

REVIEWING AND EVALUATING PICTURE BOOKS

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Description: What makes an excellent picture book for young readers? What are some great picture books of 2019 and 2020? Betsy and Brian will discuss what they look for when choosing books for programs or one-on-one sharing, for best-of-the-year presentations, and for their blog reviews. This energetic, interactive program will celebrate a diverse group of titles. We will provide an extensive list of recommended titles.

Brian Wilson is a children's librarian at the Evanston Public Library. He served on the 2017 Caldecott Committee and blogs at Mr. Brian's Picture Book Picks. Betsy and Brian host a special annual presentation of their favorite picture books at the Evanston Public Library.

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