

Read On!

An activity kit for



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Madeline Finn



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Madeline Finn and the Library Dog

Young Madeline Finn is a struggling reader who wants nothing more than a gold star—the glimmering reward for reading well at school. But after a week of slow progress, she fears her wish may not come true. That is, until she meets Bonnie, a dog at her local library’s “Read-to-Dogs” program. Bonnie is a good listener. She doesn’t laugh when Madeline Finn reads slow, or gets stuck on a word. Sometimes a good friend makes all the difference, even when they have paws! And just maybe that star isn’t out of reach after all.



Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog

Madeline Finn has a brand new puppy and lots of responsibilities. She has to walk Star, and feed him, and make sure he has a safe place to sleep. But, she learns, the most important thing is love. So when Madeline Finn visits an animal shelter, she has lots of questions about the dogs who live there. Do they get to play outside? Do they get to sleep under blankets? Does anyone read to them? Does anyone tell them they love them? Madeline Finn is determined to help the shelter dogs. But can she find a way to make each one of them feel special? With the help of some friends and a few good books, she just may discover that even small people can make a big difference.

About Lisa Papp

Lisa Papp first discovered the “Read to Dogs” program at her local library and became inspired. Her first tale, *Madeline Finn and the Library Dog*, was a Children’s Choice Book of the Year, a Parents’ Choice Recommended book, and has been translated into twenty-two languages. When Lisa discovered the world of therapy dogs, she wanted to know their stories. Many, she learned, were former shelter dogs who now spend their days helping children, which led Lisa to create her second book, *Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog*. Lisa lives in Pennsylvania with her husband, Robert, also an artist, and three cats—to whom she reads whenever she gets the chance.

To see more of her work, visit www.lisapapp.com



About Therapy Dogs

Therapy dogs are trained to offer support and comfort to people in hospitals, nursing homes, schools, and even disaster areas. Recently, therapy dogs have visited airports to help nervous passengers remain calm.

These dogs have to pass a special certification to earn their badge as a therapy dog. First and foremost, the dogs must be friendly and comfortable around people. They must be relaxed in unusual environments, such as a check-in desk at a hospital, or a room at a library. The dogs work closely with their handlers, and together make a dedicated team. The dogs must remain calm amidst a sudden noise—such as a nurse dropping something, or a library cart being wheeled past—and should enjoy sitting peacefully among children and allowing others to pet them. Therapy dogs must also be content around other dogs as they are often working in groups.

Why not see if a therapy dog can visit your school or library? To learn more, visit *TherapyDogInfo.net*.

Reading to Shelter Dogs

Many humane societies and animal shelters offer programs in which volunteers may read to shelter dogs. Reading to the dogs helps make them more adoptable, by making them less anxious and making them feel more comfortable with people. Some animals get very lonely at the shelter, and enjoy the company of a reader. Volunteers in the program sit outside of the dog's kennel and read to them. Some programs require a training or orientation session first, where they learn about the shelter and the program.

Does your local animal shelter or humane society offer a Read-to-the-Animals program? Why don't you find out!



