

Kids Read: Readers' Advisory Curated Resources

This curated list of resources is intended to help develop a knowledge of children's literature to support readers' advisory for children. The suggestions below are not an exhaustive list, but rather a collection to kickstart your readers' advisory journey. New blogs and content are created, some blogs go into hiatus, and other resources close. This list will always be open to editing.

Keep in mind that some of the blogs or websites on this list are curated by companies or publishers. For example, the Barnes and Noble Kids blog and Read Brightly from Penguin Random House exist as a way to sell books for their respective companies. This does not mean their book recommendations are not useful: it simply is a factor to consider when looking at their reviews and suggestions.

Some blogs are more academic and critical in nature, encouraging readers to think critically about the material they are considering to recommend for children. Many are focused on suggesting (or specifically not suggesting) books for certain audiences, such as books about Native American or Muslim characters. You may not agree with every viewpoint presented in these different blogs, but routinely considering posts and reviews from these sites will help develop your knowledge of children's literature and the important issues surrounding it today. Further, some blogs, podcasts, or newsletters are written by adherents of specific religions and some of their material may cater specifically to that religious audience.

Blogs

<https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/>

American Indians in Children's Literature by Dr. Debbie Reese

<http://richincolor.com/>

Rich in Color: READING & REVIEWING DIVERSE YA BOOKS

<http://decoloresreviews.blogspot.com/>

De Colores: The Raza Experience in Books for Children

<https://medinger.wordpress.com/>

Educating Alice: about YA and Children's books and related topics

<http://100scopenotes.com/>

100 Scope Notes, a blog [School Library Journal](#)

<http://blogs.slj.com/theyarn/>

The Yarn, a blog from [School Library Journal](#) by Travis Jonker and Betsy Bird

<http://blogs.slj.com/afuse&production/>

Fuse 8, a [School Library Journal](#) blog by Betsy Bird

<http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/>

ALSC (Association for Library Service to Children) Blog, part of the ALA (American Library Association)

<http://blog.leeandlow.com/>

The Open Book, a blog from the publisher Lee and Low, "*A blog on race, diversity, education, and children's books*"

<https://www.hbook.com/blogs/read-roger/>

Read Roger from The Horn Book; by Roger Sutton, editor of the Horn Book

<http://www.coloringbetweenthelines.com/>

Coloring Between the Lines, “reflections on race, culture, and children’s books” by Anne Sibley O’Brien

<http://readingwhilewhite.blogspot.com/>

Reading While White: Working for Racial Diversity and Inclusion in Books for Children and Teens

<https://brycekozlablog.blogspot.com/>

Librarian blog, by S. Bryce Kozola, on disability issues and the library

<https://hijabibrarians.wordpress.com/>

Hijabi Librarians, “We’ve Got it Covered” about children’s books and Muslim representation

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/blog/kids/>

A blog about kids books from Barnes and Noble

<https://readaloudrevival.com/>

A site for families looking for books to read as a family

<https://www.readbrightly.com/>

Brightly, a blog about children’s books from Penguin Random House publishing company

<https://nonfictionmonday.wordpress.com/>

NonFiction Monday, “Rounding up the best nonfiction for children and teens” by

Anastasia Suen

Newsletters

<http://www.candlewick.com/newsletter.asp>

<https://lj.libraryjournal.com/forms/SLJsub2018.php>

(SLJ Extra Helping, SLJ Be Tween, SLJ Curriculum Connections)

Digital Galleys

You can sign up for an account which allows you to request digital galleys (early pre-publication copies) of upcoming releases from publishers.

www.netgalley.com

<https://www.edelweiss.plus/>

Podcasts

Book Club for Kids

<http://www.bookclubforkids.org/>

Book Friends Forever

<https://www.hachetteaudio.com/imprint/hachette-audio/page/book-friends-forever/>

The Children's Book Podcast

<https://lgbpodcast.libsyn.com/>

Kidlit These Days from Book Riot

<https://bookriot.com/listen/shows/kidlit-these-days/>

Lifelines: Books that Bridge the Divide

<http://www.saadiafaruqi.com/podcast/>

<http://annbradenbooks.com/podcast/>

Read Aloud Revival

<https://readaloudrevival.com/>

The Yarn

<http://blogs.slj.com/theyarn/>

<https://soundcloud.com/colby-sharp-3>