WNC BOOK LISTS

TOPIC CURATED TITLE SUGGESTIONS



THE POWER OF STORIES

HOW TO USE
THIS RESOURCE

In this resource you will find a curated list of books about books as well as a variety of accompanying materials.

How to Use This Resource

1. Choose a title from the animal main character list.
2. Scan the QR code to play the read-aloud video.
3. Students complete the response sheet while listening.
4. Students vote: Would you keep reading?
5. Display the book cover poster to build classroom book buzz.

Classroom Use Ideas Quick List:

- First Chapter Friday
- Sub plans
- Book tasting stations
- Library preview lessons
- Early finisher reading activities

To check the reading level, video length or to find a book purchasing link, look at this Google Doc that organizes ALL of my First Chapter Friday read aloud videos alphabetically.

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** More resources will be added in the future including a Reading Round Up Video to briefly explain every video on this list and possibly even some thematic coloring sheets.
As always, please email me with any title requests or questions. (wordnerd@amandazieba.com)

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HAPPY READING!

MUST TRY

Word Nerd Daily

an app from Amanda Zieba



First Chapter Friday Videos

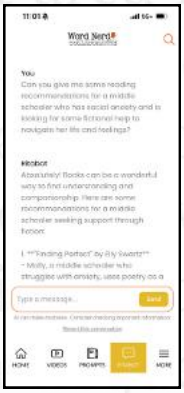


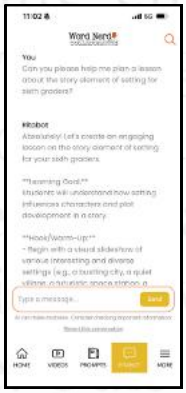
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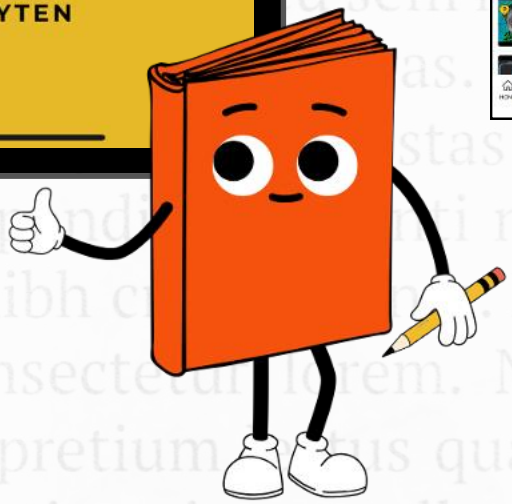
ChatBot for Reading Recs and Lesson Planning





Brain Break Videos





AVIALBLE FOR APPLE AND ANDROID DEVICES



FIRST CHAPTER Friday Videos

Not sure how First Chapter Friday works?

Check out this video for a full explanation and 4 implementation ideas.



If you prefer a written description in lieu of a video, click here.

Click here for a live, continually updated, Google Doc of the First Chapter Friday videos on my channel. Additionally you will find links to purchase the books and watch the read aloud videos, as well as book reading levels, genre/format, video length and more!

