



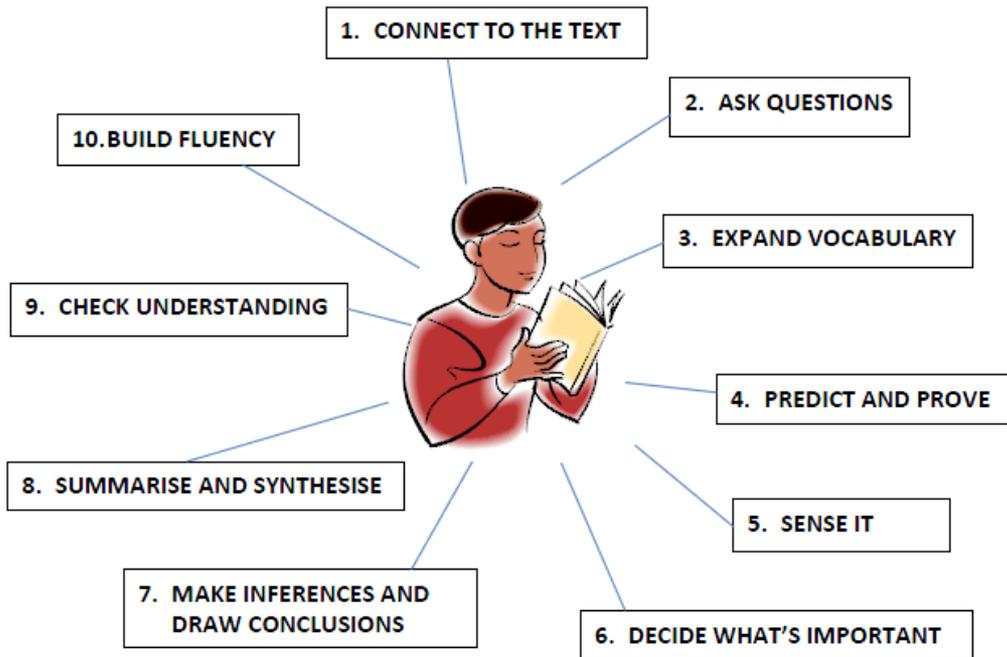
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Reader

Parent workshop  
19/10/15

# Why have we decided to use Accelerated Reader?

## What Makes a Proficient Reader?\*

*Proficient readers successfully leave tracks of their thinking when actively reading a text.*



Good reading is not just about fluency and accurate decoding of a text.

It is about understanding and making sense of what is being read.

Our curriculum must reflect this. We **teach** and **test** to these skills therefore our reading scheme must also follow these principles.

Also....it does what it says on the tin!

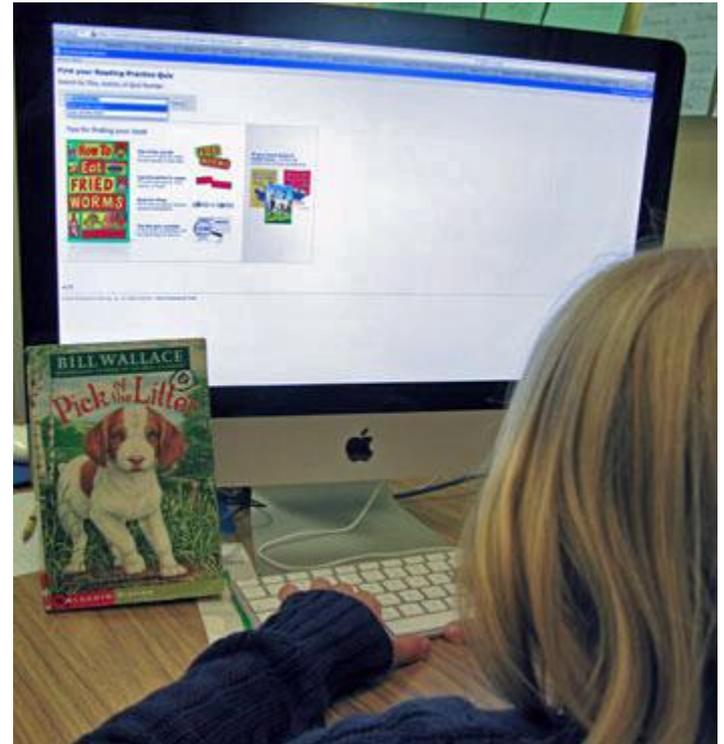
# What is Accelerated Reader?