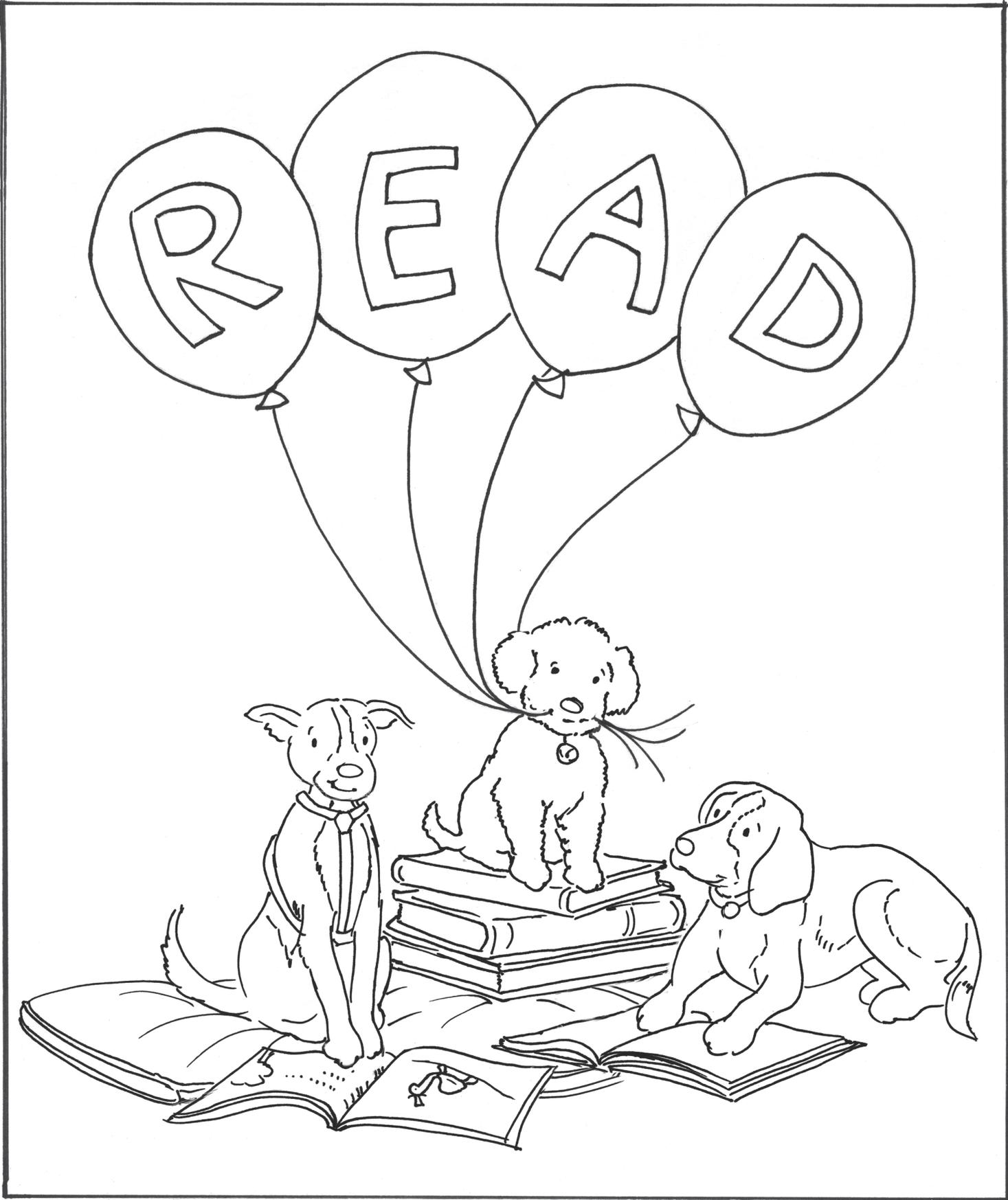
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Color in the library dogs!



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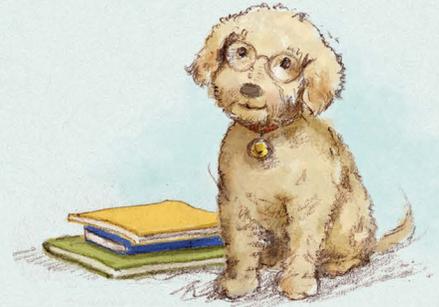
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Madeline Finn loves to read to Bonnie and Star.



Draw a dog or other animal you would love to read a story to.

