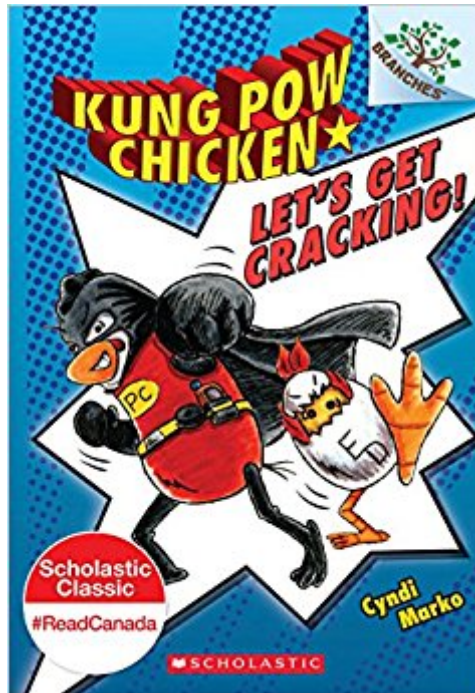


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# Let's Get Cracking!: A Branches Book (Kung Pow Chicken #1)



## Synopsis

Kung Pow Chicken is the superhero everyone has been waiting for! This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line called Branches, which is aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow! In this exciting full-color series, Gordon Blue transforms into Kung Pow Chicken, an avian superhero who fights crime in the city of Fowladelphia. The first book in the series kicks off when Gordon's birdy senses lead him to a festival. Suddenly, POOF! Feathers fill the air and shivering naked chickens are everywhere. Why have all these chickens lost their feathers? Forced to wear wooly sweaters, the city itches for a hero. Kung Pow Chicken hops into his Beakmobile to save the day!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 7 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

## Customer Reviews

Gr 1-2 — Gordon Blue and his younger egg brother, Benedict, gain superpowers after taking an accidental dive into giant vat of toxic sludge while visiting Uncle Quack's laboratory. Gordon, aka Kung Pow Chicken, and Benedict get an opportunity to put their powers to the test. A crowd of chickens at the Fowl Fall Festival is suddenly featherless, and glowing cookies found near the scene are suspected to be linked to the crime. Granny Goosebumps, selling sweaters to the

featherless victims, is scheming for a way to raise enough money to move to Florida, but Kung Pow Chicken and his faithful sidekick, Egg Drop, step in to save the day. The story is heavily illustrated and the cartoon style pairs nicely with the story's overall feel. Dialogue appears in speech bubbles, and the frequent poultry plays on words are sure to elicit giggles from young readers. This first offering in a series will have broad appeal among independent readers who have outgrown easy readers but are not yet ready for books relying more on text than illustration. --Matthew C. Winner, Ducketts Lane Elementary School, Elkridge, MD --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Step aside, Captain Underpants! There is a new hero in town -- this time, with feathers. Gordon Blue may look like an ordinary chicken and attend ordinary second grade, but he hides a secret: he and his sidekick, Benny, fell into Uncle Quack's toxic sludge and became superheroes. He promises to use his powers to be super nice, super good, and super tidy. His chance to save the day arrives at the Fowl Fall Festival, when chickens begin mysteriously shedding their feathers and must buy itchy wool sweaters from Granny Goosebumps. He engages the "grumpy granny," but she quickly traps him with her naughty knitting needles and a cry of, "Eat yarn, dearie!" Humiliated, he retreats to his bed. Will he overcome his superhero identity crisis and defeat the nefarious knitter? Will his leotard ever stop giving him wedgies? Fresh, funny, and packed with full-color illustrations, this new transitional series will be an instant hit with readers looking for silly fun and a touch of mystery. Grades 1-3. --Suzanne Harold --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Fantastic book series for students just getting ready to break into chapter books. These stories are very engaging! I love the full color pages, and goofy puns. I often have to explain some of the chicken puns to the 2nd graders I work with, but that just makes it more fun, I think!

Never met a chicken I didn't like but Gordon is a class act! Perfect for youngsters learning to read. Caution: may cause uncontrollable laughter.

I've never been a fan of kung pao chicken, but Kung Pow may change my mind. My four-year-old "all boy" son got it in his stocking this Christmas and we've had to read it a few times. KPC has enough action and ridiculousness to keep a child that age engaged without all the butt jokes. (I can read those on my own time). The kid who'd rather be tearing around playing zombie tag will be engaged. As a mom, I like how the archetypal mad scientist helps solve the problem without being

campy or shoving the "YOU MUST LOVE STEM" meme down kids' throats. I look forward to more books from Cyndi Marko!

This series is fantastic! I gave the whole series to a friend's brothers and they love all the books.

Bought for my son and he read it in basically a day. Has asked for the rest of the series. The pages don't have a lot of words, but at the price I'm not complaining. It got my son who doesn't like to read reading.

Great

So happy I searched for Scholastic "Branches" books on ! Our son is in second grade and I wanted to find books that would inspire him to read. Kung Pow Chicken and the "Notebook of Doom" series are his new favorites, just the right balance of illustration and story.

My 9 year old son loves these!

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