All my best,
Amanda Zieba

Teacher Planning Sheet

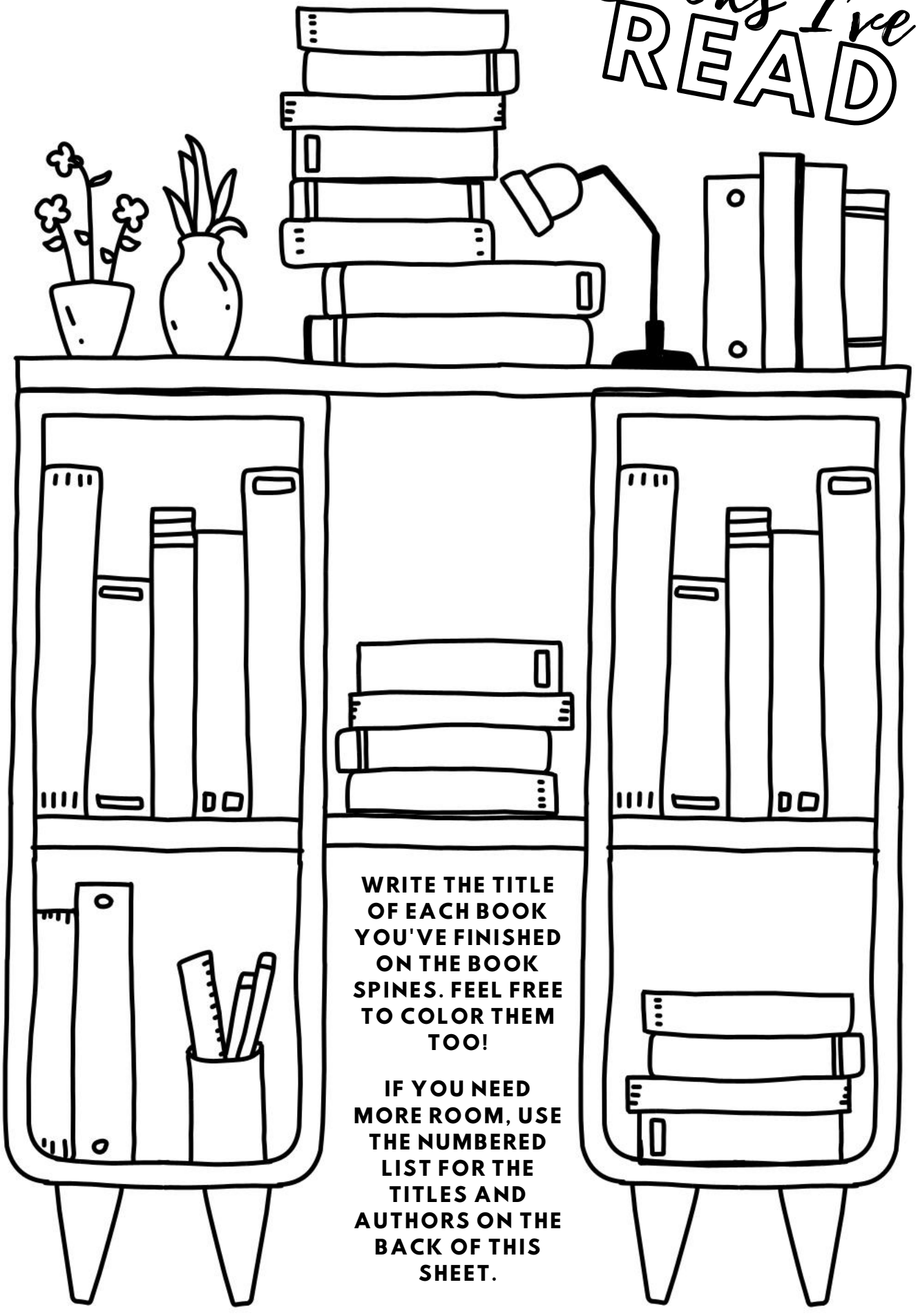
First CHAPTER Friday



DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR	GENRE	STUDENT REACTION?

NAME: _____

Books I've READ



WRITE THE TITLE OF EACH BOOK YOU'VE FINISHED ON THE BOOK SPINES. FEEL FREE TO COLOR THEM TOO!

IF YOU NEED MORE ROOM, USE THE NUMBERED LIST FOR THE TITLES AND AUTHORS ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET.

Created by Amanda Zieba, The Word Nerd

These books revel in the power stories have to impact both characters and our world at large. These are books about books.

