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The Association of Jewish Libraries Presents
Evaluating Jewish Representation in Children's Literature: A Guide for Libraries

The Association of Jewish Libraries (AJL) is pleased to present *Evaluating Jewish Representation in Children's Literature: A Guide for Libraries*. This brief booklet provides advice for selecting high-quality books that offer an authentic portrait of Judaism, free from stereotypes and disinformation, in order to build bridges across cultures and create a healthier society. The booklet is available at no charge on AJL's website:

<http://jewishlibraries.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Evaluating-Jewish-Kidlit-Guide.pdf>

Jewish people represent approximately 0.2% of the world's population. For some children, books may be their first exposure to Jews and Judaism, and it is important that Jewish window books offer an authentic portrait. This guide will assist libraries in selecting the best Jewish books for their collections.

Evaluating Jewish Representation in Children's Literature contains guidance on recognizing diversity within the Jewish community; including books on a variety of Jewish holidays; evaluating books on the Holocaust and balancing collections with non-Holocaust titles; treating Israel fairly; avoiding antisemitism; and more. The publication contains collection development goals, guidelines for evaluating individual titles, and links to other resources.

The [Association of Jewish Libraries](http://jewishlibraries.org), the leading authority on Judaic librarianship, is an international professional organization that fosters access to information and research in all forms of media relating to all things Jewish. The Association promotes Jewish literacy and scholarship and provides a community for peer support and professional development. For more information on AJL, visit jewishlibraries.org.

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