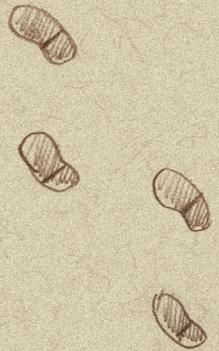
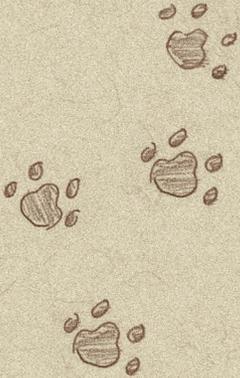
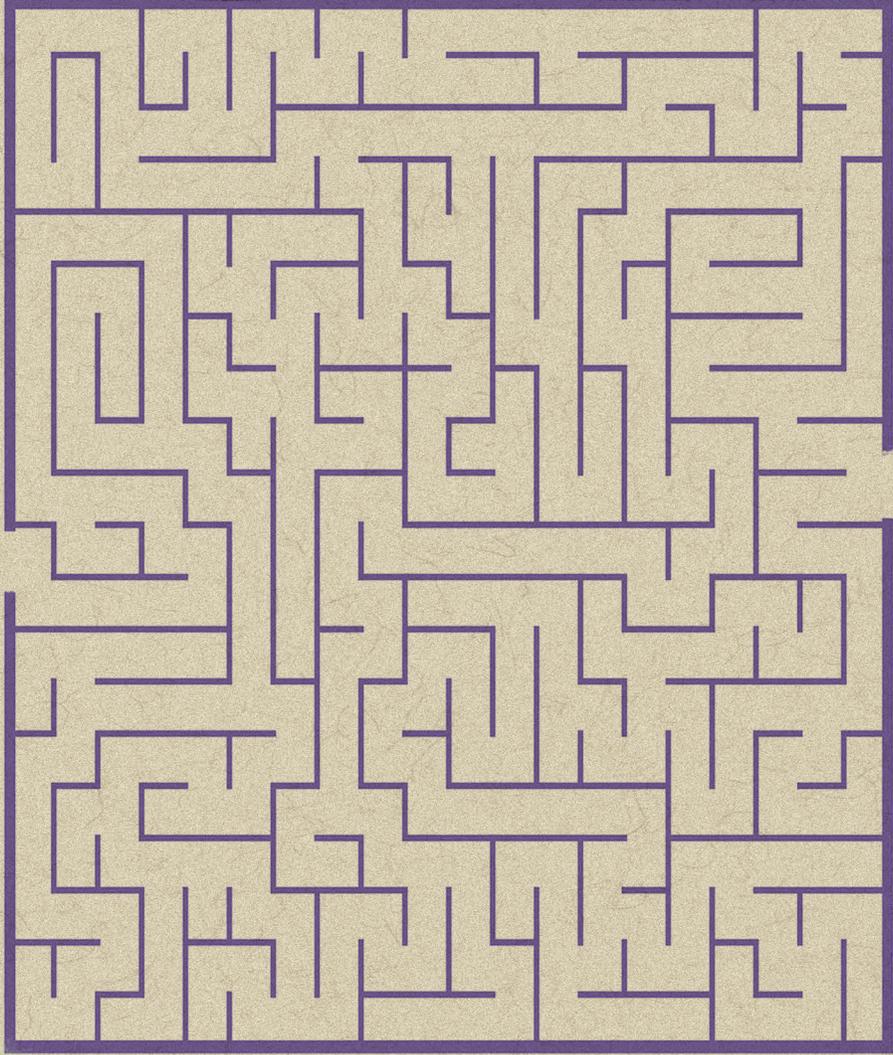


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Help Bonnie and
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find each other.





I love books

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 E K U J S F P R G I W R E Q G
 X V B P D O O V E J V V E F G
 D L O N N M O S I A N T N F B
 Q O N L E N D G W G D T E H O
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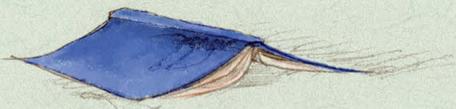
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 LIBRARY
 BOOKS

TEACHER
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Word Scramble



Unscramble the secret letters
to find out what Bonnie wants you to do!

