

# Arthur book altered for safety's sake

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A Mount Albert mother has persuaded publishing giant Random House to change the next edition of a book showing a popular children's character hiding in a chest.

Deborah Alexander lobbied the company after reading the book *Arthur Goes to School* to her four-year-old son Matthew.

On one page of the easy-to-read, open-flap book, which shows Arthur getting ready and going to school, he hides in a trunk.

Three Barrie children suffocated in a trunk in May while playing an innocent game of hide-and-seek.

Kambel Kince, 7, her brother Pauly, 4, and neighbour Renee Ornsby-Leblanc, 3, could not lift the lid after climbing inside.

Alexander wanted to prevent other youngsters who might want to copy Arthur from suffering the same horrible fate.

Kelly Duffin, Random House's vice-president of communications, said she relayed Alexander's concerns to the company's editorial group in New York.

Officials agreed that in the next edition, another character will scold Arthur for hiding in the chest.

"What they're proposing to do for the next edition is change it so it in some way admonishes Arthur that it's not safe to hide in a chest," Duffin said.

"I did say her concern was based on the fact children had died in the area in a similar way."

While Alexander toyed with the idea of asking Random House to change the picture so the trunk lid didn't open, she thought having a friend of Arthur's explain the dangers was a better idea.

"I'm not sure which would have been better — not to have the trunk open or having somebody advise it's not a good idea," she said.



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Mount Albert mom Deborah Alexander convinced Random House to alter children's book.

"Probably, one of the things that would teach kids the most is to have another character saying it's not a good idea."

Alexander said parents can discuss the dangers of hiding in a trunk with their children when they get to the picture.

"One of the characters saying something like that would force me to notice it and it would open up a discussion," she said.

"It may cause children, if nobody is reading the book to them, to come and ask their parents themselves."

Alexander applauded Random House's quick decision to change the book after hearing of the children's tragic deaths in Barrie.

"I'm glad that they're doing something. I'm glad that they looked at it."

Duffin could not say when the next edition of the book will be printed, explaining the next run is based on sales.

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