

# ALASKA CHILDREN'S BOOKS EVALUATION RUBRIC

BOOK TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHOR: \_\_\_\_\_ PUBLISHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ILLUSTRATOR: \_\_\_\_\_ IN OR OUT OF PRINT: \_\_\_\_\_

SETTING: \_\_\_\_\_ COPYRIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

TOPICS, THEMES, CONTENT KEYWORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY AGE GROUP: Select One

FORMAT REVIEWED: Select One

GENRE: Select One

NAME & POSITION OF REVIEWER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE REVIEWED: \_\_\_\_\_

FICTION		Select One	COMMENTS
<b>Craft</b>	Does the author use good writing skills: strong voice, good word choice, accurate descriptions, interesting dialogue and effective imagery?		
<b>NONFICTION</b>			
<b>Organization</b>	Are text & illustrations organized clearly? Do they facilitate understanding & engagement?		
<b>Accuracy</b>	Are the information & illustrations accurate? Are resources cited?		
<b>Authority</b>	Does the author/illustrator have background or credentials that qualify them to write this book?		
<b>PICTURE BOOKS OR ILLUSTRATED BOOKS</b>			
<b>Artistry</b>	Are the illustrations skillfully rendered? Do they complement & extend the text?		
<b>Visual Appeal</b>	Are illustrations engaging? Is the design appealing?		

CULTURAL APPROPRIATENESS		SELECT ONE	COMMENTS
<b>Inclusiveness</b>	Do text & illustrations address racial, cultural, and gender equality?		
<b>Cultural Awareness</b>	Does the book promote cultural awareness?		
<b>Attribution</b>	Are appropriate attributions made to the source of the story, if applicable?		
<b>Cultural Acceptance</b>	Is controversy associated with this book? (Notes please)		

INDICATORS OF EXCELLENCE		SELECT ONE	COMMENTS
<b>Audience</b>	Are text & illustrations appropriate for intended age group & audience?		
<b>Kid Factor</b>	Will young people want to read or listen to this story?		
<b>Engagement</b>	Does the book stimulate imagination, critical thinking, curiosity?		
<b>Educational Relevance</b>	Does this book have value? Does it enhance curriculum?		
<b>Timeliness</b>	Is the book in print or available from libraries?		
<b>Awards</b>	Has the Book won any awards?		

<b>One Sentence Summary</b>	
<b>Comments, Notes, Annotations</b>	
<b>Additional Awards &amp; Other Reviews:</b>	