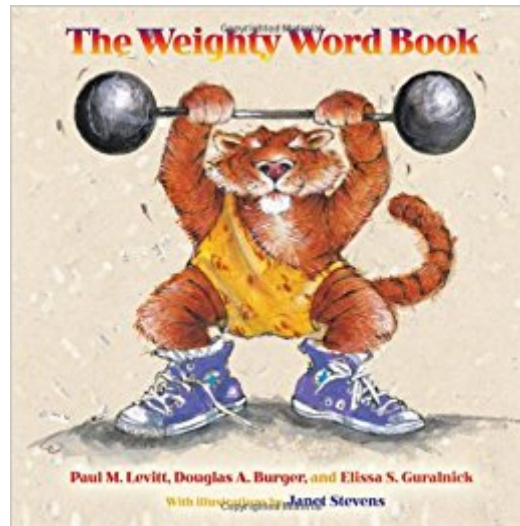


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# The Weighty Word Book



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

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one-word punch line."--School Library Journal

I found this a clever way to teach usable, "\$10-words" to kids (I'm guessing from about 9 or 10 years and older). I was especially impressed with the art work. But the inventive story-with-pun by which each word's definition is explained really WILL help kids (and adults, too, I'm sure), to learn-and-retain each word's meaning. It's the sort of book I'd have REALLY enjoyed back when I was 8-to-14. (But now, at 66, smiled periodically when reading, too!)

This is a book that everyone should have . I read it to my sixth grade students for 24 years! It was falling apart! I was so excited to find that it had been printed again! It is my favorite book!

The Weight Word Book is an excellent teacher resource for the upper Elementary School through High School level students. The stories are well written and engaging. The 'twists' at the end where the authors use a pun or word play to emphasize the vocabulary word in the story helps to cement the understanding. Even if you are not a teacher, if you enjoy short (2-4 page) stories with humor, craziness and a funny spin at the end, this book is well worth the read.

a wonderful book for young and old to learn new words in a way that you will always remember. Terrific illustrations.

This book has a great way of teaching "difficult" words to young children. My kids enjoy listening to the stories and using the new words they learned.

As a literacy teacher this book is perfect for students and educators. It is a new favorite of mine and has enhanced professional development for educators. I love the concept and the clever delivery is a high-light. The selected words, storyline and illustration make the words memorable.

This my favorite gift for school age children. They LOVE learning the new words. Of course the story helps them remember the meaning and they are proud that they have added an "SAT-type" word to their active vocabulary.

Great book to help students learn some big words using pneumonic devices. It's a lot of fun.

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