
LINDI BOOKS PRESENTS
The Puzzle Club
Come Join the Club!
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Chloe, Mia, and Ben were nine.
They belonged to the Puzzle Club.
Sage was their four-legged helper.
Today, their puzzle room held
a surprise none of them expected.




Chloe loved noticing little details.
Mia sorted pieces by color.
Ben searched for corners and edges.
Puzzles helped them slow down
and keep trying together.
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Sage hurried to the door.
A big envelope slid underneath it!
“Look!” Chloe called.
The friends crowded around.
Who had sent them a mystery?
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Inside was a note and a picture piece.
“Find five more pieces in this room.
Build the map to find your surprise!”
“A map!” Ben said.
“Let’s start searching!”
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Sage tugged a piece from a cushion.
The cushion tumbled to the floor!
Mia caught it just in time.
“Nice teamwork!” Chloe laughed.
Their second piece showed a gate.
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WHOOSH!
A breeze swept through the window.
A loose piece slid across the floor!
“There it goes!” Ben shouted.
The chase was on.
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The piece slipped toward the door.
Chloe dropped to her knees.
She caught it before it slid underneath!
“Got it!” she cheered.
Three pieces found. Three to go.



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Ben spotted a piece behind a book.
It showed a winding path.
He carried it to the table.
“This must go here,” he said.
But something looked wrong.
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Chloe studied the picture.
“The path doesn’t match,” she said.
Mia turned the piece around.
Click! The picture lined up.
“Together, we worked it out!”
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Mia reached beneath a basket.
A piece was tucked behind it!
This one showed a garden bench.
“Five pieces!” she called.
“Just one more!”
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They looked under the chairs.
They peeked behind the curtain.
They checked every puzzle box.
“No last piece,” Ben sighed.
Then Sage padded toward her bed.



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Something poked out beneath the bed.
Sage nudged it with her nose.
Chloe lifted the corner.
“The last piece!” she cried.
It showed an old oak tree.
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The friends finished their picture map.
A path led past flowers and a bench
to the old oak in Grandma's garden.
Along the bottom, they read:
"YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS AT THE OLD OAK!"



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They hurried into the garden.
Sage trotted beside them.
Past the gate. Past the flowers.
Past the bench—and there was the oak!
“Look over there!” Mia called.



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Grandma stepped from behind the oak.
“I hid the pieces!” she said.
“Welcome to your backyard adventure!”
There was a tunnel, a ball challenge,
and one more treasure to find.
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First, they crawled through the tunnel.
Then they carried a ball together
on a towel without dropping it.
Sage raced alongside them.
“Puzzle Club teamwork!” Ben cheered.




Sage sniffed behind a flowerpot.
There was the treasure box!
Inside were three adventure journals
and a new ball for Sage.
Everyone had a surprise!
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They shared a picnic beneath the oak.
Chloe opened her adventure journal.
“We thought we were finishing a puzzle,”
she said. “We were starting an adventure!”
Sage rested beside her new ball.




The next day, the friends met for Puzzle Club.
Ben, the club president, asked,
“Any suggestions for our next adventure?”
Chloe raised her hand.
“Let’s make a puzzle where the pieces melt
together into a land filled with candy!”
“Great idea!” Mia and Ben said.


First, they drew Candy Land on thin card.
Lollipop trees! Gumdrop hills! A candy path!
On the back, they drew different shapes.
With a grown-up's help,
they carefully cut along the lines.
Soon, their puzzle was ready to build!
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They put the puzzle pieces together.
Then they added a few wrapped candies.
“Our Candy Land is ready!” Chloe said.
Crunch! Crunch!
Sage was enjoying her own special treat—
a candy-shaped dog biscuit!
Everyone burst out laughing.
DOG BISCUITS
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Where Did Puzzles Begin?

People have enjoyed puzzles for centuries! Different puzzles began in different places.

MAP JIGSAWS • 1760s

In London, John Spilsbury sold maps cut into wooden pieces. Children put them together to learn geography.



TANGRAMS • CHINA

This famous puzzle uses seven flat shapes. Arrange them to make animals, people, and many other pictures!



RUBIK'S CUBE • 1974

Ernő Rubik created this twisting puzzle in Hungary. Can you make each side a single color?



Which puzzle would YOU like to try?



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Dedication

For Chloe, who shared her ideas
for the last four pages with me.
I wrote them for her, bringing her
imagination into our story.

And a special thank-you to Sage,
Chloe's best friend and faithful companion,
for being part of every adventure.

For every child with a story to tell—
your ideas matter. Keep imagining,
creating, and sharing.

With love,
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Come Join the Puzzle Club!

Chloe, Ben, and Mai love a good puzzle. With their curious dog, Sage, every club meeting can become a new adventure!

When Chloe suggests a puzzle whose pieces melt together, the friends imagine a colorful land filled with candy and surprises.

Join them for a story about friendship, teamwork, and creative thinking. Then learn how to make your own puzzle!



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