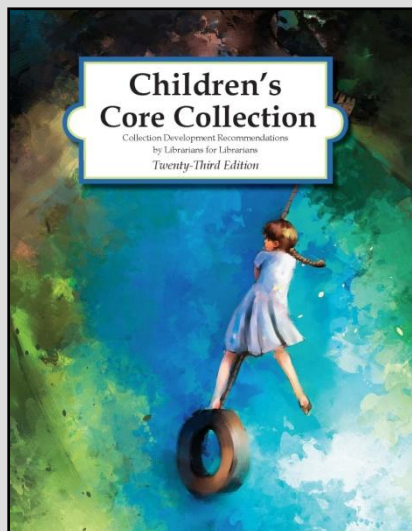


Children's Core Collection

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“...it remains the premier tool for maintaining and honing children’s book collections. Created by librarians for librarians, its purpose is multifold. It is a device for making purchasing decisions, a curriculum support resource, a user services aid, a collection maintenance tool, and, most interestingly, a professional development tool. Numbering nearly 16,000 English-language titles, the annotated catalog entries are arranged roughly into thirds using the Dewey Classification system for nonfiction, “E” for easy books, and “Fic” for fiction works. Nonfiction comprises the bulkiest part of the catalog, while the integrated index alone takes up a third of the entire text block. Stars denote the most highly recommended titles. All entries contain at minimum a publisher’s description; most also include select book review excerpts (something which rival resources may point to, but do not necessarily include).

The previous edition was necessarily split into two volumes, but thanks to an enlarged trim size and lighter-weight paper, CCC is now available once again as a **single manageable volume**, albeit still totaling nearly 3,000 pages. New since the 22d edition is an appendix cross-referencing the Caldecott and Newbery Award-winning authors and titles appearing inside the volume. Removed since the last edition are outdated books primarily on internet safety.

Geared toward public and school libraries, this highly usable print reference work will be essential for those libraries that do not subscribe to the simultaneously appearing EBSCOhost version of more than 49,000 titles representing “a new abundance of books on technology, social sciences and sciences.” Librarians should be aware that titles online are searchable also by grade level (a feature the print edition lacks). Compare CCC not only to its digital counterpart, but also to A to Zoo (picture books only) (see ARBA 2015, entry 694) and to the “Best Books for...” print resources in the Children’s and Young Adult Literature Reference series, and their supplements.

-ARBA, 2018

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-Choice, 2014



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