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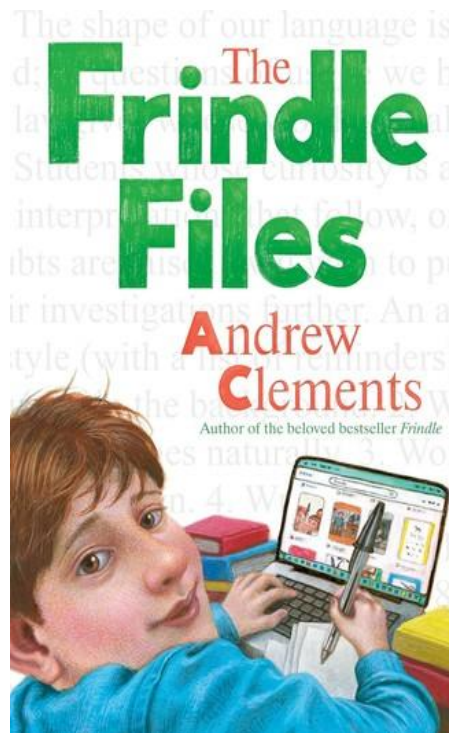
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**Book Review:  
FRINDLE FILES, THE**

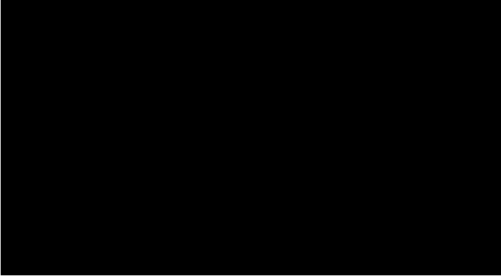
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STOP! Go no further with this book! Find and read FRINDLE (1996). This book tells the story of Nick and a word-loving teacher who tells her students that objects must be named (or renamed) by someone. “Frindle” is the word Nick assigns to his pen. “Frindle” becomes wildly and widely accepted to the extent it is marketed by one of the town’s businessmen.

THE FRINDLE FILES continues the student/teacher relationship. However, the second installment finds the tables flipped with Nick (known to his students as “Mr. N”) and a student who very much reminds him of himself as a student. Josh is the school techno expert, and Mr. N appears to be anything BUT techno-savvy. The battle of words and technology wits is on when Josh discovers his mother’s old pen labeled “FRINDLE.” Who is the mysterious Mr. N? Why does he seem to be against the use of technology? Why does he insist on handwritten assignments?

These books are highly recommended for three reasons. First, both are fun reads, and it could be interesting to see present-day students’ reactions to the differences in current and past learning environments. Secondly, these





books lend themselves to both read-aloud and independent reading. Finally, Clements's books could prompt a study of past and present word origins.