ILYRBRA	___ _ _ _ () _ _ _	()	
SGOD	() _ _ _ _	()	___ _ _ _ _
OINEBN	___ _ _ _ _ () _	()	
FIERDN	___ () _ _ _ _	()	
OSBKO	___ _ _ _ _		
TROYS	___ _ () _ _ _	()	___ _
RLTETES	___ _ () _ _ _ _	()	
NBNUY	___ _ _ _ _		
ADER	___ () _ _ _	()	___ _
TUMT	() _ _ _ _	()	



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Scavenger Hunt

Can you find these images in
Madeline Finn and the Library Dog?

1. Fireflies
2. Squirrels
3. Ice Cream Cone
4. Dog in a Green Sweater
5. Umbrella
6. Bunny with a Carrot
7. Soccer Ball
8. Stuffed Koala Bear
9. A Real Bunny
10. Mushroom



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Can you find these REAL therapy dogs in
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"Boots"



"Cookie"



"Chloe"



"Trevor"



"Bonnie"



"Rosie"



"Zowie"



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Tell Bonnie and Star a story.



Once upon a time, there was a _____ .

More than anything else, he wanted _____ .

He tried _____ .

He tried _____ .

He even tried _____ .

But it never worked.

This made him feel _____ and _____

_____ .

Then, one day he (met) (found) _____ .

They worked together. They _____ ,

and they _____ . They even _____

_____ .

Finally, _____

_____ .

They were so happy! And from then on _____

_____ .



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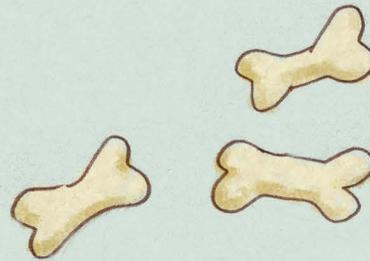


RECIPES

Ask an adult for help

Doggie Treats (peanut butter doggie cookies)

- 2 cups flour (white or wheat, if your pup has no wheat allergies)
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/3 cup smooth peanut butter
- 1 tbs. honey
- 1/2 tbs. fish oil
- 1-1/2 cups water



Mix the flour and oats in a large mixing bowl. Pour in 1 cup of water, and blend until smooth. Add in the peanut butter, honey, and fish oil. Mix until well blended.

Slowly add the remaining water until mixture has thick, doughy texture. Roll dough 1/4" thick on floured surface. Cut out with cookie cutters. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes. Cool completely before serving.

Recipe from Angela Colley as seen on www.moneycrashers.com/homemade-dog-food-treat-recipes



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Madeline Finn Star Cookies

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt

- 2/3 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tbs. milk
- 1-1/2 tsp. vanilla



Sift first 4 ingredients together. In a separate bowl cream butter and sugar. Blend in egg, milk, and vanilla. Mix in dry ingredients. Chill in refrigerator for 2 hours. Roll dough 1/8" thick on floured board. Cut out with star-shaped cookie cutters. Bake at 375° for 8-10 minutes. Decorate after the cookies are cool!



