best new book for the classroom.” – ***Book Links***

“The plentiful photos are fascinating, offering both intimate glimpses of family life and panoramic views of other lands. Whether used for research or received as a gift from socially conscious adults, this [book] offers children plenty to chew over.” – ***Kirkus Reviews***

**Book Jacket:** “Sitting down to a daily family meal has long been a tradition for billions of people. But in every corner of the world this age-old custom is rapidly changing. From increased trade between countries to the expansion of global food corporations like Kraft and Nestle, current events are having a tremendous impact on our eating habits. Chances are your supermarket is stocking a variety of international foods, and American fast food chains like McDonald’s and Kentucky Fried Chicken are popping up all over the planet.

 For the first time in history, more people are overfed than underfed. And while some people still have barely enough to eat, others overeat to the point of illness. To find out how mealtime is changing in real homes, authors Peter Menzel and aith D’Aluisio visited families around the world to observe and photograph what they eat during the course of one week. They joined parents while they shopped at mega grocery stores and outdoor markets, and participated in a feast where a single goat was shared among many families. They watched moms making dinner in kitchens and over cooking fires, and they sat down to eat with twenty-five families in twenty-one countries – if you’re keeping track, that’s about 525 meals!

 The foods dished up ranged from hunted seal and spit-roasted guinea pig to U.N. –rationed grains and gallons of Coca-Cola. As Peter and Faith ate and talked with families, they learned firsthand about food consumption around the world and its corresponding causes and effects. The resulting family portraits offer a fascinating glimpse into the cultural similarities and differences served on dinner plates around the globe.”

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**Title:** Moonshot The Flight of Apollo 11

**By:** Brian Floca

**The Robert F. Sibert Honor Book**

**Best Illustrated Children’s Book Awards The New York Time Book Review**

“Reading *Moonshot* gave me the feeling I was back up in space.” – **Michael Collins,** Command Module Pilot, *Apollo 11*

“Stunning.” – **Booklist Starred Review**

“Sublime.” – **Horn Book Magazine Starred Review**

“Stirring.” – **School Library Journal Starred Review**

“Poetic.” – **The Bulletin Starred Review**

“Perfect.” – **Kirkus Reviews Starred Review**

*“Moonshot* is well done and should receive a warm welcome from many space age boys and girls.” – **James Lovell**, Command Module Pilot, Apollo 8; Commander, Apollo 13

“*Moonshot* furthers the romance of once again going where no man has gone before.” – **Gene Cernan**, Lunar Module Pilot, Apollo 10; Commander, Apollo 17

*“Moonshot* is a treat to look at and enjoy. There is little that is not complex and confusing about space hardware, yet *Moonshot* gets it right.” – **Alan Bean**, Lunar Module Pilot, Apollo 12

*“Moonshot* is wonderful for keeping the dream alive for young people.” – **Edgar Mitchell**, Lunar Pilot, Apollo 14

**Book Jacket:** “We choose to go to the Moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too.” – John F. Kennedy, 1961

“Simply told, grandly shown, here for a new generation of readers and explorers is the story of *Apollo 11.* Here are the steady astronauts, the ROAR of rockets, and the silence of the Moon. Here is a challenge met, a journey made, and a view of home, seen whole, from far away.”

**First Line:** “Here below there are three men who close themselves in special clothes, who – *click* – lock hands in heavy gloves, who – *click –* lock heads in large, round helmets.”

**Last Line:** “To warmth, to light, to home at last.”

**Vocabulary:** helmet, Florida, spaceships, *Columbia, Eagle,* valves, massive Saturn V, astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, Buzz Aldrin, Launch Control, Houston, Mission Control, ignition, sequence, explode, gauges, Velcro, circuits, craters, static, altitudes, spindly, “Tranquility Base here, The *Eagle* has landed.”, magnificent, lope, swaying

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**Title:** Amelia Bedelia, Rocket Scientist?

**By:** Herman Parish

**Pictures by:** Lynn Sweat

**Back Cover:** “When Amelia Bedelia helps out at the school science fair, she finds an exploding volcano, some UFOs, and a mad scientist!”