AR is a computer program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice.

Your child picks a book at his/her own level and reads it at his/her own pace.

When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer  
- passing the quiz is an indication that your child has understood what has been read.

AR gives both children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results which the teacher then uses to help the child set targets and ongoing reading practice.



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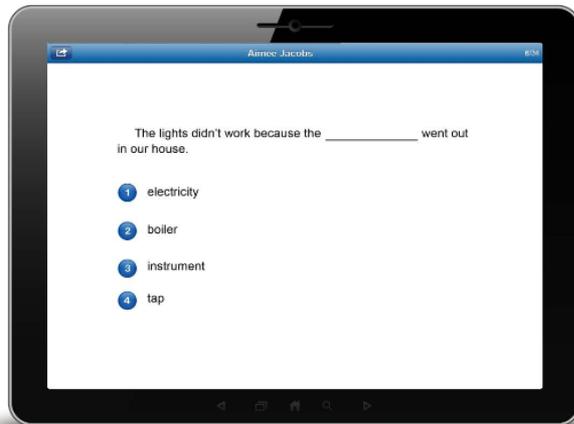
# How do we determine your child's initial reading level?



Children take a test called the STAR READER test.

This is a computer-adaptive reading test which assesses pupil's reading ability and determines a recommended reading level for Accelerated Reader.

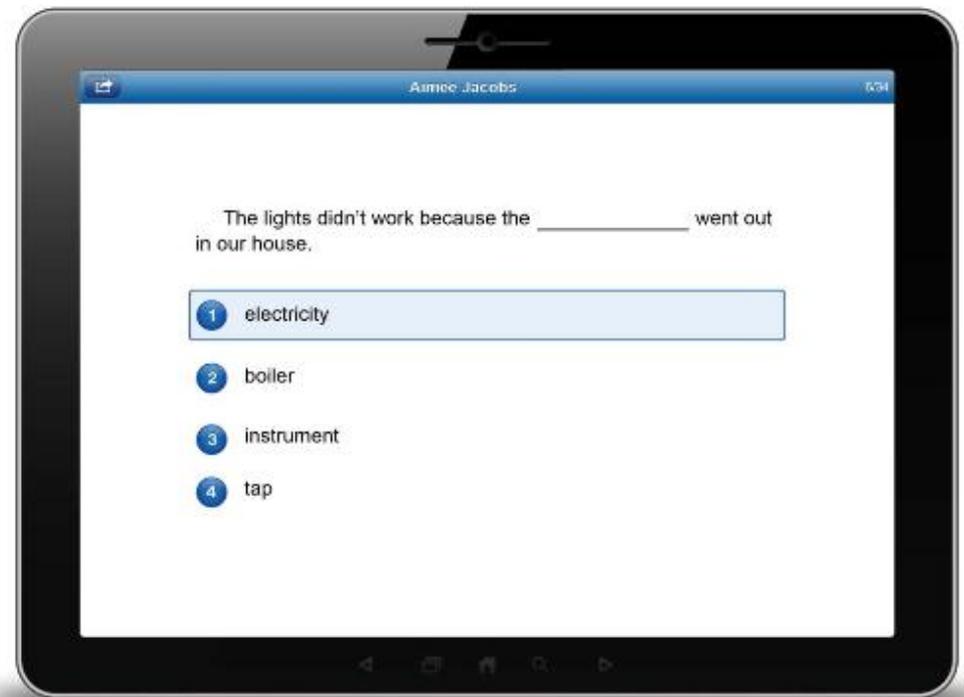
It is also used to measure growth over time.



