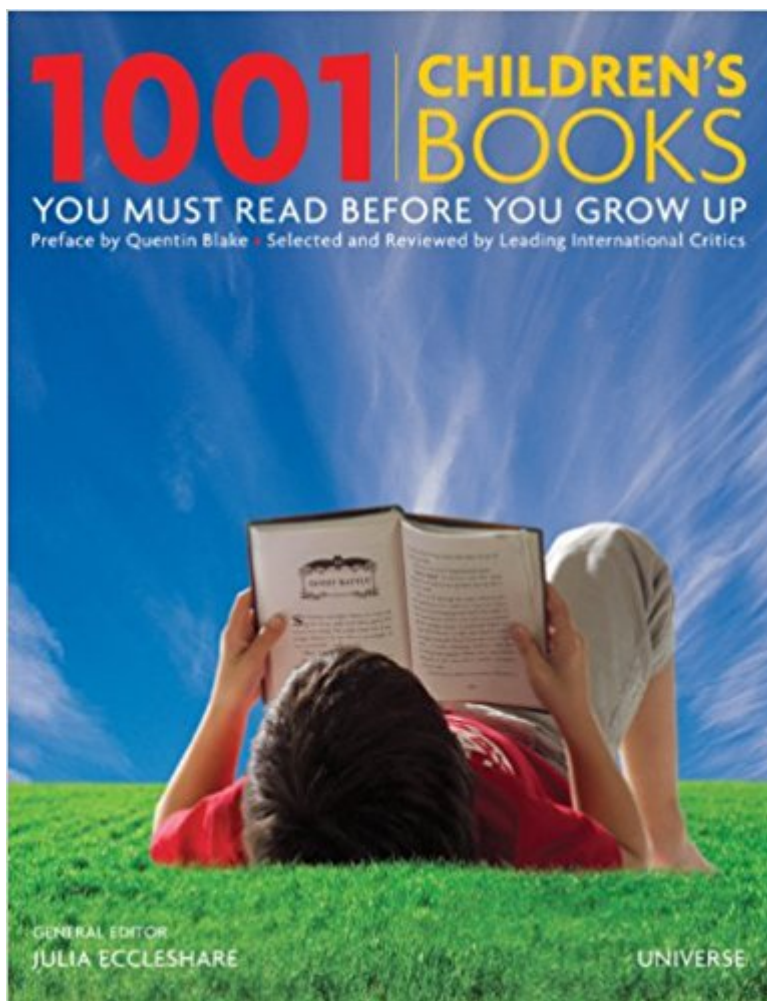


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Synopsis

This is the best and most authoritative guide to classic and contemporary children's literature today. It is the latest in the best-selling 1001 series, and its informative reviews are the key to differentiating the "must-read" books from all the rest in the realm of children's books. Whether you are a parent seeking to instill a love of reading in your child, an educator or counselor looking for inspiration, or a young reader with a voracious appetite, this guide to the best writing for children and young adults covers the spectrum of children's literature. It is organized by age group from board books to YA novels and all the gradations in between. Each entry features evaluations by a team of international critics complete with beautifully reproduced artwork from the featured title. The beloved classics are here, but the guide also takes a global perspective and includes the increasingly diverse contributions from African American and Latino authors and illustrators not to mention important books from around the world.