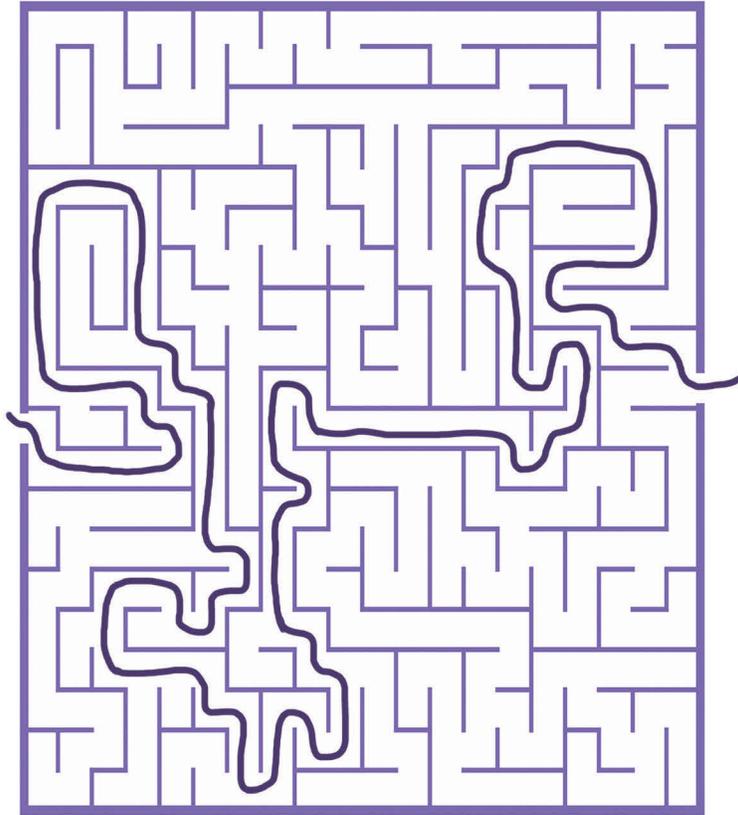
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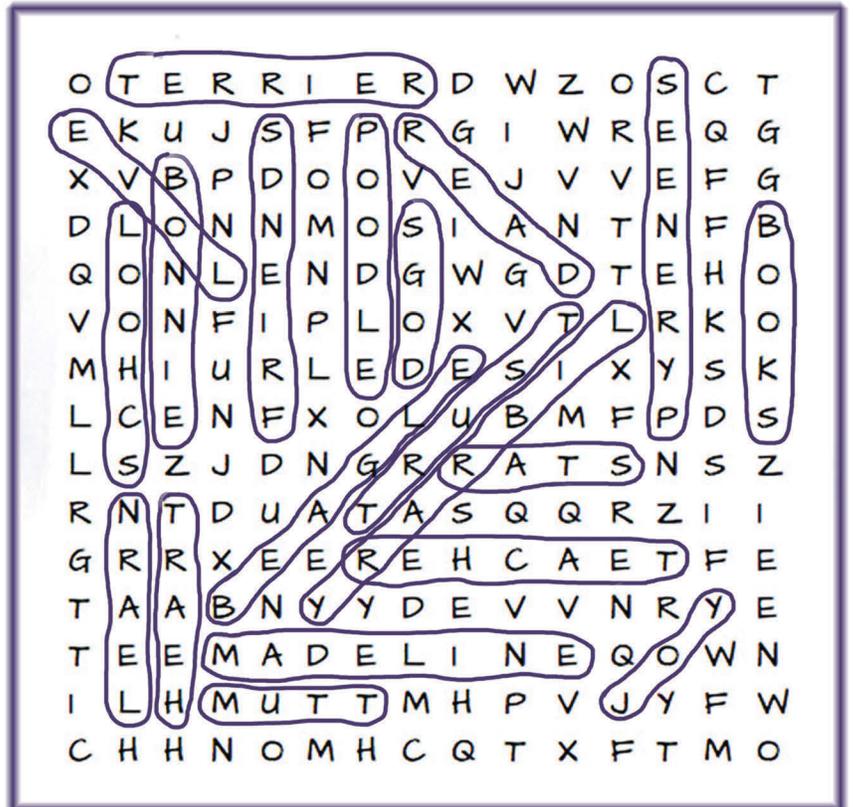
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Word Find



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OINEBN	B <u> </u> O <u> </u> N <u> </u> N <u> </u> I <u> </u> E	(E)	
FIERN	F <u> </u> (R)I <u> </u> E <u> </u> N <u> </u> D	(R)	
OSBKO	B <u> </u> O <u> </u> O <u> </u> K <u> </u> S		
TROYS	S <u> </u> T <u> </u> O <u> </u> R <u> </u> Y	(O)	T <u> </u> O
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Unscramble the Secret Letters to find out what Bonnie wants you to do!