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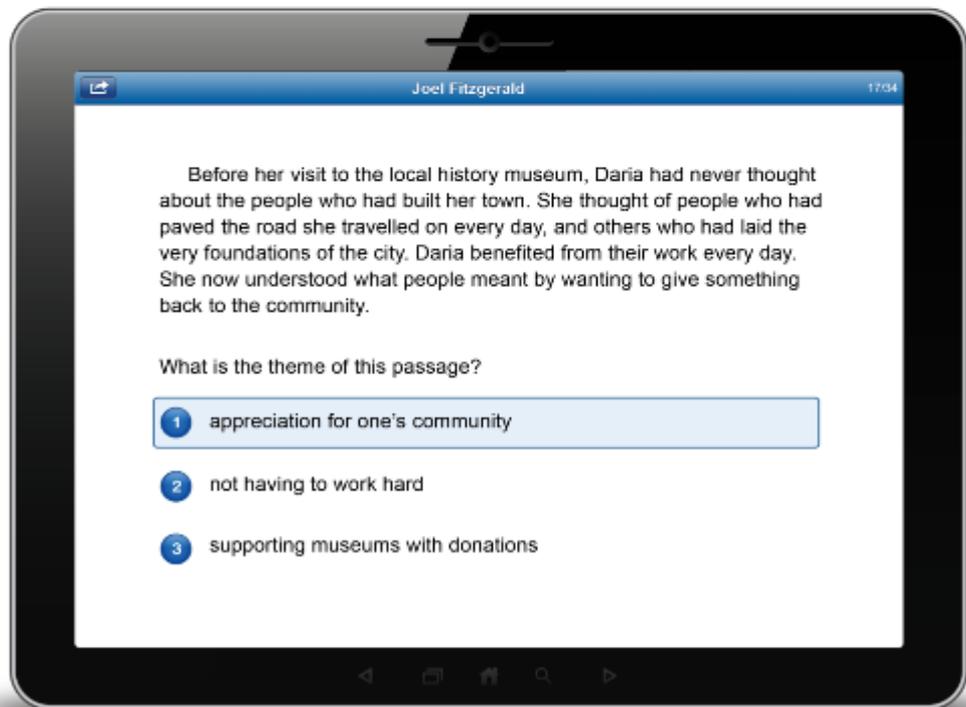
# Questions 1 - 10

The first ten questions will ask you to pick the best word to fill a gap in a sentence.



# Questions 11 - 34

The other 24 questions will give you a few sentences to read and will ask you about what they mean.



# The ZPD

“Zone of Proximal Development”



# How will my child choose an appropriate book to read?

- Free choice - motivational factor.
- However, children must select books that are appropriate for their individual reading level.
- Books are labelled in the following ways to help guide choices:
- **Book Level** - difficulty of text (range 0.1 - 13.5)
- **Interest Level** - Relates to the content and appropriateness- Lower (LY), Middle (MY) and Upper years (UY).
- **Points**- Refers to length and number of words (range 0.5- 118).

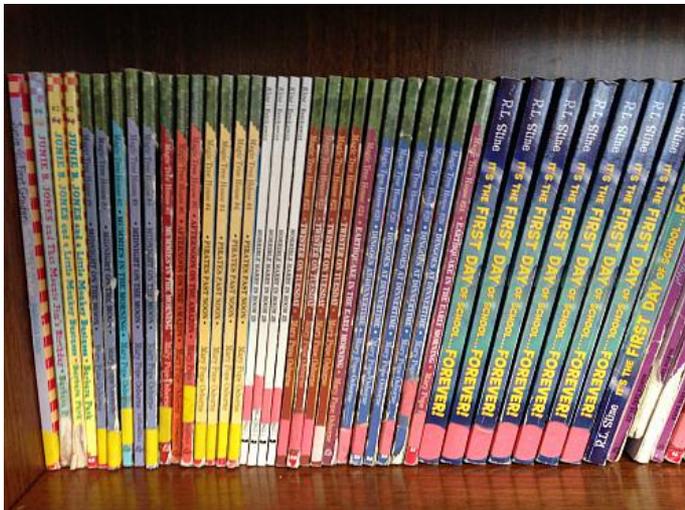
Quiz No 200005	
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	
Dahl, Roald	
BL: 4.8	
Points: 5.0	MY



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# Our Library

- Organised by author to encourage library skills and alphabetical ordering.
- Colour coded for quick and easy access of appropriate levels.



# What happens when my child has finished reading a book?

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Home

STAR Reading STAR Early Literacy STAR Maths Accelerated Reader Accelerated Maths

Select Accelerated Reader

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The image shows a screenshot of the Renaissance Learning website. At the top, the logo 'RENAISSANCE LEARNING' is displayed. Below it, a navigation bar contains the company name, a user name 'Jessamy Hunter', and icons for help and home. A 'Home' link is visible below the navigation bar. The main content area features five icons for different programs: STAR Reading, STAR Early Literacy, STAR Maths, Accelerated Reader, and Accelerated Maths. An orange arrow points from a callout box labeled 'Select Accelerated Reader' to the Accelerated Reader icon. Below the navigation area is a photograph of three students sitting at a table with laptops, looking out a large window. At the bottom of the page, a blue footer contains the copyright notice: '© 2014 Renaissance Learning, Inc. All rights reserved. [About Renaissance Place](#)'.

