

Series Collections

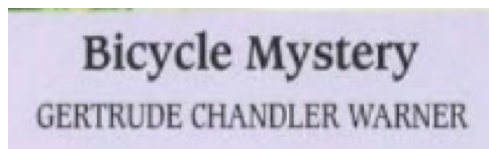
Question: If one book in a series is on the RU list, are all of the books in that series on the list?

Answer: No. Here are some examples of reasons why.

1. After some series become popular, publishers will choose to capitalize on this popularity by continuing the series using ghostwriters or drawing the series out using formula writing. In this case, only the original series is on the RU list. For example, Gertrude Chandler Warner wrote the first 19 books from the classic Boxcar Children Series. After her death, assigned writers added more than 100 more books to the series with the author on these books listed as “Created by Gertrude Chandler Warner.” Only the classic, original 19 books appear on the RU list.



Not written by Gertrude Chandler Warner.



Written by Gertrude Chandler Warner.



2. Sometimes popular series spur the publication of spin-off series. For example, there are many spin-off series from the original American Girl series, which total hundreds of books. Only the original series, which support the history units taught at APA, are on the RU list. This allows students to be exposed to a range of other books instead of the same books all year. Of course, other books from the series can be counted as the one free choice book allowed each term!

3. Because we review books to make sure they meet RU standards sometimes a new book to a series is waiting for a review. Our fantastic parents can sign-up to help review books by contacting Jacqui Maxfield at jacquimaxfield@gmail.com.