**First Line:** “’This is incredible,’ “ said Mr. Rogers.”

**Last Line:** “Dr. Dinglebatt pointed at his pie and shouted: “Eureka!”

**Vocabulary:** incredible, promoting, volunteered, judge, scientist, professor, housekeeping, respects, Eureka, shrugged, Greek, ancient, Archimedes, volcano, model, telescope, test-drive, flying saucers, teacups, bonnet, liftoff, UFO, unidentified, bonnet, robot, magnets, presto, first-rate inventor, contraption, erupt, Nobel Prize, vinegar, rumble, gangway, commotion, deserves, stalked, gym, embarrassing, lending, breakthroughs, precisely, inspired, switched, remote control, terrific, apologize, recommend, university, sponsor, chemist, citric acid, H20, sucrose, sodium chloride, protein, incredible, lemon meringue pie

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**Title:** Thank You, Amelia Bedelia

**Story by:** Peggy Parish

**Pictures by:** Barbara Siebel Thomas

**Back Cover:** “Amelia Bedelia wants to make everything perfect for Great-Aunt Myra’s visit. From removing the spots from Mrs. Rogers’s best dress to stringing up the string beans, nobody gets as mixed up as Amelia Bedelia!”

**First Line:** “Mrs. Rogers was all in a dither.”

**Last Line:** “She and Great-Aunt Myra would get along.”

**Vocabulary:** dither, strip, laundryman, spots, scatter, jelly roll, proper, vases, pinch, pare, pair, thunderation, string, homey, blob, plip-plopped, plumb,

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**Title:** Amelia Bedelia

**By:** Peggy Parish

**Pictures by:** Fritz Siebel

**Back Cover:** “From dressing the chicken to dusting the furniture, Amelia Bedelia does exactly what Mr. and Mrs. Rogers tell her…But somehow things never turn out quite right.”

**First Line:** “Oh, Amelia Bedelia, your first day of work, and I can’t be here.”

**Last Line:** “All he cared about was having her there to make lemon-meringue pie.”

**Vocabulary:** list, grand, lemon-meringue pie, pinch, change, dust, draw, measure, trim, dress, dashed, container

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**Title:** In A Pickle And Other Funny Idioms

**By:** Marvin Terban

**Illustrated by:** Giulio Maestro

**Back Cover:** “Do people really have butterflies in their stomachs? Can you really put your foot in your mouth? Are there really phrases that don’t mean exactly what they say? Yes, they’re called idioms! Discover their special meanings inside this book and see how silly they can be!”

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**Title:** Mad as a Wet Hen! And Other Funny Idioms

**By:** Marvin Terban

**Illustrated by:** Giulio Maestro

**Back Cover:** “Don’t eat your heart out or let someone make a monkey out of you! We’re spilling the beans about idioms – phrases that don’t mean exactly what they say. You’ll soon see they’re a piece of cake, and the hilarious illustrations are sure to tickle your funny bone. So look inside and get ready to laugh your head off!”

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20 poor as church mice

36 pull someone’s leg

28 pull the wool over someone’s eyes

9 raining cats and dogs

19 rat on someone

20 rat race

53 red herring

46 red tape

14 scarce as hen’s teeth

28 see eye to eye

46 red tape

14 scarce as hen’s teeth

28 see eye to eye

46 see red

31 skin of your teeth

19 smell a rat

53 sour grapes

52 spill the beans

30 stick your nose into someone’s business

31 stiff upper lip

18 stir up a hornet’s nest

14 stool pigeon

24 straw that broke the camel’s back

23 take the bull by the horns

58 talk through your hat

13 talk turkey

50 that takes the cake

52 that’s the way the cookie crumbles

59 thinking cap

38 thumbs down

38 thumbs up

37 tickles the funny bone

53 top banana

25 two-faced

42 under the weather

60 under your hat

9 underdog

43 up the creek

49 upper crust

43 upset the applecart

42 walking on air

32 watch your mouth

33 wet behind the ears

12 wild-goose chase

10 wolf in sheep’s clothing

49 worth your salt

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**Title:** A Medieval Feast

**Written and Illustrated by:** Aliki

**Reading Rainbow Book**

**Back Cover:** “The King is coming to visit! The lord and lady of Camdenton Manor must work quickly to prepare for his arrival. It will take weeks to ready rooms, set up tents, and prepare the feast itself. Everyone is busy hunting and hawking, brewing and churning. This will be a feast to remember!”

“A veritable feat of a book.” – ***School Library Journal***

“Sumptuous colors and minute detail illustrate the latest in Aliki’s unbroken run of incomparable picture books.” – ***Publishers Weekly***

**First Line:** “It was announce from the palace that the King would soon make a long journey.”

**Last Line:** “It was a feast fit for a king, and there would be more tomorrow.”

**Vocabulary:** palace, journey, destination, manor, knights, squires, court, lord, lady, serfs, estate, plot, bound, silk, fabric, embroidered, linen, horsemen, fenced, provisions, feast, estate, falcons, hawks, capture, ferrets, burrows, eels, trout, trenchers, coarse, peasants, mill, churned, ale, herbs, scullion, cupboards, wild boar, heron, quail, capon, peacock, tapestries, vessels, trumpets, hosts, chanted, Ewerer, goblets, molded, pastry, jesters, jugglers, minstrels, fancy, marzipan, sculpture