# What does the quiz contain?

- Test of comprehension not just reading fluency and accuracy.
- Either 3, 5, 10 or 20 questions depending on the length of the book.
- Let's take a look!



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# Taking a Quiz



Quiz within 24 hours

Multiple choice  
questions

Earn points depending  
score

Teacher monitoring  
average percent correct

**RP** Holes

Why did the kids at school often tease Stanley?

- A. His feet smelled.
- B. He was overweight.
- C. His father was the caretaker.
- D. He had ginger hair.

Reading Practice

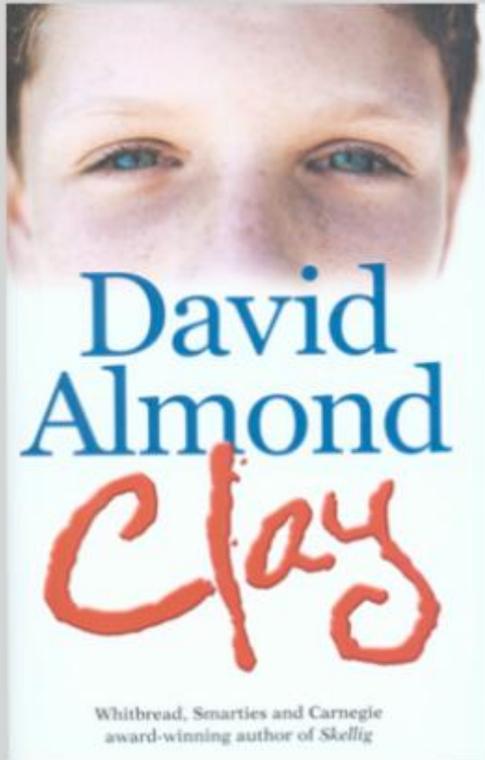
Question 1 of 10 [Next](#)

TOPS Report

Reading Practice tests  
comprehension

Vocabulary Practice  
reinforces words  
encountered

Literacy Skills for  
higher order thinking



**Clay**  
by David Almond

Quiz: 208574 EN Level: 3.2 MY  
Points: 6.0



**You passed this quiz.**  
9 of 10 correct

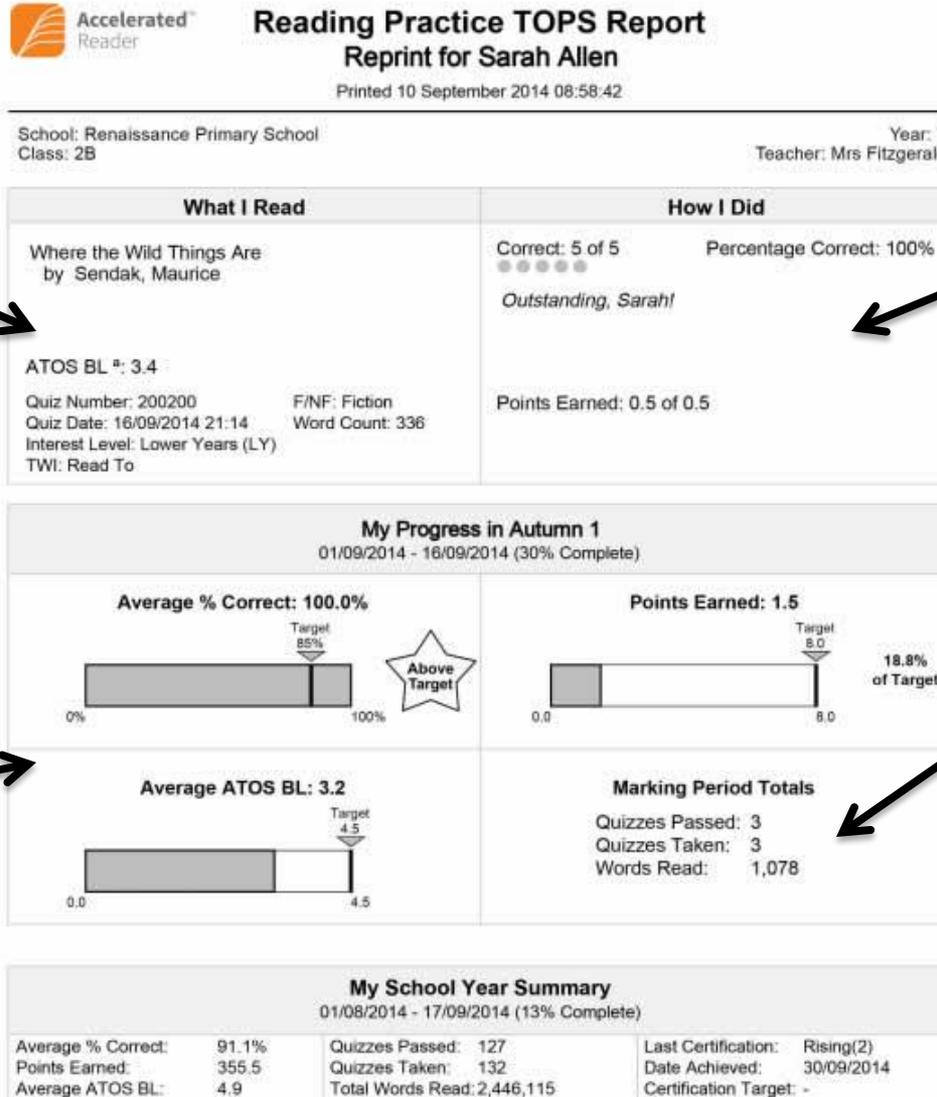
% Correct	Points	Words Read
<b>90</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>44,308</b>

