



Printing Instructions Heart-o-Meter Blue Spruce Booklet

- **Paper Size:** 11 x 8.5 inches, landscape orientation
- **Print:** Double-sided (along the short edge)
- **Fold:** Fold in half to make a 4-page booklet

Optional: Add extra worksheets or activity sheets inside the booklet to create a mini “Forest of Reading” folder.



2026 Blue Spruce Award™ Heart-o-Meter Book Ratings



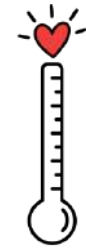
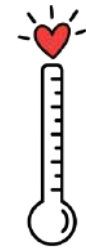
Thinking About Our Hearts and Stories

When we read, some stories fill our hearts a little... and some fill them all the way to the top! Use these thinking stems to help you explain why you coloured your thermometer the way you did.

How the story made you feel 1.This story made me feel... because... 2.My heart felt warm when... 3.I liked when the character... 4.I was surprised when...	About the Characters 1.The character learned that... 2.I liked how the characters worked together when... 3.I think the character felt _ _ _ because... 4.I would be friends with this character because...
What you liked about the story 1.I liked this story because... 2.The best part was when... 3.The pictures helped me feel or imagine... 4.I liked how the author showed...	What the story made you think about 1.This story reminded me of... 2.It made me think about a time when... 3.The message or big idea was... 4.I learned that...

How much did each Blue Spruce story fill your heart?

Colour in the thermometer to show how much you enjoyed or connected with the story. The higher you colour, the more your heart was warmed!





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Blue Spruce Rate Your Readings (5-Star Theme)

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Rate Your Reads!**



Thinking About Your Stars

When you give a book 1–5 stars, think about why you rated it that way.
Use these sentence starters to help explain your thinking.

How the story made you feel 1.I gave this book ___ stars because it made me feel... 2.My favourite part was... 3.This story reminded me of...	About the Characters 1.I liked how the characters... 2.The character learned... 3.I would be friends with this character because...
About the Story 1.I liked this story because... 2.The pictures helped me.... 3.The author showed...	Big Ideas & Lessons 1.This story taught me... 2.The message or big idea is about... 3.I would recommend this book to ... because...

How many stars would you give each Blue Spruce story?

Colour in or mark 1–5 stars to show how much you enjoyed each book.
Think about the story, the characters, or what you learned as you rate it.
Use the thinking stems on the left page to explain why you gave the book that many stars.

	Bannock in the Hammock Written by Masiana Kelly Illustrated by Amiel Sandland	    
	The Beat of the Dragon Boat Written by Christina Matula Illustrated by Nicole Wong	    
	Fox and the Mystery Letter Written and Illustrated by Alex G. Griffiths	    
	The Friendship Blanket Written by Leonarda Carranza Illustrated by Erika Rodriguez Medina	    
	The Girl Who Loved Poutine Written by Lorna Schultz Nicholson Illustrated by Rachel Qiuqi	    
	The Great Dinosaur Sleepover Written by Linda Bailey Illustrated by Joe Bluhm	    
	It's Okay, Just Ask Written by Monique Leonardo Carlos Illustrated by Salini Perera	    
	The Most Magnificent Team Written and Illustrated by Ashley Spires	    
	Patty Dreams Written by Nadia L. Hohn Illustrated by Sahle Robinson	    
	The Weedflower Written by Elizabeth Davaze Illustrated by Marianne Ferrer	    