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Starting July 1, 2023

This year marks our first book, *Begin's*, ten year anniversary, and to celebrate we will be holding The Great Growly Reading Adventure: an online summer reading event, where we will read the book during the month of July. The event will be hosted on our website, with giveaways and prizes, “behind the scenes” looks at the writing process and illustration, opportunities for readers to send in questions and to have their Growly artwork displayed.



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To complement the Great Growly Reading Adventure, we have put together a very special Reading Adventure Pack. Though written for the 8-12 reading level, the series has proved popular as a read-aloud with families across the country and beyond, and so we have also developed resources to benefit young “listeners” as well as the readers. Find out more about the Reading Adventure Pack on the following page, and come join the fun this Summer.

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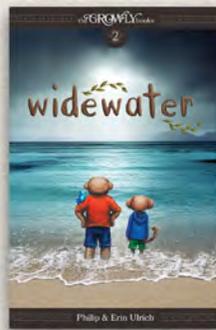
For \$5 per pack, each participant receives:

- Signed copy of *Begin*
- 140+ page *Begin Companion PDF*
- The *Begin* audiobook
- Bookmark
- Sticker

For more information on purchasing packs, write to: mail@thegrowlybooks.com

To learn more about *The Growly Books* visit www.thegrowlybooks.com

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About *Begin*

For centuries, the bears of Haven have lived quiet lives high in the mountains at the edge of the great Precipice. That all changes for a young cub named Growly when he receives a mysterious message. With just his backpack and glider, Growly sets out on a desperate journey to find his grandfather's long lost friend ...and to find a way back home.

Written for the 8-12 year old reading level, *Begin* is also a captivating read aloud for ages 4 and up, and will appeal to anyone who appreciates stories of adventure and friendship.



Reading Adventure Testimonial

Our school was fortunate enough to have a school-wide summer read using Mr. Ulrich's first book in The Growly Series called *Begin*. When we reached out to Mr. Ulrich he was swift to respond, engaged in what our ideas were and helpful in putting together a bundle of things for each of our families to take home in May of 2022. This included a signed book from him.

When communicating with Mr. Ulrich he was professional, personable, and inspiring. We enjoyed his book as a school so much that we invited him to come and spend two days at FRA with a book signing for parents one evening and a full day of engaging, interactive sessions with all of our



students from PreK3 through 4th grade. We even made a day out of it with a camping theme, a picnic-style lunch outside, a scavenger hunt and of course, he had a special lunch with some of our avid 3rd and 4th-grade readers where he got to talk to them about his book and answer their questions.

We thoroughly enjoyed our time with Mr. Ulrich and look forward to reading the next book in his adventure.

--Angelica Marsh (Media Specialist/Tech Integrator at Franklin Road Academy in Nashville, TN)

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download printable maps, freebies, and more.**

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What People Are Saying



“It’s wholesome family reading at it’s best, and it’s also illustrated beautifully ... The vivid descriptions make it easy to imagine exactly what’s happening in the story. It’s a great book to read to your 4-7 year old, and children 8-11 would enjoy reading it on their own. We can’t wait to read what happens next to Growly! It’s sure to be adventurous.”

~ *Kristen Welch, Author of Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World*

The best new series I have read in a long time. A beautiful telling of friendship, adventure and bravery. We loved every page! *Amazon Review*

They are beyond delightful. A little bit adventure and a little bit mystery, these books are powerful stories of courage and friendship. They are at the top of my list of modern day treasures. *Reshelving Alexandria*

“Begin is full of suspense, with surprises around every corner. It’s a great adventure novel that would definitely appeal to the imagination of young readers and younger listeners. “Growly, Chippy, Ember, and the other creatures have great potential to join the ranks of the many beloved book characters we all cherish. ~ *Sara Figueroa, Youth Services Librarian, Indian Valley Public Library, Telford, PA*

“The Growly Books is one of the best children’s series I’ve come across in years. These books are full of fun, family adventure which offer our children uplifting life lessons – all wrapped up in an engaging story. Delightfully illustrated, they make for fabulous chapter books for your new reader, or wonderful read alouds for the entire family. Highly recommended. “A charming children’s series – at long last!” ~ *Lisa Jacobson, Club 31 Women*

The Growly books are engaging, exciting, meaningful, and provokes imagination and deep thought. My son talks to me about Growly and the other characters throughout the day, and is always eager to pick up a Growly book to read about what will happen next! *Amazon Review*



Included in the USA Today Bestseller, *The Read Aloud Family*. 20 Favorite Read-Alouds for ages 4-7

“The Growly Books are wholesome stories that enchant young readers even as they stir a sense of adventure and intrigue.”

My six year old son LOVED these books! He then gave them to his cousins, who ate them up as well. Now, upon his recommendation, our book club of 20 students varying in grades k-6 are studying the books. Raving reviews from every student! *Amazon Review*

What I love most about this book is the overwhelming standard of love and friendship that is presented in the book via tradition, family, society, culture, innocence, sacrifice, challenges and friendship. This coming of age tale provides a complex, scary and adventurous view of the world in a way that gives strength through hard work, relationships, diligence and bravery. My 5 and 7 year-olds LOVE this book. *Amazon Review*

In a world with so much negativity, it is so refreshing to have a story that demonstrates how people (or animals, lol) can rise above their circumstances and choose to love one another and make the right choices. It was a pleasure to read, and a wonderful example for my son (and me, for that matter!) on how we can live our lives. *Amazon Review*

This is a beautifully written adventure. Fantastic imagery, and courage and loyalty woven so thick in this easy, wonderful read. A breath of fresh air, even amidst disappointments and fears. A must read for young kids! *Goodreads Review*

This is our children's favorite book to read aloud! It is full of adventure & suspense but easy enough for kids ages 4-11 to really enjoy!! *Amazon Review*

About the Author

Philip Ulrich was born in Australia, met his wife Erin in Budapest, Hungary, and now lives in South Carolina along their two daughters and a Boingle named Raina. When he isn't writing stories, Phil works as a graphic designer at www.philipulrichdesigns.com Phil is currently at work on the continuing adventures of Growly.

