

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

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

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

One Sentence Summary	
Comments, Notes, Annotations	
Additional Awards & Other Reviews:	