

Teacher tips for reading Booger- Reading time is about 30 minutes

Booger can be read in chapters by using the page border colors.

Mount LeConte is pronounced with a short first **e**, and the last **e** is silent.

The explorer LeConte traveled to many places. He has a mountain named after him in the Great Smoky Mountains and a glacier named after him in Alaska.

**Students are encouraged to search and discover in this book.** First the students search for Booger's cat, Stinker. After the book is read, go back through the book and take a **second look**. Jack in the pulpit can be found on many pages.

When Booger thinks there is a bear nearby –take a closer look for bears hiding in the illustrations. Watch for the bears- they end up dancing with the singing mushrooms. The Old Owl is hiding also. Mount LeConte, (the mountain with three peaks) can be discovered on many pages as well as on the cover of the book. Many of the plants in the borders of Booger are illustrated throughout the book as well.

One, fascinating subject the students enjoy is when the firefly explains that Wild Rose is just making perfume. Instruct the students to go back to Rose's cave and take a second look. Do you see the perfume bottles? Do you see all of the bottles? Do you see all of the plants growing and drying? This is a good opportunity to discuss how tall tales can grow and grow. It is not nice to make up stories about someone. Rose was different and green, but she was just making perfume. She was not boiling up kids in her pots!

There are several counting pages in this book-

Count the brothers and the sisters around the table. Count the jars.

Count the walking sticks in Boogers bedroom, and count the overalls.

Count the boiling pots in Rose's cave.

Count the steps

Count the mushrooms

Count the dancing Bears. Count the Galax (little white headed plants)

Count the fireflies, on the page when Booger tumbles home.

There are four wildflower characters in the book that the students will learn to recognize. The first plant is Stinking William, who is a Red Trillium. A Trillium is a flower, with three petals. Watch for the real plant in the border, notice how many times three (3) is mentioned on Will's Camouflage pants.

Wild Rose is the second plant. Turtleheads and Jack in the Pulpit are the last plants to learn. Teachers and students can learn about all of the plants by accessing Stinkers Challenge @ [www.maryphillipsbooks.com](http://www.maryphillipsbooks.com) There is a coloring page also.

**Know the answer to Stinkers Challenge-** visit the website. The answer to Stinkers Challenge is two. The two plants that Booger pursues are Turtleheads and Jack In The Pulpit. Learn to identify the Turtleheads. **Turtleheads** are emphasized in bold type several times in the book. The plant can be found on the page where Booger discovers Jack In the Pulpit and are the pinkish- purple plants that frame the copy. If you look closely, the plant looks like the head of a snapping turtle.

Lastly, notice all the wildflower borders. The borders and the illustrations evolve from spring through winter. Booger has been on his adventure for a very long time.

Isn't it nice in the end? Stinker has been very loyal and she deserves a good nap.

And Booger has mended his awful habits. I bet he remembers to wash his hands too!