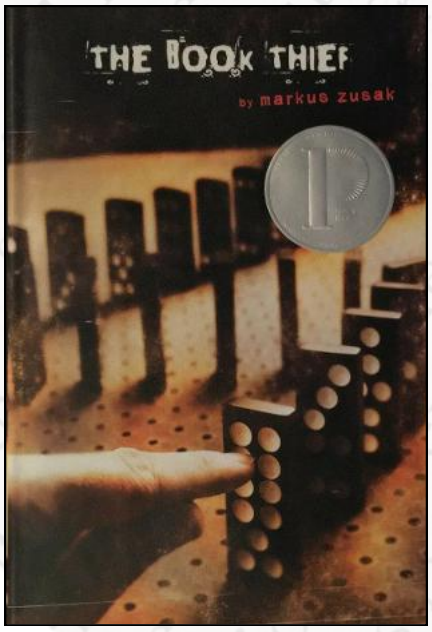


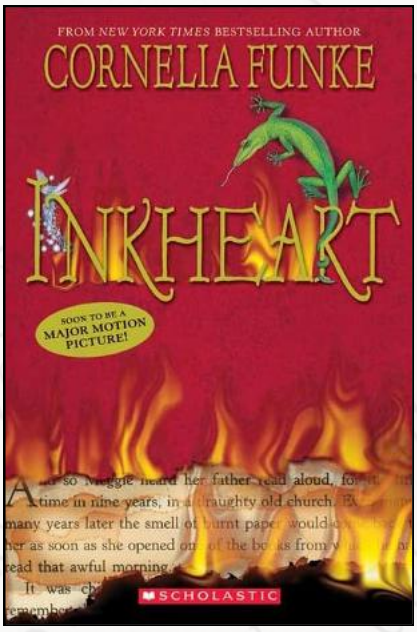
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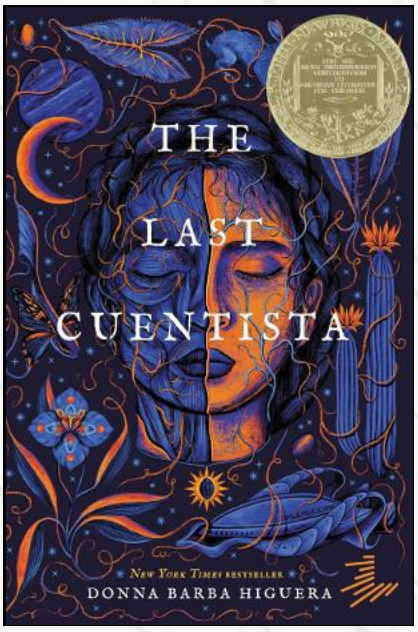
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The Last Cuentista by Donna Barbara Higuera



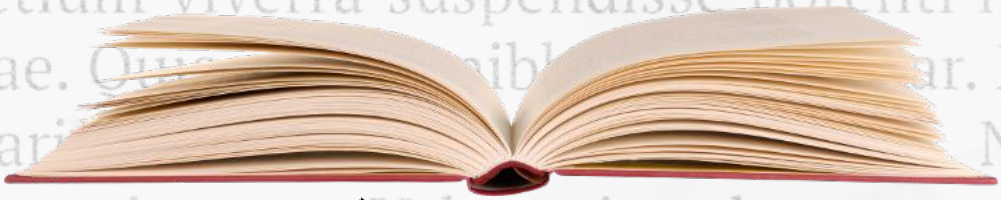




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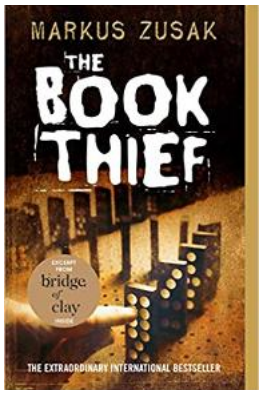




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The Book Thief

by Markus Zusak

Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

When Death has a story to tell, you listen.

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still.

Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist-books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of I Am the Messenger, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time.

Who Wrote It?

Markus Zusak is the author of five books, including the international bestseller, The Book Thief, which spent more than a decade on the New York Times bestseller list, and is translated into more than forty languages – establishing Zusak as one of the most successful authors to come out of Australia. His books have been awarded numerous honours ranging from literary prizes to readers choice awards to prizes voted on by booksellers. Markus Zusak grew up in Sydney, Australia, and still lives there with his wife and two children.



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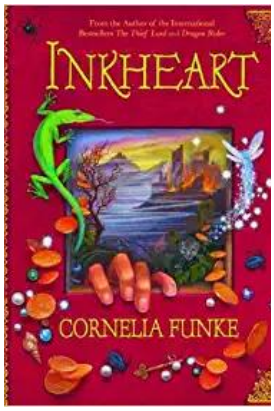
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WHAT I THINK



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Inkheart

by Cornelia Funke

Read Aloud Video

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What's It About?

