

## Finding Book Reviews and Evaluating Books

### Individual directions

For an overview of the book, including multiple reviews, Lexiles, interest and reading levels, prizes and awards:

- [ERL Homepage](#)
  - [Children's Literature Comprehensive Database \(CLCD\)](#) – linked to ERL catalog.
  - [Horn Book Guide](#) – quick, brief reviews on a scale of 1–6 with 1 being the best.
  - [NoveList](#) – linked to MI public libraries – also available through Michigan e-Library (MeL).

For actual reviews online from specific journals and databases, use OneSearch:

- [Kresge Library Homepage](#)
  - [Help using Library OneSearch](#)

### Browse current print journals - available in ERL:

- Booklist/Booklinks
- Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books
- Horn Book Magazine
- School Library Journal
- VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates)

*Ask at the circulation desk for current print issues.*

For professional reviews – join your professional organization:

- [ALA: American Library Association](#)
  - [ALSC Division](#) (major awards/notable lists)
- [ILA: International Literacy Association](#)
  - [Children's, Teachers' and Young Adults' Choices Reading Lists](#) – co-sponsored by the Children's Book Council (CBC)
- [NCSS: National Council for the Social Studies](#)
  - [Notable Trade Books for Young People](#)
- [NSTA: National Science Teachers Association](#)
  - [Outstanding Science Trade Books for K–12](#)
- [NCTE: National Council of Teachers of English](#)
  - [Orbis Pictus Award](#)
- [NCTM: National Council of Teachers of Mathematics](#)

*Binders for some lists are available with ERL call numbers at the circulation desk.*

**Selection of print reference tools for selecting good books for youth:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>ERL Call Numbers</b>
100 Best Books for Children	Ref. Z1037.S575
A to Zoo	Ref. Z1037.L715
Best Books for Children	Ref. Z1037.G48
Books Kids Will Sit Still For, A Read Aloud Guide 3	Ref. Z1037.F847
Bridges to Understanding: Envisioning the World Through Children's Books	Ref. PN1009.A1.B766
<b>Children's Core Collection</b>	Ref. Z 1037 .C5443
Fantasy Literature for Children and Young Adults	Ref. Z1037.L97
Graphic Novels in Your School Library	Ref. PN6710.K28
Humor in Young Adult Literature: a Time to Laugh	Ref. PS 374 .H86 H64
LGBTQIA+ Books for Children and Teens	Ref. HQ 73 .D677
<b>Middle and Junior High Core Collection</b>	Ref. Z1037.W765
Poetry Aloud Here 2: Sharing Poetry with Children	Ref. Z 718.3 .V37
Popular Series Fiction for K–6 Readers	Ref. Z1037.T4654
Rainbow Family Collections: Selecting and Using Children's Books with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Content	Ref. Z 1037 .N24
Read-Aloud Handbook (Jim Trelease)	Ref. LB1573.5.T68
Reader's Advisory Guide to Teen Literature	Ref. 711.55 .C377
<b>Senior High Core Collection</b>	Ref. Z 1037 .W77
Stories We Share: Guide to Pre-K–12 Books on the Experience of Immigrant Children and Teens in the U.S.	Ref. Z 1037 .A1 K47