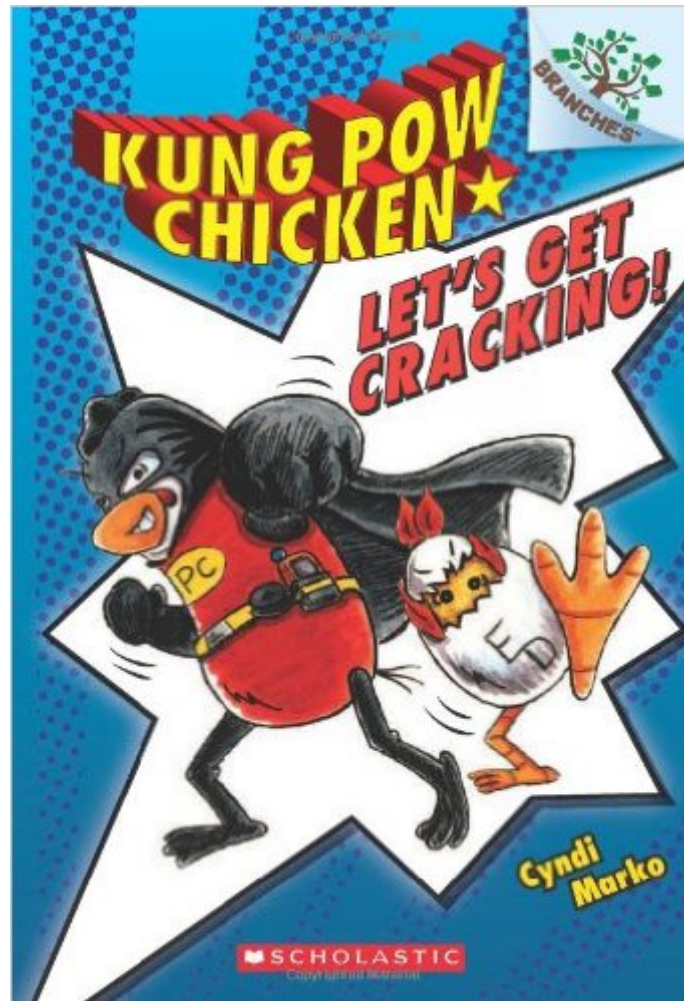


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# Let's Get Cracking!: A Branches Book (Kung Pow Chicken #1)



## 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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Series: Kung Pow Chicken (Book 1)

Paperback: 80 pages

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Product Dimensions: 0.2 x 5.2 x 7.6 inches

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Age Range: 5 - 7 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

## Customer Reviews

Gordon and Benny are ordinary chicken brothers. Gordon goes to second grade at Sunnyside Elementary; he follows the adventures of "Rocket Rooster"; he gets along O.K. with younger brother Benny. But one day there is an accident at Uncle Quack's lab, and Gordon and Benny emerge with superpowers. Gordon tingles when danger is near, can flap like crazy, and crows superloud. Benny's shell is indestructible. With homemade supersuits they become Kung Pow Chicken and his

sidekick, Egg Drop. It's time to fight crime and solve mysteries. In this one, Granny is feeding chickens mysterious cookies that cause them to lose their feathers, and then selling them sweaters. If Sunnyside Elementary, Uncle Quack, Kung Pow Chicken and Egg Drop didn't sort of clue you in to the humor here, well the book's subtitle is "Let's Get Cracking". You get a lot of chicken jokes - some are puns, some are just silly, and some are sort of sophisticated, (their teacher, Mr. Giblets, has a "comb over"; can a featherless chicken get goosebumps, and isn't that just a little bit wrong?). Gordon and Benny are smart, loyal, and resourceful chicken/kids, the plot moves along at a zippy pace, there's something funny to read or look at on every page, and the whole project has a very mellow and good humored feel. The kids at school are cheery and energetic; no bullies, no fart/booger humor; no odd scenes that break the rhythm or have an odd tone to them. This is just cheerful, age appropriate adventure/mayhem. (And the kids are reminded to call home if superheroing will make them late for dinner.) This would be fun to read to while looking at the drawings, or read with since the vocabulary is manageable but not overly simple. It could be a read alone for a more advanced reader.

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