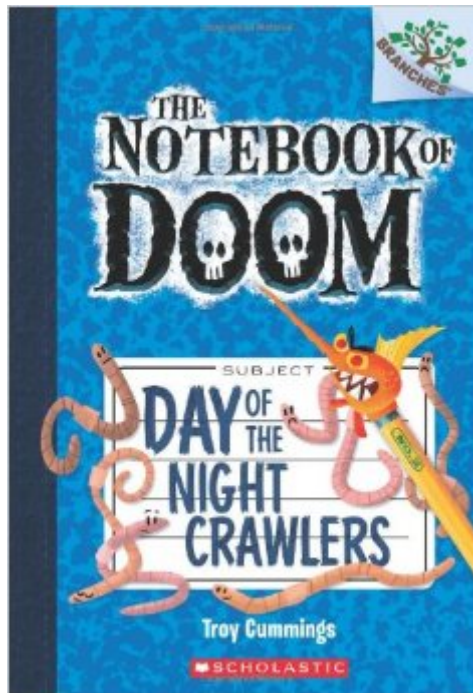


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# Day Of The Night Crawlers: A Branches Book (The Notebook Of Doom #2)



## Synopsis

Monsters have never been this much fun! This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line called Branches, which is aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow! In this second book in the series, Alexander and his new friend, Rip, try to learn more about the monster-filled notebook. They follow clues left by strange worms called night crawlers. It turns out new monsters are in town--giant fish monsters called tunnel fish--and even a fish-kabob monster! This humorous, action-packed book has fun black-and-white illustrations on every page.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

I found the Notebook of Doom series for my son while looking for a next favorite series after Dragon Masters and George Brown. I am reading this series aloud, as it is a little difficult for him to read on his own and really enjoy the story / capture the meaning. My son is an on-grade level reader. The stories are quite silly and fanciful. I find that reading at least three chapters at a time is required to get us engaged and keep us engaged with all of the nuances of the tales. However, even reading

three chapters really only takes 15 minutes or less. Alexander and his friends are approachable and understandable characters for the rising second grade crowd. There is also typically one character/monster that you can easily adapt a voice for to bring the character to life. We liked the first book in the series (balloon goons) and we LOVED Book #2 -- maybe because we knew what to expect, but also because it is a more well-paced tale with a very interesting fencing instructor. Finally, as a parent I LOVE the reading comprehension questions at the end of the story. My son is excited to answer the questions and find the answers for verification in the text. It is a great way to keep him thinking about reading for comprehension as we read the books -- a skill which will pay off in spades as he progresses through school.

Grades 1-4 This book has huge boy appeal and bonus - it also has reluctant reader appeal. The pages contain text sprinkled with black and white illustrations (thanks Diary of a Wimpy Kid for the influence!). The story line moves quickly and kids will enjoy this new series about a boy Alexander who has moved to a new town where there are monsters. In the first book he had to fight the balloon goons. In this book, (spoiler alert) it's tunnel fish. I like this series because I think it fills a great gap in books for boys (and girls) who feel like they are done with picture books but don't really have the sustenance to get through a 200 page chapter book on their own. The series doesn't look babyish and on the back it says Reading Level Grade 2. The next book (third) in the series is called The Notebook of Doom Attack of the Shadow Smashers.

If you haven't started your children on this series, you really should! Fun stories that are just long enough to hold even the most fidgety child's attention, and they're a wonderful way to get kids to love the concept of a book series!

This series is my son's recent favorite. I pre-ordered book #4 and he asks me almost daily if it's arrived yet. This is a great series for kids who are just getting interested in chapter books. It has enough pictures to hold their interest, but is a good transition.

I love it when an early chapter book can make both my five year old and myself smile. In this second installment of the Notebook of Doom, Alexander and Rip team up with their classmate Nikki to take down the latest invading monster. This book is a little shorter than the first one, but it still has all of the fun. My daughter loves this series. She keeps asking when we can read the next book. This series is perfect for kids her age (five) and a little older. The story and text are simple enough that

it's easy to understand, yet the plot is exciting and there is a lot going on. The black and white illustrations on every page help kids visualize what's happening while keeping their interest. This is a really great series for children gaining confidence in their reading and ready to try something longer than the beginning reading books. The one complaint I have is that the ending wrapped up too quickly and simply. It didn't really require any skill or action on the part of the protagonist, but rather resolved out of mostly dumb luck. I would have liked to see Alexander and his friends take some sort of decisive action.

These books are so much fun and will be enjoyed by both kids and adults. It also introduces mystery type books to your kids if they haven't experienced it yet. I want to get the complete set to find out what happens next!

My son asked me to read this book to him before he fell asleep tonight and I can see why he loves this series so much. He has already read this book once, it wanted to hear it again, and I don't blame him? Where were these entertaining books when I was 8? The action and humor were fast paced and hilarious. My son can also use this book he has read at home to take his AR quizzes at school. Learning and having fun doing it. I love that even though it is a chapter book, the book still has hilarious illustrations to help the imagination along a bit. I recall hating having to start reading books without pictures so this is a wonderful mix of both worlds. Highly recommend. My son loves the whole series.... Bought here at

My son enjoyed reading this book before bed. He got into the characters. We took turns reading, which my son could usually care less to do this with other books. My son is autistic and the pictures were so exciting for him and assisted in keeping his attention on the book.

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