One cruel night, Meggie's father reads aloud from a book called INKHEART-- and an evil ruler escapes the boundaries of fiction and lands in their living room. Suddenly, Meggie is smack in the middle of the kind of adventure she has only read about in books. Meggie must learn to harness the magic that has conjured this nightmare. For only she can change the course of the story that has changed her life forever. This is INKHEART--a timeless tale about books, about imagination, about life. Dare to read it aloud.

- This book was originally written and published in German and then later translated into English. The original title was Tintenherz.
- The book was made into a movie in 2008.
- This book is the first in a series of three.

Who Wrote It?

Cornelia Funke was born in 1958 in Dorsten, Germany. After she graduated from college, she worked as a social worker with children from difficult backgrounds. She returned to school three years later, this time to study book illustration at the Hamburg State College of Design. As an illustrator, she designed board games and illustrated children's books. Disappointed in the way some of the stories were told and wanting to draw fabulous creatures and magical worlds rather than familiar situations of school and home, she was finally inspired to write her own children's books!



You can learn all sorts of interesting facts about Cornelia when you visit her website: https://corneliafunke.com/en/cornelia/steckbrief.

AR Reading Level: 5.4 Lexile Level: 780L

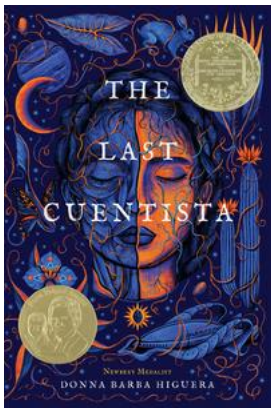
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The Last Cuentista
by Donna Barba Higuera

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Read Aloud Video

What's It About?

Había una vez . . . There lived a girl named Petra Peña, who wanted nothing more than to be a storyteller, like her abuelita.

But Petra's world is ending. Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children – among them Petra and her family – have been chosen to journey to a new planet. They are the ones who must carry on the human race. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to this new planet – and the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth. A sinister Collective has taken over the ship during its journey, bent on erasing the sins of humanity's past. They have systematically purged the memories of all aboard – or purged them altogether. Petra alone now carries the stories of our past, and with them, any hope for our future. Can she make them live again?

2022 Newbery Award Winner
2022 Pura Belpré Award Winner
School Library Journal's Best of the Year
Kirkus Reviews' Best of the Year

Who Wrote It?

Donna grew up in Central California surrounded by agricultural and oil fields. As a child she preferred spending recess squirreled away in the janitor's closet with a good book. Her favorite hobbies were calling dial-a-story over and over again, and sneaking into a restricted cemetery to weave her own spooky tales using the crumbling headstones as inspiration. Donna's Middle Grade and Picture Books are about kids who find themselves in odd or scary situations. From language to cultural differences in being biracial life can become...complicated. So like Donna, characters tackle more than just the bizarre things that happen to them in their lives. Donna likes to write



about all things funny, but also sad, and creepy, and magical. If you like those things, she hopes you will read her books! Donna lives in Washington State with her family, three dogs and two frogs.

