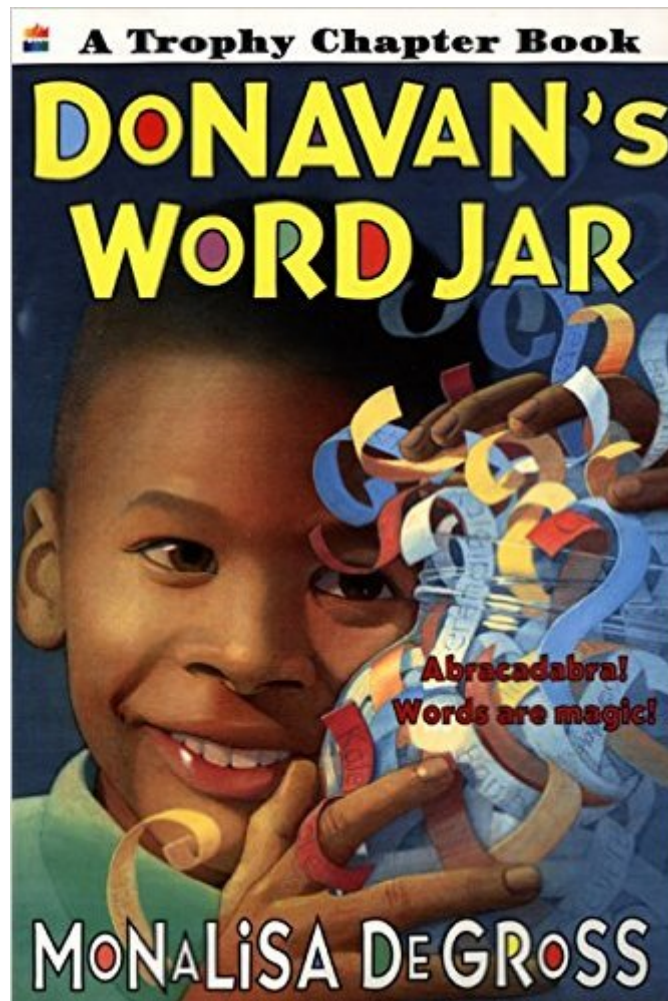


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# Donavan's Word Jar (Trophy Chapter Books (Paperback))



## Synopsis

Donavan is fascinated by words. They seem to leap out at him from books, signs, even the back of cereal boxes. He savors each word as he learns to say it and discovers its meaning. He keeps the words he collects on slips of paper in a big glass jar. But one day the jar is almost full and Donovan has a dilemma. How can he make room for new words without giving up all the terrific words already in his jar? A visit to his grandmother provides the unexpected solution in this heartwarming story about how important words can be.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## Customer Reviews

A long time ago AT&T created a print advertisement that said: "Communication is the beginning of understanding." This slogan anticipates the conclusion of "Donavan's Word Jar." Let's flashback to the beginning of the story. Donavan is a third-grader. Just like everyone else in his class, Donavan is a collector. While they collect tangible things like baseball cards, ad buttons, stamps, and marbles, Donavan collects words. He finds them (the first is Nutrition from a cereal box), writes them on a yellow slips of paper in purple ink, and keeps them in a glass jar. He finds new words everywhere: storefronts, billboards, a sign in a parade, and from people talking on the sidewalk, on television, on

the bus, everywhere. One day his jar is so full, he has difficulty closing it. After asking his teacher, his father, and his mother how to solve his problem, he decides to take the question to his grandmother who lives in an apartment house for the elderly not too far from his house. The solution comes in the most unexpected way. People take his words! But good comes out of good and communication is the beginning of understanding. Giving and sharing help open up communication. I would love to tell you how this works, but the ending is so delightful, I feel telling you would be a spoiler. This chapter book makes a perfect gift for a child who shows any inclination towards reading or words. Maybe you could set up a Word Center with a jar, slips of paper, a pen or pencil, and a dictionary. Definitely a teacher could use this book as a class reading project with each child keeping a Word Jar. There's too much magic in words to let this book slip by under-utilized. A very definite keeper. You might start with "logophile" or "logophilia."

This book is good because it was easy to read and it was interesting and fun. She is a very talented writer. I hope she writes more good chapter books.

I like the message of the book. I read this book with my 3rd and 4th grade literature group. We struggled to get through the book. They were just not interested in it. So although the message is good, the book is not really interesting.

My son says, "I like how Donavan uses his words and they impacted others. Yeah, it's a good book for others to read." My son truly enjoyed this book. I love that the main character in the text is a young black boy. We both would recommend this book. If you have a boy who is reluctant to reading, this is one book he may read willingly as my son did.

This is one of the books I read with my class this fall. I've had a class set for awhile, and just now have gotten to it. It was ok. I liked how it used interesting words through out he book. I'm a word person, and like the way certain words sound and the way they feel when you say them (I know, I'm weird ;-), so this book was fun to read with my kids. It also lender itself to some fun activities that we did as a class as we read the book. Some of the things we did were, writing words we liked on the lockers in the classroom in dry erase markers, made our own paper word jar using words we cute out of magazines or wrote on colorful paper, and worked on dictionary skills.

I purchased this book for my 8 year old grandson. When I rec'd the book, I read it myself; I fell in

love with it. I promise you it gave me a joyous feeling and I could not wait to give it to my grandson and read it together with him. He loved the book as much as I did. Simple, pure, realistic. I would recommend this book; for children that may not have an appreciation for reading; I think this book will change that for them. Words are indeed powerful and can bring much joy to all!

Inside poor quality paper, should our kids have this poor quality inspiration to learn to read ? They should remark this in the description. The book was delivered otherwise in good condition and timely manner .

My son loved this book. He is fascinated by words and could relate to Donovan's character as far as being "different". There were several good messages/themes for us to talk about when he finished reading it.

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