

Sources of Reviews

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****Booklist*** - <http://www.ala.org/offices/publishing/booklist>

Twenty-two issues per year (twice monthly September-June, monthly in July & August)
Available through Interlibrary Loan.

A basic tool from the American Library Association for adult, young adult, and children's books and media. Offers ordering and cataloging information. Only recommended titles are included (approximately 8,000 per year). Special features include author interviews and subject bibliographies. Each issue "spotlights" a subject or genre such as fantasy, biography, or women's history.

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books - <http://bccb.lis.illinois.edu/>

Monthly except August.
Available through Interlibrary Loan.

Distinguished by sharp critical reviews, this small periodical devoted exclusively to reviewing children's books (about 800/year) rates titles from not recommended to highly recommended.

****Horn Book Magazine*** - <http://www.hbook.com>

Six issues per year.
Available through Interlibrary Loan.

The oldest and most prestigious reviewing tool devoted exclusively to children's and young adult books (and audiobooks). Includes only recommended titles. Good source for interesting articles, many written by authors and artists. Covers about 500 titles annually.

***Horn Book Guide to Children's and Young Adult Books** - <http://www.hbook.com>

Two issues per year.

Attempts to include short, critical annotations of all hard cover trade children's and young adult books published in the United States within a 6 month period. Books are rated from outstanding (1) to unacceptable (6).

***Kirkus Reviews** - <http://www.kirkusreviews.com>

Twenty-four issues per year.

This covers 5000 adult and juvenile titles several weeks in advance of their publication. Reviews tend to be longer, can sometimes be cynical, and are not signed. Particularly strong in fiction. Will review self-published books for a price. Lots of good features on website, such as lists of recommended books and evaluations of bestsellers (ratings are buy it, borrow it, and skip it).

***Library Journal** - <http://www.libraryjournal.com>

Twenty issues per year: twice monthly except in January, July, August and December. Available through Interlibrary Loan.

Critical, signed reviews by practicing librarians of books, audio, video, websites, gaming, and magazines. Also contains analysis, opinions and library news; special bibliographies, particularly those of the reference, sci/tech, and business books of the preceding year. Quarterly supplement on technology, *netConnect*.

New York Times Book Review - <http://www.nytimes.com/pages/books>

Weekly as part of the Sunday Times.

Old standard offers informative reviews often by well-known authors or subject specialists. Reviews are aimed at the general public and many times focus on the subjects rather than the individual books. Important because patrons are most likely to request titles from it and its bestseller lists. Has a special section on children's books twice a year.

***Publishers Weekly** - <http://www.publishersweekly.com>

Weekly, except last week in December.

Dubbed "The International News Magazine of Book Publishing and Book Selling," this has useful news about books and publishing, Gallup Polls, industry statistics, as well as articles on trends. Several issues per year are devoted to highlighting the oncoming season's adult and children's books. Brief reviews appear several weeks before publication and include information on promotional activities.

****School Library Journal*** - <http://www.slj.com/>

Monthly.

Available through Interlibrary Loan.

Reviews almost every children's book published in the US. Reviews are written by practicing librarians, and also cover DVDs, audiobooks, apps, and gaming. Practical articles, good subject bibliographies, and up-to-date coverage of trends and technology in the library world.

****Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)*** - <http://www.voyamagazine.com/>

Bi-monthly, February through December.

Available through Interlibrary Loan.

Reviews of books and other materials for ages 12-18, written by practicing librarians and some teen reviewers. Rates materials as to quality (1Q-5Q) and popularity (1P-5P) and highlights graphic novels with a red "G". Also contains articles, bibliographies and news of interest to librarians. Has columns on graphic novels, manga, and gaming, and one on serving boys in the library. Some "online only" features.