AR Reading Level: 5.0

Lexile Level: N/A

I want to read this book: YES / NO

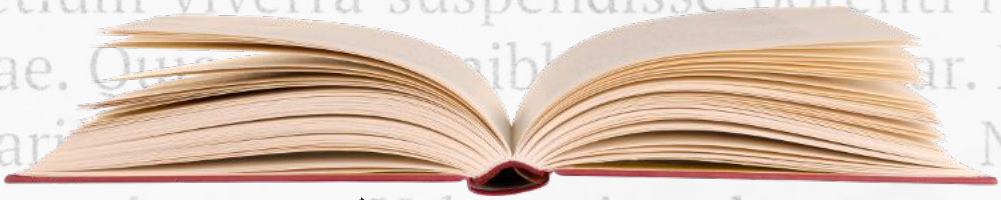
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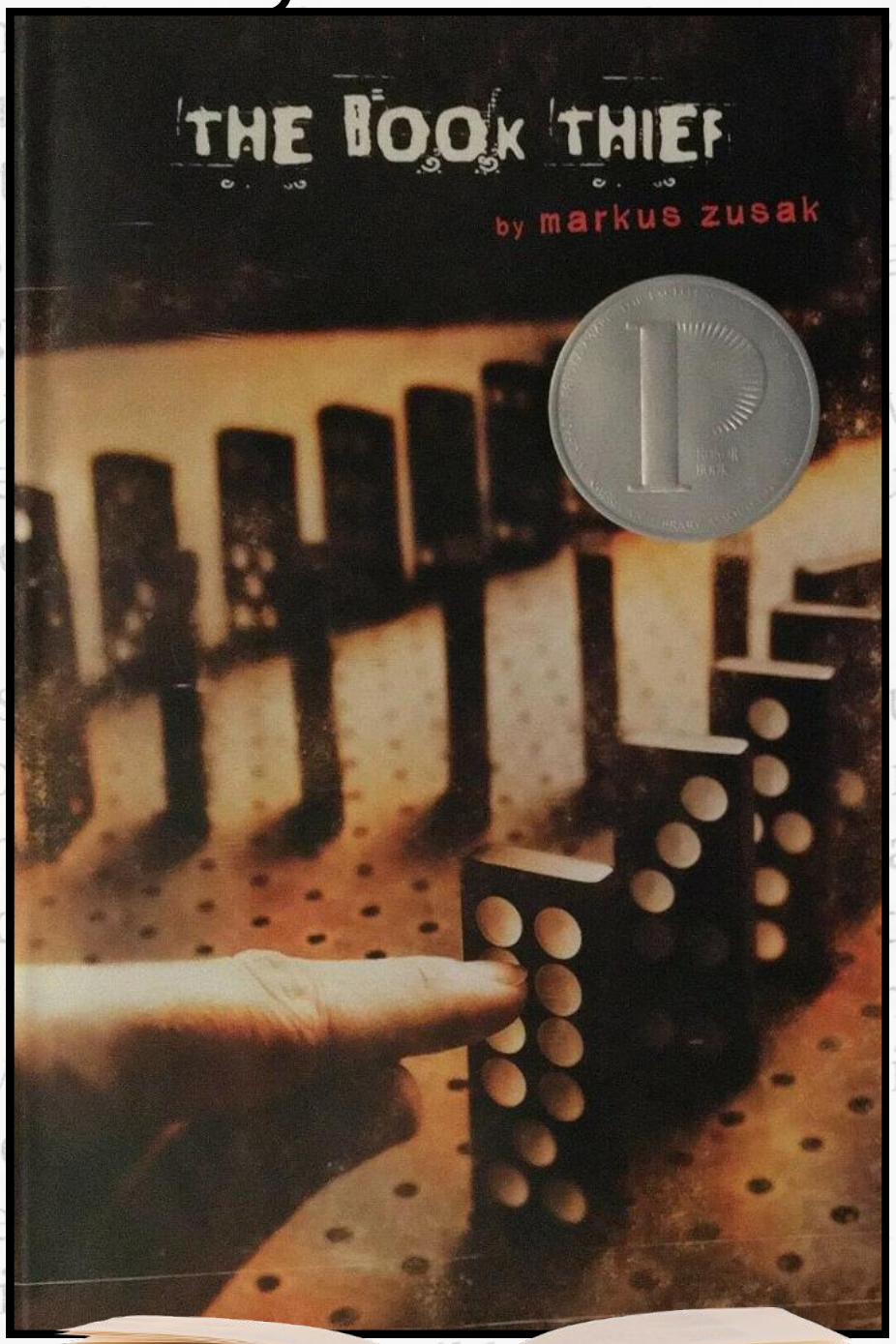