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one of the few complaints I have about the book but there are other books out there covering other regions of our earth available. Potential buyers should be aware of this. The other complaint I have is that there are number of books listed and summarized that have been published in only their country of origin and are only available in that particular language and there are not English translations...I know as I have hunted for many of them.I cannot down rank my star rating due to my two complaints because no book can meet the needs of every single reader or researcher...you find 100 different readers or researchers and you will have 100 slightly different needs. That is one of the fun parts of researching...digging up all you can everywhere you can...it is like a treasure hunt!The book contains color tabs breaking down the books into suggested age appropriate groups starting with 0 to 3 and working through 12 and up.Now there are two major conflicts found in this work. The first is that not everyone will agree with the books chosen by the publishers. There are thousands and thousands of books published over the past 200 years and we all have our favorites. I myself noted at least 20 or 30 books not mentioned in this work that I hold in very high esteem...hey, not book can do it all..... Second, many can argue over the age appropriate designation of each book. A person must remember that all children are different and part of being an adult attempting to help children in their reading program is the ability to KNOW THE CHILD YOU ARE WORKING WITH! As an example, when I was a very, very young child my mother read to me all the BrotherÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ â„çs Grimm tales and I am here to tell you that some of those stories terrified me; as a matter of fact they still do. Was it appropriate for my mother to read those books to me? I donÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ â„çt know for sure. I donÃfÂçÃ â ÑÃ â„çt feel I was permanently damaged in any way and they were a major force in developing my strong interest in reading so I suppose it was worth a few bad dreams on my part...again, every child is different and again, if you ask 100 people about this subject you will probably get 100 different answers...again...KNOW THE CHILD YOU ARE WORKING WITH!All in all this is an excellent publication and I have found it very helpful throughout the years.This book is from my private collection.

Executive Summary: Buy this book and use it. If you read these 1001 books to your child, you will be giving him a wonderful gift and a tremendous advantage.As other reviews have said, this book is divided into age ranges: 0-3, 3+, 5+, 8+, and, 12+. Unlike other reviewers, I think the age groupings are spot on. You cannot read every book in the 0-3 category to a 6 month old, that's why it's a range: zero to three. If I get a book and my son isn't ready for it, I make a little note in the margin, e.g., "try again at 4.5."Some of the books do not exist in English translation. "The Jolly Aunt" and "The Wide-mouthed Frog" come to mind. But 99.8% of the books are at your library, available

through interlibrary loan, or can be purchased used, shipped from the UK for under \$6.00 at abebooks.com. Some of these books are hard to find, but it is worth finding them. I've used this book, Jim Trelease's "Read-Aloud Handbook," and Pam Allyn's "What to Read When" as a sort of curriculum for my son. He just turned four, but he is very advanced for his age. Right now he listens to chapter books without pictures that were written for 5th grades for up to 45 min. His teacher said that he should skip kindergarten and go straight to first grade. When he was 3, people often guessed he was 5 or 6. I credit this to our reading curriculum: we try to read 90 minutes per day (three 30 min. sessions). When we began, he could sit through, perhaps, one board book. When he was 3.5 we read Mr. Popper's Penguins and now we're reading Hans Christian Anderson's The Little Mermaid and Charles Dickens' The Magic Fishbone. Good luck!

I am enjoying the opportunity to read the books on the list. I am also getting some really good ideas for gifts for my young niece who is learning to read. I like that there are a wide variety of books and that they are arranged by age group. There are many interesting subjects and genres, some classic and some contemporary. Of course, as with any list, there are some books I loved as a child that didn't make the list and there are a few books that I didn't care for that made the list. However, I like that there is a little description of each book and that it tells why the books were added to the list. I think this would be a good resource for teachers and parents alike.

This book has a lot of potential. Love the layout and we have found some real winners. The thing you must be aware of is many of these titles are out of print or not available in the U.S. Or even major Public Libraries. I really wish they would update the content.

Before heading out on our month-long vacation driving through the Southwest USA, I checked out 1001 Children's Books and browsed through it with my 11-year-old and 14-year-old. I asked them to note books that they thought would be good read-aloud books on our journey, and they did so with enthusiasm. Three weeks into the vacation, we have devoured four of the five books in their age range, and so far, so good. They found Anne Fine's Alias Madame Doubtfire to be good enough to read again on their own; they howled with laughter and empathy when we read Sue Townsend's The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Age 13 3/4; Garth Nix's first volume in his series, Mister Monday resulted in them checking our local library remotely to reserve the next two volumes in the series once we return home; and David Almond's The Fire-Eaters had them absorbed on the long stretches of desert that we are now driving through as we head home. We are going to finish the trip

with Celia Rees's *Witch Child*. While it is true that we have only tackled five books of the massive number included in this volume, I am impressed with the quality of the plot synopses and how thorough the editors have been in choosing the books that will appeal to children. True, some books have not been translated into English, and some are hard to obtain, but most certainly what books are available to us in the USA will keep us going well past my children's childhood. I urge readers to add this gem to their collections.

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