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**Title:** Frindle

**By:** Andrew Clements

**Back Cover:** “Is Nick Allen a troublemaker? He really just likes to liven things up at school – and he’s always had plenty of great ideas. But it looks like Nick’s days of classroom shenanigans are over – thanks to his no-nonsense teacher, Mrs. Granger. That is, until Nick learns an interesting tidbit about how words are created. This inspires his greatest plan yet: invent a new word. From now on, a *pen* – it’s a *frindle.* But what happens when the word starts to catch on…around school, around town? Suddenly, *frindle* doesn’t belong to Nick anymore. The word is spreading and there’s nothing Nick can do to stop it…”

“A captivating tale – one to press upon children, and one they’ll be passing among themselves.” – ***Kirkus,* Pointered Review**

**First Line:** “IF YOU ASKED the kids and the teachers at Lincoln Elementary School to make three lists – all the really bad kids, all the really smart kids, and all the really good kids – Nick Allen would not be on any of them.”

**Last Line:** “Then she could read the three thin lines of type:

*This object belongs to Mrs. Lorelei Granger, and she may call it any name she chooses.*

 *-With love from Nicholas Allen”*

**Chapter One Nick**

**Vocabulary:** deserved, troublemaker, tropical island, New Hampshire, delighted, thermostat, creative, spiking, Nerf volleyball, South Seas, jolt, promptly, pounced, chirp, gradually, ignore

**Chapter Two Mrs. Granger**

**Vocabulary:** monopoly, reputation, tidy, sleet, hail, uniform, cameo, speck, twinkle, vocabulary, dictionary, definition, essential, command, ideal, acquire, groaned, frantically

**Chapter Three The Question**

**Vocabulary:** acquainted, chatter, tremble, circular, orchestra, procedures, cursive, delaying, guaranteed, launch, sidetrack, thought-grenade, KaPow, peeked, hesitated, thundercloud

**Chapter Four Word Detective**

**Vocabulary:** grumble, introduction, origin, complex, profound, embodies, unparalleled, etymological, reflecting, superb, lexicographic, scholarship

**Chapter Five The Report**

**Vocabulary:** cranked, maximum, William Shakespeare, inventions, Anglo-Saxon, Latin, Greek, jumble, harsh, fluorescent, carnival, gulped, crumpled, London, England, concentration, glanced, shushed, sneaking, screech, linoleum, annoyed, complex, profound, documents, embodies, unparalleled, etymological, reflecting, lexicographic, scholarship, edged, applause, reputation, launched, France, chien, Germany, hund, globe, jammed, blur, verbs, nouns, prepositions

**Chapter Six The Big Idea**

**Vocabulary:** concentration, fancy, concrete, cassette, absorbed, stumbled, clattered, pantry, squinted, frindle

**Chapter Seven Word Wars**

**Vocabulary:** launch, historical, blurted, emphasized, gulped, performance, maroon, bravery

**Chapter Eight Mightier than the Sword**

**Vocabulary:** agents, auditorium, furious, announcement, detention, disruption, Latin, pinna, quills, oath, conference, abruptly

**Chapter Nine Chess**

**Vocabulary:** linebacker, silk, forbidding, rebellion, annoyed, authority, stumped, launched, reaction, vandalism, chessboard

**Chapter Ten Freedom of the Press**

**Vocabulary:** burglary, paces, pursed, prank, phony, overreacted, scattered, straining, flecked, fad, fade, predict, giggled, puckered

**Chapter Eleven Extra! Extra! Read All About It!**

**Vocabulary:** champion, authority, masterminded, academic, invented, superintendent, taxpayers

**Chapter Twelve Airwaves**

**Vocabulary:** published, shy, awkward, clever, investment, preliminary, trademark, claim, imprinted, Boston, newsroom, network, editor, crew, couch, squinted, controversial, chat, anchorman, Dublin, Westfield, New Hampshire, Ohio, Iowa, New York, Texas, California, complications, trademark, Massachusetts, Chicago, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Japan, profits, deposited

**Chapter Thirteen Ripples**

**Vocabulary:** coast, town council, forbidden, celebrity, limousine

**Chapter Fourteen Inside Nick**

**Vocabulary:** consumers, rascal, curiosity, gulped, tilted, clamming, remarkable, commotion, delay

**Chapter Fifteen And the Winner Is…**

**Vocabulary:** legally, device, existed, confess, villain, satellites, endures, oblong, maroon, plucked, prank, glared, velvet, engraved