

Frindle

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Nick Allen doesn't mean any trouble, he is just trying to have fun at school with his classmates and his head is full of good ideas. But when he stumbles upon the idea of how words are made, he comes up with the greatest plan yet. From now on the pen is not called a pen, it is called... the Frindle. It starts small with just his friends and classmates using it. But soon it spreads to the school and the two and everyone knows Nick Allen and his new word Frindle. His no-nonsense 5th-grade teacher, Mrs. Granger, did not seem to like this and wanted Nick to stop but it was too late. Nick's word, Frindle, was unfurling across the country and there was no way to undo it.

Frindle is a great quick read about a creative boy who just wants some excitement in his class. It is a well-written book that will keep you reading until the end. I enjoyed reading Frindle because it had a unique plot from other books. The main character, Nick, is likable and relatable in his struggle to outwit his teacher. I think this book has good themes and messages for the reader to understand. Mrs. Granger loves the dictionary and this book talks a lot about the importance and value of words. Friendship also plays a big role when Nick's friends help his word Frindle get used more and more. Finally, Nick uses a lot of creativity and inspiration when he finds a small idea and makes it big.

I would recommend this book for 3rd- 5th graders. I think children ages 8-10 would most enjoy this book because it is Nick is set in 5th grade. It would be best enjoyed by those close to Nick's age so they relate the best to his character. This is a book I would buy because I would love to reenter Nick's classroom and reexperience all the fun that happens in his class.

Recommended titles:

Because of Winn- Dixie by Kate Dicamillo

Holes by Louis Sachar

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate