

I Can't Find My Whatchamacallit!! (Functioning Executive)



Synopsis

Cletus and Bocephus are cousins, yet they are nothing alike. Extremely creative Cletus, can't find anything in his room. He is constantly losing things and is very disorganized and messy. Bocephus, on the other hand, is the most organized, uptight person on the planet. If Bocephus ever misplaces anything... he totally freaks out! After Cletus mom refuses to let him play with Bocephus until his room is cleaned, Bocephus steps in to help out his disorganized cousin. "Cletus... There's a home for everything. Every whatchamacallit has its spot. Let's sort through your stuff and put it where it goes. I'm organized... Cletus you're not!" This storybook is the first in the "Functioning Executive" book series. It highlights the importance of being organized in a creative, applicable way. It also spotlights the unique differences and strengths that live in all of us. This book will help teach children to understand, develop, and apply organization a vital executive function skill. Children who possess effective organizational skills can learn to manage not only daily responsibilities, but can also learn how to effectively plan ahead.

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Customer Reviews

Teaching kids how to independently organize is a proactive step toward supporting executive function development. Bocephus and Cletus have different approaches to organization each with unique strengths. Their experiences in handling organizational demands with their belongings at home and at school guide children through concrete steps to approach planning and organizing.

This is the first children's book I have used with direct points to teach this skill! --Jill Kuzma, M.A., CCC-SLP

With over a million books in print, Julia Cook, a former school counselor and teacher, never dreamed she could evolve into an award-winning children's book author. Several years ago, Julia was searching for an effective story to teach children about the differences between tattling and telling. When she couldn't find the right resource, she decided to write her own book - Tattle Tongue. Fast forward seven years later, and she has more than 50 published books and activity guides. She now travels the country inspiring others to follow in her footsteps. "There are so many ideas out there that need to be shared" says Julia who takes top research and creativity and translates it into "kid language" that is both entertaining and engaging. Her light, humorous approach keeps kids laughing while they're learning good behavior skills. The goal behind all of Julia's books and efforts is to actively involve people into her fun and creative stories and teach them to become life-long problem solvers.

Always a good resource for kids to get organized.

This book is amazing! love Julia Cook

Great book on being organized!

great product

Love her newest book!

I wish I had a dollar for every time I heard my children or grandchildren cry out in a panicked voice, "I can't find my . . .", expecting me to find what they need. One of a mom's biggest headaches and battles is motivating children keep their rooms clean and orderly. With her wonderful gift to get straight to the heart of the matter, Julia Cook engagingly deals with this challenge. The story centers around Cletus and Bocephus (love the names!), two very devoted cousins. While their relationship is close, they are polar opposites in other ways! Bocephus is neat and tidy to the extreme, while poor Cletus is disaster in the neatness department. His chaos and confusion affect the entire household! His mother declares

an ultimatum. “No clean room, no playing with Bocephus!” Mom, “cs know the sensitive spots don’t they? Bocephus shows his cousin not only the benefits of being organized but also guides him step by step how to accomplish the goal. My 10 year old granddaughter suffers from this issue; she is a female Cletus! I asked her to read the book and share their thoughts. She immediately acknowledged that her room was much like his. Here is what she said she learned. Her being organized would make it easier on the entire family. She wouldn’t have as many disagreements and problems with Dad and Mom. The idea of having a place for everything was new to her, and labeling boxes to sort. She liked that the important words were super big and colorful. She said they popped out and helped her see the main point. She also enjoyed the “weird” words “whatchmacalit, Bocephus, and Cletus.” At the end are 12 tips to teach a child organizational skills. This is the perfect organizing book for kids! And as always with Ms. Cook’s books, adults can benefit from the basic ideas. Go to [...] to see more of Julia Cook’s amazing books!

Love Julia Cook’s books!!

I was provided a copy of this book by the publisher National Center for Youth Issues in exchange for an honest review on . I am a parent of three kids, ages six, five, and three. I also teach third grade at a high poverty school in Indiana. I have found several of Julia Cook’s books useful to teach with to both my class and my kids. This book, I Can’t Find My Whatchmacallit, has the character Cletus, who is in some other Julia Cook books as well. Cletus all too much reminds me of myself as a kid. In another Julia Cook book Cletus had a problem with planning (Planning isn’t my Priority). Now, in this book, he has a problem with origination. As a third grade teacher I deal with student organization problems all the time. Students misplace papers, books, assignments, pencils, etc. They are just like Cletus in this story. Cletus has Bocephus, his cousin, to help him. They are sort of a superhero like team. I mean what is Batman without Robin? Or the Avengers without Ironman? They make each other better. In this story Cletus learns to organize and clean his room with the help of his cousin. You would assume only Cletus has something to learn but as you read the story, Bocephus has something to learn as well that’s why they are such a great team- they make each other better. This book has many positive elements to it. Not only is the story cute and appealing, but it is a great way to teach organization and the value

of teamwork. I read this story to my children and they all loved it and were able to easily discuss it. Julia Cook has a talent to write appealing stories while teaching a skill- this book continues her great ability to do that. You can tell she has had experience working with young children. To be honest, I have not read a Julia Cook book that I would not recommend. At this current time I have read about 10-12 of her books. I recommend this book to parents and educators to help teach the value of education and helpful tips on how to do so. There are even an additional 12 useful tips at the end of this book for further expand on this topic.

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