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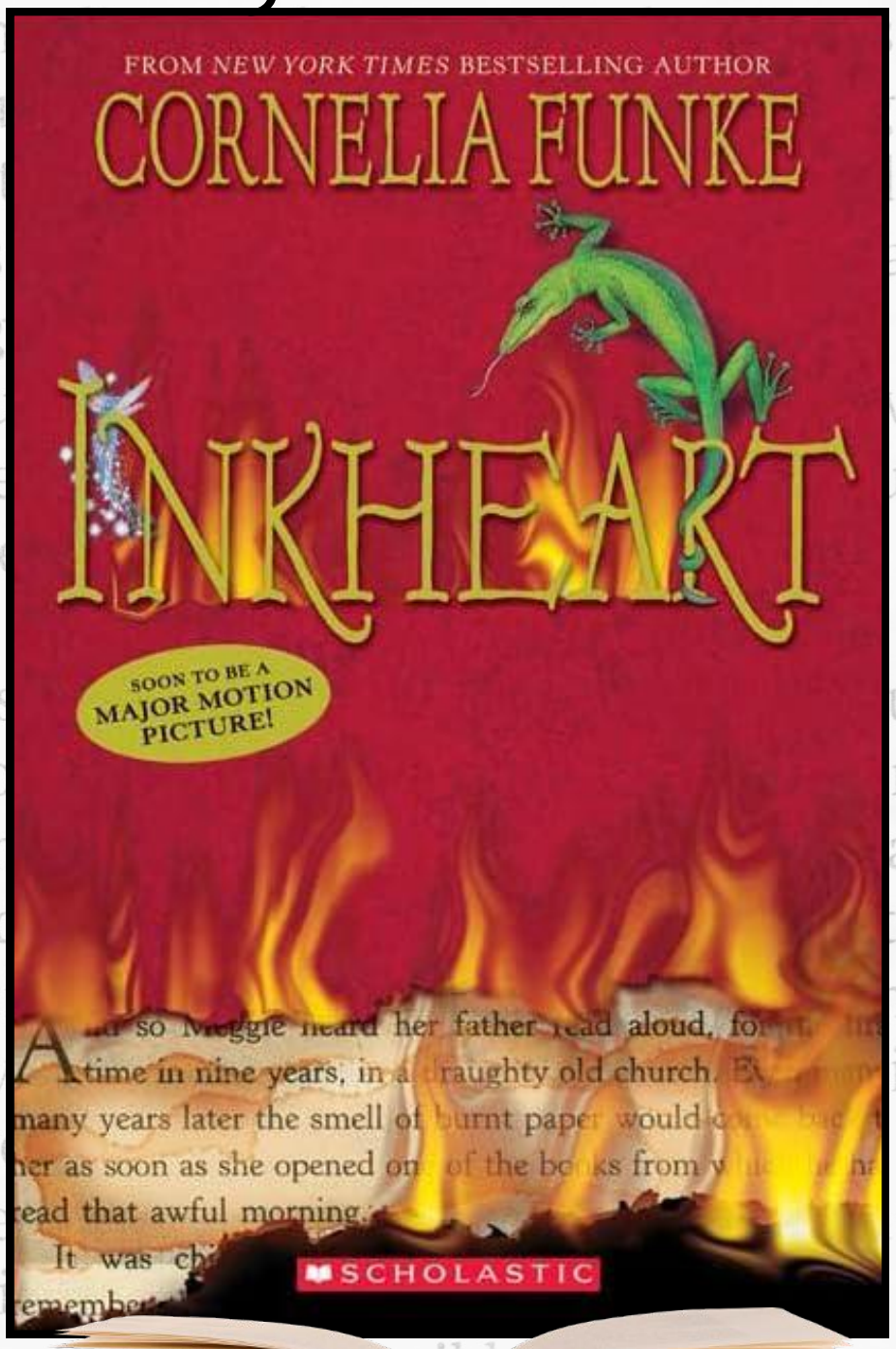
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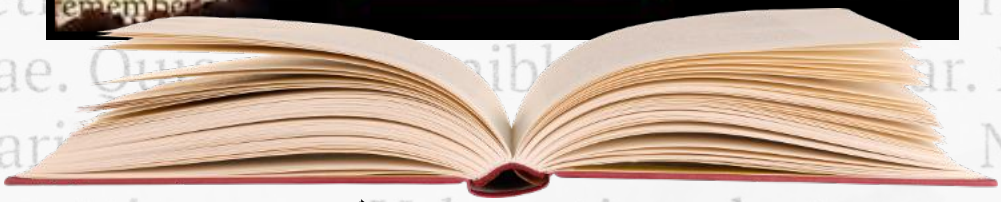


