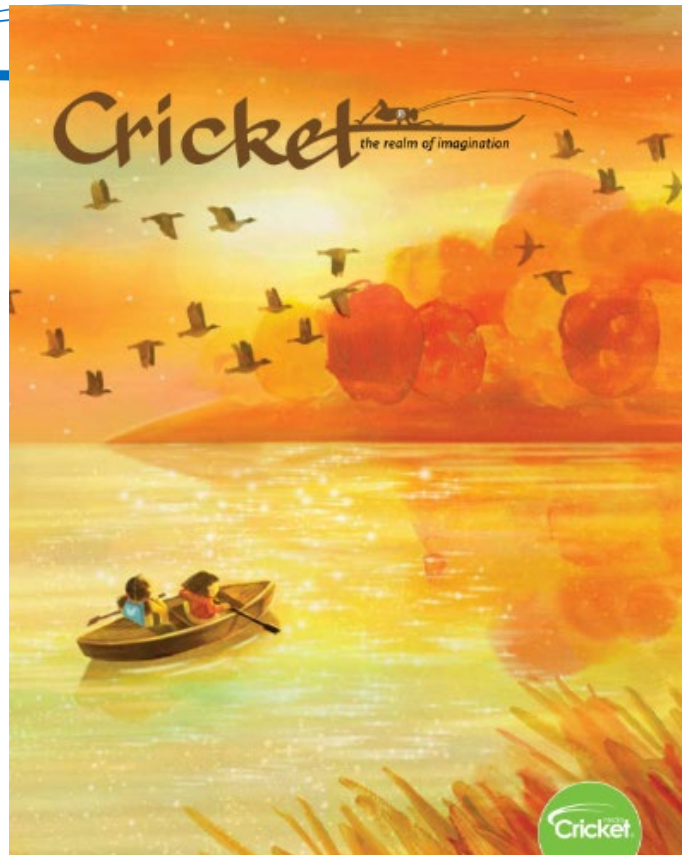


# Cricket



## THEME

Help your students examine real and pretend relationships by using the stories in this month's issue of Cricket magazine. This teacher guide will invite your students to contemplate deep connections and to think critically.

## CONVERSATION QUESTION

What can you learn about characters from their relationships with others?

## TEACHING OBJECTIVES

- Students will analyze how individuals develop and interact over the course of a text.
- Students will make logical inferences.
- Students will recognize the genres and the key elements of literary texts.
- Students will write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events.
- Students will obtain, evaluate, and communicate information.
- Students will analyze places, including their physical, cultural, and environmental characteristics.

In addition to supplemental materials focused on core English Language Arts skills, this flexible teaching tool offers vocabulary-building activities, questions for discussion, and cross-curricular activities.

## SELECTIONS

- **The Kind of Girl Donuts Talk To**  
Fantasy, ~650L
- **The Goose and the Swan**  
Fantasy, ~950L
- **Mercury's Sandals**  
Historical Fiction, ~750L