- Review Missed Questions
- Print TOPS Report
- Next

Review any missed questions and think about why you did not answer them correctly.

**Look at your TOPS Report**  
How could you use this score to help you choose a book that will make you an even better reader next time?

# The TOPS report



Book information

Quiz performance

Average Performance

Overall Performance

Targets set at 85% pass rate.

A child needs to pass a quiz with a score of 60% or higher to earn points.

# What does it mean if my child is not passing quizzes?

- Children have been set up for success as they have been matched with books of the right reading level.
- Quizzes have been written so that they can be passed easily by any pupil who has read the book and understood it at a basic level.
- If a pupil consistently performs poorly on reading quizzes, it almost invariably means that they are not reading or comprehending the reading material.
- We will
  - Sit with the children to help them with their quizzes
  - Listen to readers daily
  - Adjust ZPDs to enable success
  - Reassess using Star Reader every half term



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# Rewards and motivational aspects of the scheme

- **Success** - realistic targets that are challenging but attainable ensure children **will** pass their quizzes.
- **Free Choice** - makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they feel in control and can choose books that are interesting to them.
- 4 x 100% = a small token prize of a bookmark
- 100 % boards in class - raffle tickets for every 100% earned
- Most improved reader each half term - celebrated and rewarded in celebration assemblies (first one this Thursday!!)
- **Word Millionaires Club**
  - Year 2, 3 and 4 = Class Millionaires
  - Year 5/6 - Individual prizes
- Consistent 100% performance - increase in ZPD



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# How can I keep track of my child's progress?

You can access your child's AR information in Renaissance Place Home Connect from any web-enabled computer.

Once in the program, you can view your child's progress towards targets, points and books read.

You can also access AR Book Finder to search for titles of interest.

You can only access information about your own child.

<https://ukhosted62.renlearn.co.uk/2248216/homeconnect/>

The screenshot displays the Renaissance Place Home Connect interface for a user named Michael Delezo. The page is divided into several sections:

- Navigation:** 'reading' and 'maths' tabs are visible at the top.
- My Overall Progress (05/04/2007 - 07/06/2007):**
  - Quizzes:** 87.5% (average % correct), target 85, Above Target.
  - Points:** 27.7 (87% of target), target 32, 4.3 Points to Target.
  - ATOS Book Level:** 4.0 (average level), target 4.0, At Target.
- My Last Quiz (Taken: 04/05/2007):**
  - Book: *Bad Girls* by Jacqueline Wilson.
  - ATOS Book Level: 4.0, Interest Level: Middle Years.
  - 9 of 10 Correct: 90%
  - 3.6 of 4.0 Points: 3.6
  - View My Bookshelf
- Reader Certifications:**
  - Last Achieved: Advanced Reader (15/05/2007). Read: 3 books, ATOS BL: 3.0 or higher, Earned: 2 points or more per book.
  - Current Target: Star Reader. Read: 3 books, ATOS BL: 4.0 or higher, Worth: 4 points or more per book.
- Find Books:** AR BookFinder. Click to Open in New Window.