Solutions



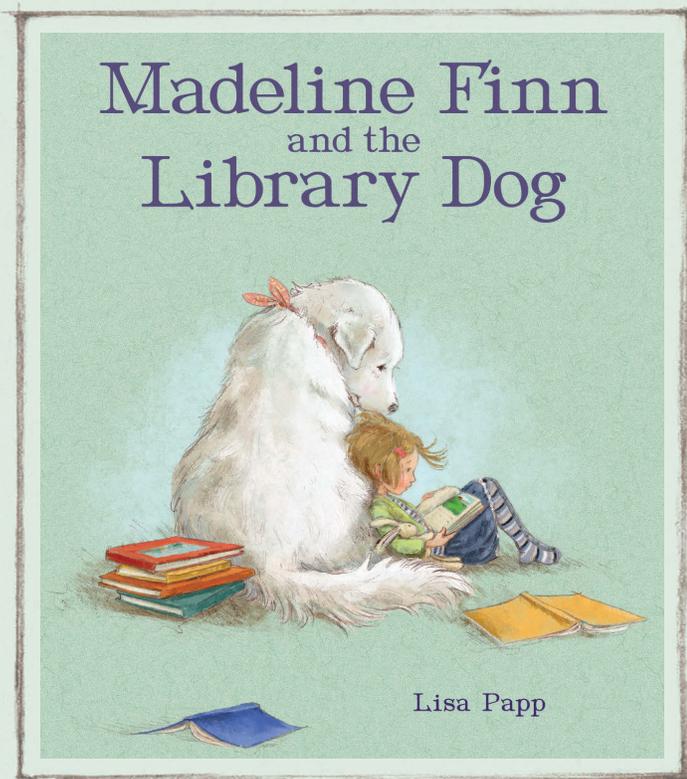
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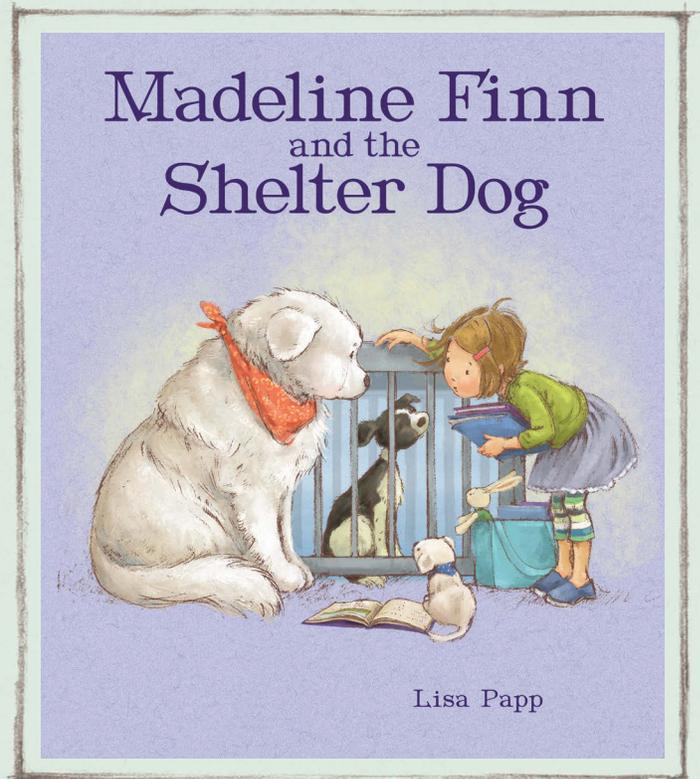
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