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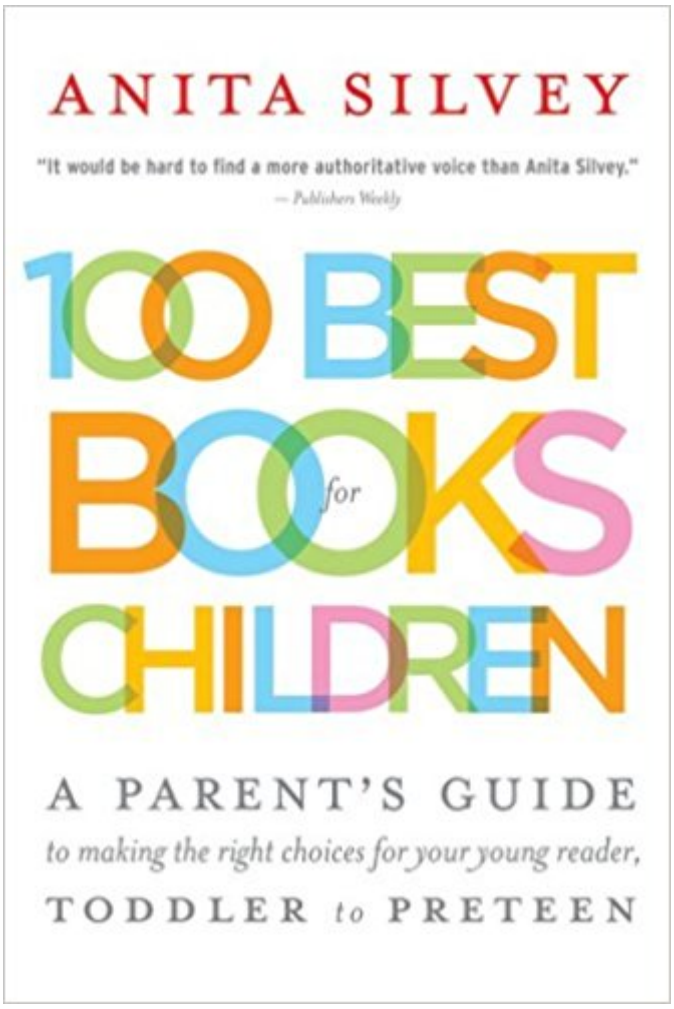

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Synopsis

From classics to new favorites, 100 Best Books for Children Ã¢â ¬Å“points parents in the right direction [to] 100 titles no child should missÃ¢â ¬Â• (Booklist). With thirty-five years of experience at the heart of childrenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s publishing, Anita Silvey is better equipped than anyone to help parents make the right reading choices, given the enormous range of childrenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s books available today. From board books to titles for older readers, Silvey narrows the field to 100 Ã¢â ¬Å“best books,Ã¢â ¬Â• organizing them by age and providing essays on plot summary, along with fascinating insights into the story behind the story that only an insider would know. Essential and inspiring, 100 Best Books for Children is a perfect handbook for parents who want to help their child develop a passion for reading that will last a lifetime.

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"Divided into age groups, Silvey lists classics old and new, from Margaret Wise Brown and Clement Hurd's Goodnight Moon to Virginia Hamilton's The People Could Fly to Louis Sachar's novel Holes," wrote PW. All ages. (Aug.)Note: We have additional Children's Books Reviews at www.publishersweekly.com. Click "Web Exclusives" to get to "Review Annex." Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

What makes a book a classic? Silvey, a longtime children's book specialist and literature lover,

addresses that question in order to identify books that represent a "basic literary heritage." The result is a highly select list of 100 titles published from 1902 to 2002. These are titles that have been or likely will be enjoyed by children for generations: "The canon of children’s books remains the best gift we could ever give our children." And the short essays that introduce this canon are likely to engage adults in surprising ways. There is, of course, a brief synopsis of each book’s content plus information about the creation or creator of the book. Written in a conversational tone, these stories "behind the story" provide insight, humor, and passion for the books presented. Additional titles are presented in "Beyond the 100 Best," organized by age (birth through age 12) and also by genre. An extensive bibliography of adult references provides not only documentation but also allows for follow-up by those interested. Silvey notes that a reader’s response to a book is part of its story, hence the inclusion of a section entitled "Reading Journal." Altogether, this is a highly useful book for anyone who is interested in the best of children’s literature and the fascinating tales behind these books. - Maria B. Salvadore, formerly at Washington DC Public Library Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A wonderful reference book that assists parents and teachers in getting better acquainted with the ideas and themes behind the authors` final product. A recommended book for parents and for those of us whose knowledge of children`s literature is not as deep as it should be. This book helps bridge that gap.

Ms. Silvey is widely regarded within the children’s publishing industry. She’s experienced and knowledgeable. And this book is fun--it shares Best Books but also some fun behind the scenes stories.I wouldn’t mind an update. Great books have been published since this book first came out.

Yes, the list of books may seem unimaginative, and yes, she may not have your favorite book on the list (FYI, The Big Orange Splot is the best picture book ever written, and it is not in there) BUT it is still a useful book. I shared it with a young kindergarten teacher I know; she had never heard of Ferdinand or some of the other older books.Obviously, this is not the one essential book to take to your desert island, but I find it useful as a parent/teacher/librarian to go along with my Jim Trelease books, Esme Codell’s How to Get Your Child to Love Reading, and other resources.

I was familiar with all of the books, but I thoroughly enjoyed her comments.

OK, I like books like this one but don’t feel that it is as good as it could be! I bought a board book that was in this book that I had never heard of and it was not as good as I thought it should be! It has limited use!

This is a fantastic book for parents looking for books for their children. The best part is the sections in which she recommends the books is entertaining. Good for kids from 2-14. Highly recommended.

Got this for my daughter-in-law for Christmas and she loves it. Our grandson already has quite a few of the books listed and this gives a nice review of each book so his parents will easily be able to tell which ones might appeal to him.

Book arrived on time, and was in very good condition.

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