# How can I support my child with AR at home?

- Practise makes perfect!
- Create a culture of reading in your household by reading with your child, starting a home library, visiting your local library or bookshop on a regular basis and by letting your child see you reading.
- When reading with your child stop and ask questions to be sure your child comprehends what they have read and in general make a habit of discussing books that each of you has read.
- See the comprehension handouts for questions to ask and ideas of activities/ things to discuss with your child.

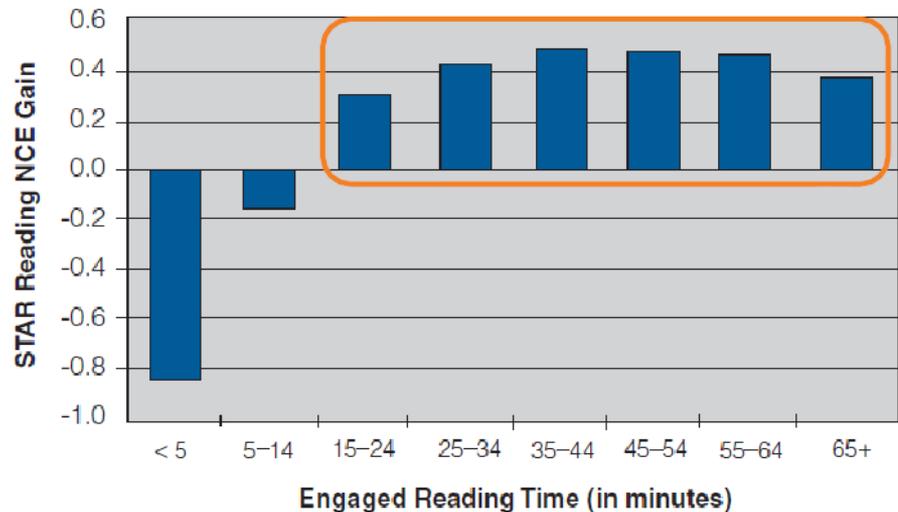


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# How can I support my child with AR at home?

Above all, spend time listening to your child reading. Time spent reading at school (30 mins), combined with time spent reading at home (15 mins) will equal that magic 35 - 54 minutes!

Importance of daily reading practice



Guided Independent Reading Report (Nov 2012)

# Book Finder

[www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk)

Information about book level, points and ratings given by other children.

The screenshot shows the AR BookFinder website interface. On the left, a 'Welcome' box contains a search introduction and a form to identify the user as Pupil, Parent, Teacher, or Librarian. Below this is a 'Refine Your Search' sidebar with filters for Interest Level, ATOS Book Level, Fiction/Non-fiction, and Topic. The main content area shows an 'AR BookBag' with one title, 'A Medal for Leroy' by Michael Morpurgo. The book details include the author, AR Quiz No. 223784, EN Fiction, IL: MY - BL: 5.1 - AR Pts: 3.0, AR Quiz Types: RP, and a 4-star rating. A 'Remove from AR BookBag' button is visible below the book details. A large blue arrow points from the 'Welcome' box to the 'Refine Your Search' sidebar, and another large blue arrow points from the 'AR BookBag' title to the book details. A third large blue arrow points from the 'AR BookFinder' header to the book details.

**Welcome**

Searching for Accelerated Reader books is fun and easy with this free online tool.

Please tell us who you are:

- Pupil
- Parent
- Teacher
- Librarian

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**AR BookFinder**

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**AR BookBag™**  
Title 1 - 1 of 1

The titles in your AR BookBag will be removed when you close your web browser.

< Previous Page 1 of 1 Next > Go to Page   Sort

**A Medal for Leroy**  
Morpurgo, Michael  
AR Quiz No. 223784 EN Fiction  
IL: MY - BL: 5.1 - AR Pts: 3.0  
AR Quiz Types: RP  
Rating: ★★★★★

Michael finds out the sad and secret history of his family and the effect two world wars have had on his life. Illustrated by Michael Foreman.

**Refine Your Search**

**Interest Level**  
->Middle Years

**ATOS Book Level**  
->5.0 - 5.9

**Fiction/Non-fiction**  
->Fiction

**Topic**  
Family Life (1)  
Wars (1)

Locate appropriate reading material for your child.

**\*\*Quiz material\*\***

# Questions....

Dive into reading!



Thank You for coming!