



"Cletus...why did you choose not to comb your hair?"

"I couldn't find my comb."

"Cletus...where is your homework?"

"I remember doing it, but I can't remember where I put it!"

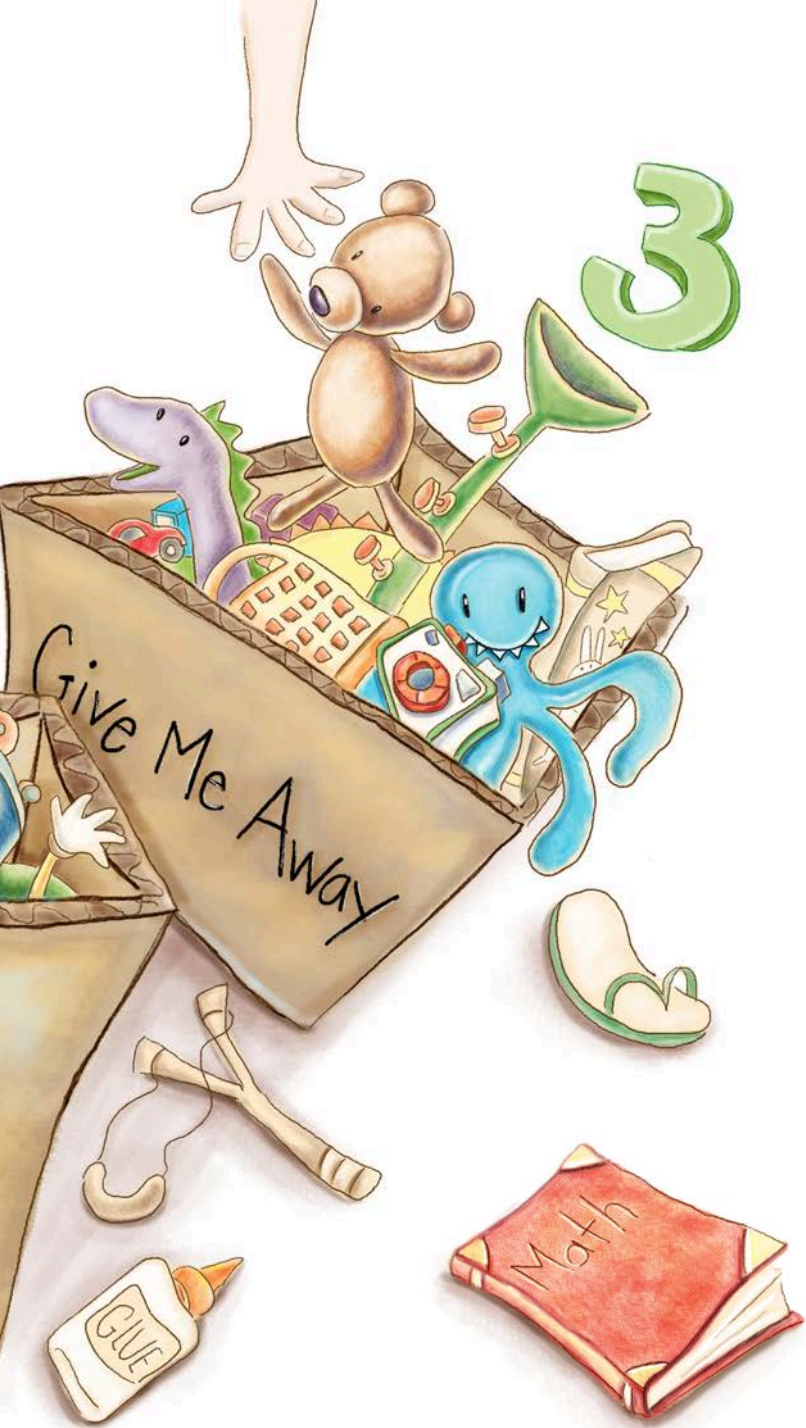
"Cletus...where is your other gym shoe?"

"I could only find one."

"Cletus...how come you didn't come to our soccer game last night?"

"We had a game?"





“How do I know what to keep and what to toss?”

“That’s easy!

Just ask yourself a few questions:

- 1. Is this thing adding to my life, or not?**
- 2. Have I used it during the last year?**
- 3. If I get rid of it, can I replace it if I need to?**
- 4. Is there anyone else who might need it?”**

Bocephus got his diorama done really fast, and we made it to school just as the bell rang.



*I helped Bocephus, and he helped me.
Now I'm as organized as can be!
Every whatchamacallit has its own special spot.
It's true... being organized really does **ROCK!***



This storybook is the first in the “**Functioning Executive**” books 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.

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!

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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!”***

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Because Kids Don't Come With Instructions.



Julia Cook, M.S. is a national award winning children’s author, counselor and parenting expert. She has presented in thousands of schools across the country and abroad, regularly speaks at national education and counseling conferences, and has published children’s books on a wide range of character and social development topics. The goal behind Cook’s work is to actively involve young people in fun, memorable stories and teach them to become lifelong problem solvers. Inspiration for her books comes from working with children and carefully listening to counselors, parents, and teachers, in order to stay on top of needs in the classroom and at home. Cook has the innate ability to enter the worldview of a child through storybooks, giving children both the “what to say” and “how to say it.”

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