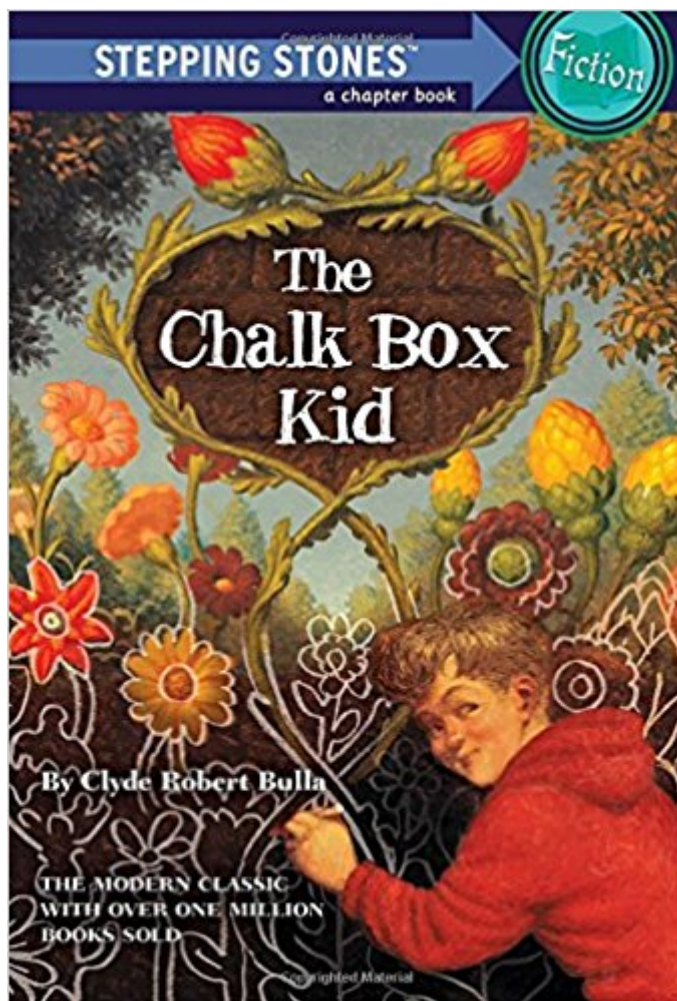


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# The Chalk Box Kid (A Stepping Stone Book(TM))



## Synopsis

A classroom favorite about the power of art and creativity. A new neighborhood. A new school. A lonely birthday. Life isn't easy for nine-year-old Gregory. Then he finds an abandoned chalk factory behind his house. It's a secret place, just for him! Now he can draw anything he imagines on the dark brick walls. What amazing thing will Gregory draw first? Two beloved classics—The Chalk Box Kid and The Paint Brush Kid—get a vibrant new look!

## Book Information

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Series: A Stepping Stone Book(TM)

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Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars 49 customer reviews

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

Bulla's addition to the new Stepping Stone series opens as Gregory's family moves to a smaller house in a poorer part of town; the father has lost his factory job. There is no yard at the new house in which to play, but Gregory explores a nearly burnt-out building that formerly was a chalk factory. Gregory finds plenty of chalk in the debris as he cleans up, and the artist in him soars. Even though the kids at the new school don't accept him readily, Gregory is happy for him the blackened walls of the building become his giant canvas. Bulla has created a gem of a book, without a wasted word

anywhere. He conveys the yearning and passion of a young artist and the healing power of friendship in a story that goes straight to the heart. Illustrations not seen by PW. Ages 7-9. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Random House is proud to present the tenth anniversary edition of a book "Publishers Weekly called "a gem of a book...a story that goes straight to the heart." When nine-year-old Gregory experiences several upsets in his life, he responds by creating a fantastic chalk garden on the charred walls of a burned-out factory behind his house. As his garden grows and flourishes, Gregory finds a voice through his art and, for the first time, is able to find his own place in the world. "The Chalk Box Kid is sure to delight a new generation of children and their parents.

Our son read this book for school, utilized vocabulary words from the story, and discussed characters and parts of the story. It was beneficial for learning, for showing how people treat one another, and for a lesson in finding beauty where you can. As a third grader, he enjoyed the book but thought that the end left him hanging.

The book had very good pictures. And I like the part where his Uncle kicked the gate so hard some paint came off. The book has great details to the pictures and the book all in all was amazing.

My grandson loved this book.

Books arrived on time, and they have been wonderful for my kids to use!

It was one of the lists for my daughter's "Battle of Books" competition for high elementary school graders.

Perfect for beginning readers.

I have always wanted a high quality copy of the book, The Chalk Box Kid. It is a book that every child should read. I am thrilled to have purchased from . The book arrived promptly, in impeccable condition, and with utmost care in packaging.

Bought this for my son, for summer homework packet.

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