



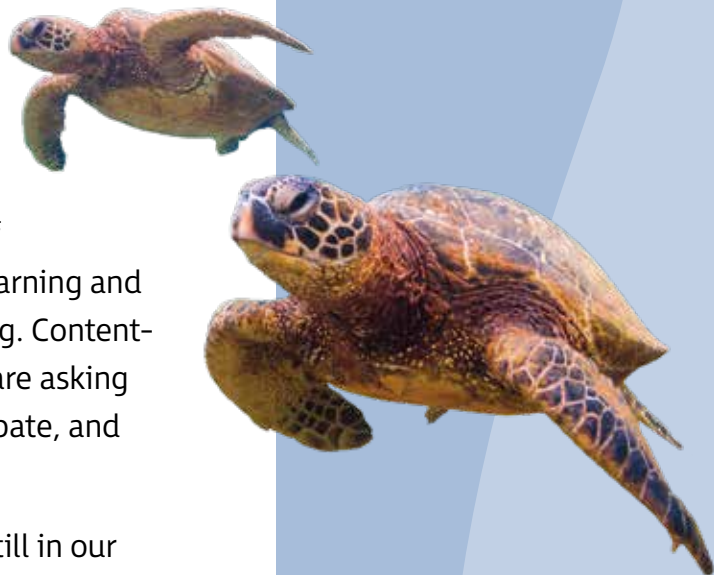
Content Area Reading Sets

*Building Knowledge
in Science and Social Studies*



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Imagine this: a classroom buzzing with the energy of discovery—a place where each book leads to new learning and every discussion contributes to deeper understanding. Content-rich classrooms make learning irresistible. Students are asking questions and making inferences as they discuss, debate, and generate new ideas.

The **Content Area Reading Sets** were created to instill in our students a disposition to explore, investigate, and learn more about the real world. Rich content fuels students' natural curiosity. Each Content Area Reading Set includes engaging books for whole class interactive read alouds, small group reading and instruction, and independent reading in science and social studies that will draw students in, amaze them with new information, and inspire them to read on and discover more.

Each Content Area Reading Set includes:

1. Eight picture books for read alouds
2. Twelve books in sets of six for small group, partner, and independent reading
3. Online resources: Additional teaching suggestions, standards alignments, and book lists

Why, How, and When to Use the Content Area Reading Sets

Why to Teach with the Content Area Reading Sets

In each collection, we have included books on a **common theme or topic in science or social studies**, knowing that the more widely students read on a common topic, the more they learn about and understand it. National and state standards for science and social studies expect that students will read a

Teaching Tip

Connect the theme or topic to content throughout the day and across the week.

variety of texts on a common topic, synthesize the ideas and information across the texts, build new knowledge, and acquire and use new vocabulary.

Each read aloud book and independent reading book in these collections is **engaging and relevant**. We want students to be excited and motivated to read and learn about science and social studies. These books will ignite students' interests as they explore new ideas and real-world issues.

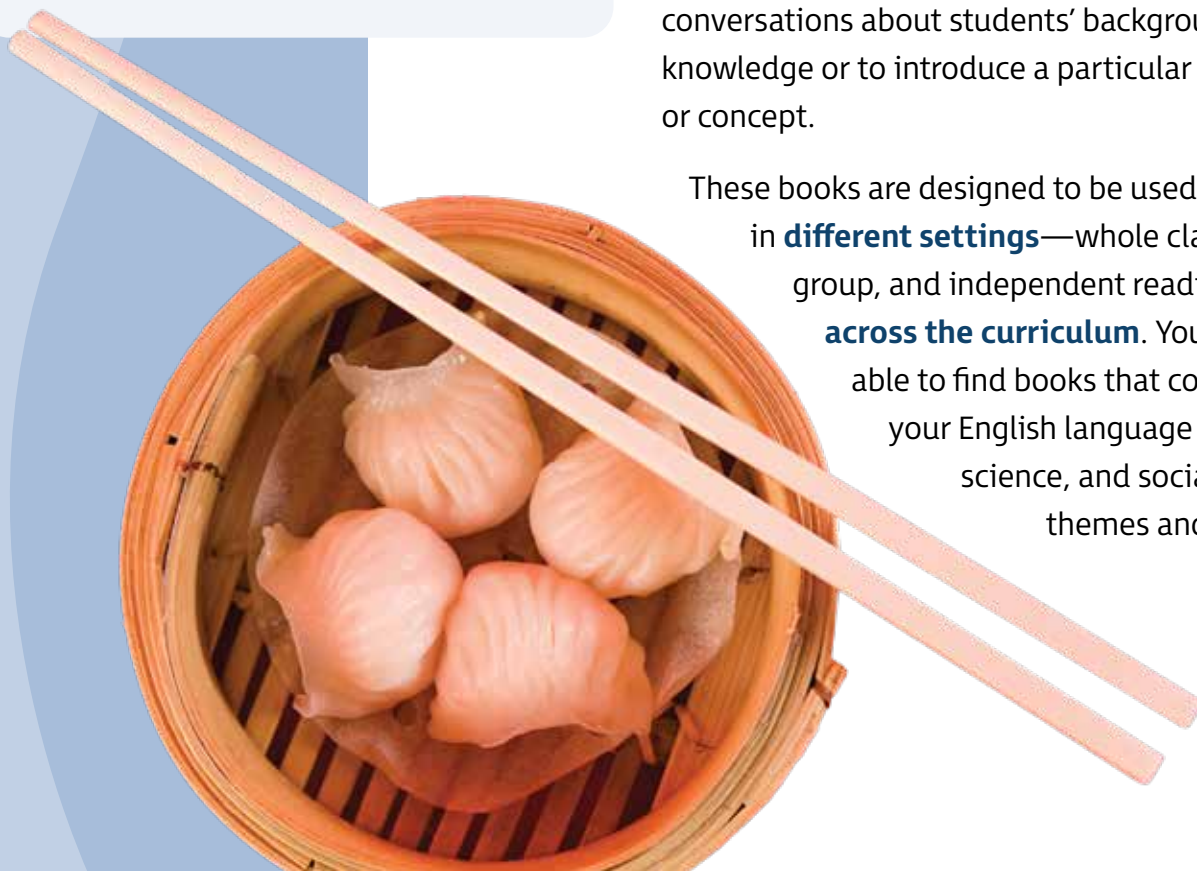
The independent reading books offer **different levels of complexity** to make the content accessible to more students. Each set contains books that have simpler vocabulary and greater support for new concepts, as well as more in-depth, challenging books on the same or similar topics to meet different reading proficiency and interest levels.

Teaching Tip

Encourage collaboration through partner and small group reading and discussion.

The books in each collection include a **variety of graphic features**, such as photographs, illustrations, maps, and diagrams, to encourage interpretation and comparison across texts. Graphic features also provide another entry point for students to access nonfiction. Consider using the images in these books to generate conversations about students' background knowledge or to introduce a particular theme or concept.

These books are designed to be used successfully in **different settings**—whole class, small group, and independent reading—and **across the curriculum**. You will be able to find books that complement your English language arts, science, and social studies themes and units.





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