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Rating System

- * Exceptional quality or merit. Book or play deserves special recognition.
- A Excellence. Book will add strength to a library and should find wide acceptance among readers. Play will find wide acceptance among intended audience.
- B Dependable. A reliable but not outstanding work. Recommended for libraries that need additional books in a specific genre or subject. Recommended with conditions for theatre classes or groups.
- C Limited appeal. Book or play will have appeal for some readers/audiences despite significant shortcomings.
- NR Not recommended. A book or play may receive a NR rating for several reasons, including poor literary or artistic content, inaccurate information, or presentation of a topic and content not appropriate for intended audience.

Grade Level

The approximate reading/interest level of the book or play appears as a grade level range after the rating. No readability scale is applied; reviewers use their experience to assign grade levels. The following abbreviations are used in addition to numeric grade levels: **B**=Baby, **T**=Toddler, **PreS**=Pre-school, and **K**=Kindergartener.

If a reviewer considers a particular book or play to have a wide audience, no upper limit is indicated. The word "up" is used following the initial reading level to indicate no upper limit.

Many books, including picture books, find favorable reader response beyond the grade level indicated by vocabulary, treatment of subject, or format.

Book Classification

Book classification appears after the grade level. Books are assigned a two-letter code, indicating the genre of a particular book.

FI Fiction
BI Biography
PB Picture Book
PT Poetry

NF Nonfiction or informational books

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