



Children's Literature Terms

Board Book – A small, durable book designed for very young children, consisting of a few unnumbered pages made of pasteboard covered in glossy paper printed with colorful illustrations and little, if any, text.

Example: *Good Night, Gorilla* by Peggy Rathman.

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Children's Book – A book written and illustrated specifically for children up to the age of 12.

Example: *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss

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Concept Book – Includes numbers (counting books), letters (ABC books), and more complex concepts like opposites. Concept books may also promote the naming and labeling of objects, actions and people.

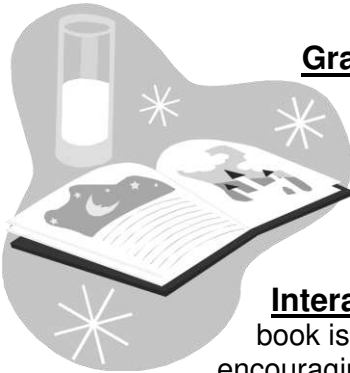
Example: *Gone wild: an endangered animal alphabet* by David McLimans

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Easy Book – A heavily illustrated book with limited text written to appeal to the interests and reading ability of children from preschool to third grade, usually shelved in separate section of a school library or children's room in a public library.

Example: *Goodnight moon* by Margaret Wise Brown

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Graphic Novel – A novel written and illustrated in comic book style. This new genre presents an extended narrative as a continuous sequence of pictorial images printed in color and arranged in panel-to-panel format, with dialogue enclosed in balloons.

Example: *A Thousand Ships* by Eric Shanower

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Interactive – Picture books that stimulate a child's verbal or physical participation as the book is read by asking direct questions, inviting recitation of chants or repeated lines, encouraging clapping or moving to the rhythm of the words, or requiring manipulation of the book to find objects in the illustration.

Example: *Each pear peach plum* by Janet Ahlberg

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Multicultural - Refers to books, regardless of genre, that have as the main character a person who is a member of a racial, religious, or language culture other than Euro-American.

Example: *The Killer's tears* by Anne-Laure Bondoux

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Pattern Book – Easy-to-read books that strongly emphasize word patterns. Also called predictable books because of the predictability of the text due to rhyme, repetition, and illustration clues, or decodable texts because of language regularities in which certain phonological patterns are repeated.

Example: *There was an old lady who swallowed a fly* by Simms Taback

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Picture Book – A book consisting mainly of visual content, with little or no text, intended mainly for children of preschool age but sometimes of interest to adults because of the artistic quality of the illustrations and/or the originality of the text, often used by children’s librarians in storytelling.

Example: *Where the wild things are* by Maurice Sendak

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Pop-up Book – A type of novelty children’s book containing cut-out illustrations ingeniously designed to spring up in three dimensions from the surface of the page when the book is opened or a tab is pulled and fold back down when the page is turned or the tab is pushed in. To find through a catalog do a subject search for ‘toy and movable books’ or ‘books with pop-up illustrations’.

Example: *Mommy?* Art by Maurice Sendak, scenario by Arthur Yorinks, paper engineering by Matthew Reinheart

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Transitional – Chapter books with simple, straightforward plots and writing styles for children who are ready to read slightly longer picture books and short chapter books, but not full-fledged novels, generally suitable for ages 6-9.

Example: *Ramona forever* by Beverly Cleary

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Wordless – Depend entirely on carefully sequenced illustrations to present the story. Since there is little or no text the illustrations must be highly narrative. To find through an online catalog do a subject search for ‘stories without words’.

Example: *Flotsam* by David Wiesner

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