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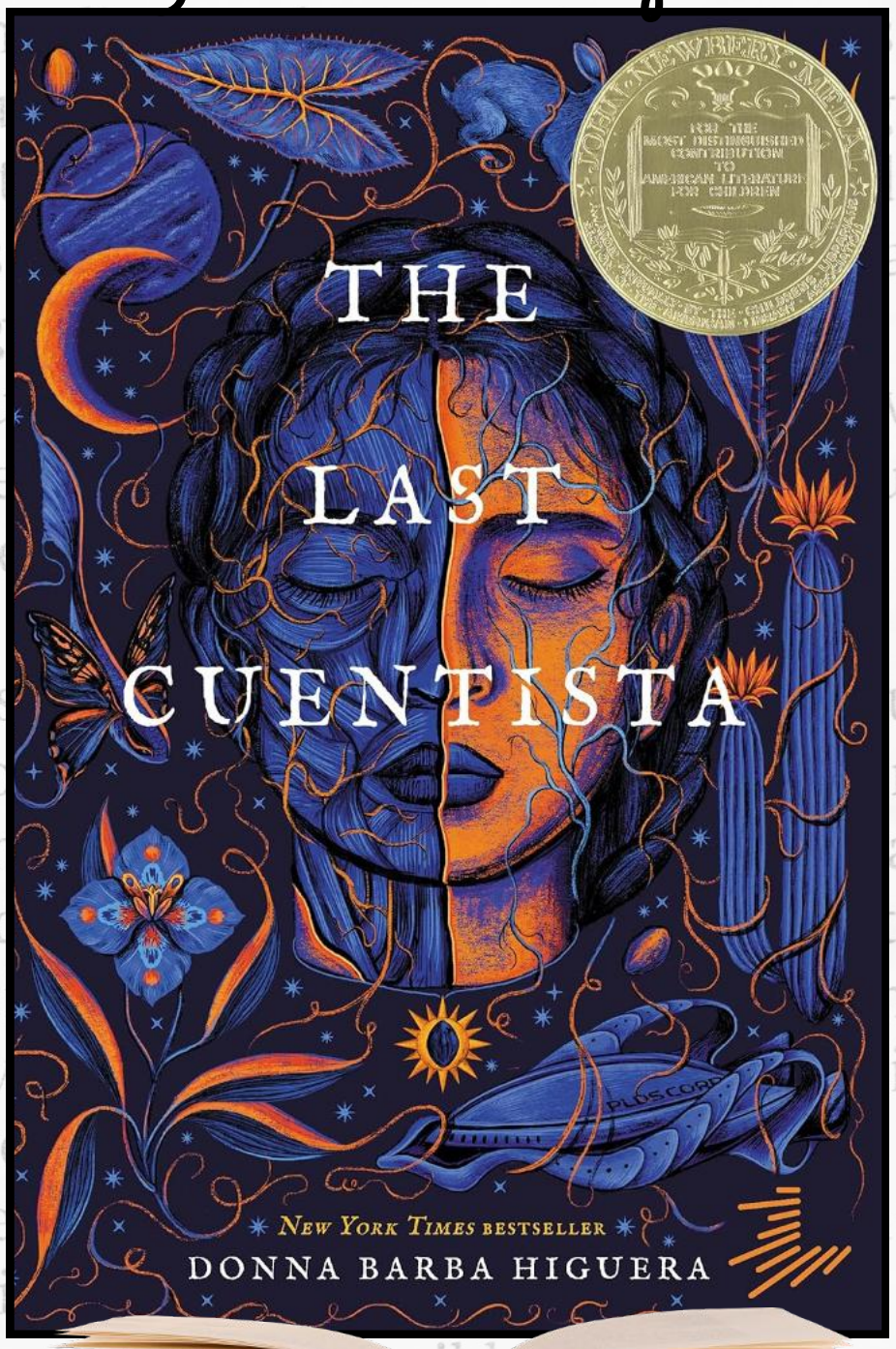




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