

Book Review Form

Reviewer _____

Date _____

Book Title _____

Publication Year _____

Author _____

ISBN _____

Reading Level _____

Book Honors (check all that apply)

- _____ Caldecott Award
- _____ Caldecott Honor
- _____ Newberry Medal
- _____ Newberry Honor
- _____ Wilder Medal
- _____ Other

Mature Subject Matter

How often does this book deal with the following mature subject matter?

	Not at All	Brief Incident	Multiple Brief Incidents	Extended Incident	Multiple Extended Incidents	Theme of Entire Book
Social Conflicts: Racial, gender, religious, socioeconomic	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Death: Child, family member, friend, pet, terminal illness, etc.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suicide: Considered, attempted, and/or completed	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
War	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Family/Personal Crisis (not involving death): Abortion, unwanted pregnancy, divorce, separation, serious illness, unemployment, rape, mental disorders, bankruptcy, problem gambling, abandonment	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Supernatural: Witches, magic, witchcraft, paranormal, etc.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Gender/Sex Identity Issues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

As a whole, how does the book rank in terms of containing mature subject matter?

Not at All	Brief Incident	Multiple Brief Incidents	Extended Incident	Multiple Extended Incidents	Theme of Entire Book
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Description of mature subject matter with page numbers:

Positive Elements

How often does this book deal with the following positive elements?

	Not at All	Brief Incident	Multiple Brief Incidents	Extended Incident	Multiple Extended Incidents	Theme of Entire Book
Community / Cooperation / Peacemaking Efforts / Encouragement / Friendship	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Courage, Honor, Integrity, Respect,	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Positive Morals	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kindness, Patience, Self Control	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Positive response to negative circumstances/peer pressure	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Inspiring Characters	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

As a whole, how does the book rank in terms of containing positive elements?

Not at All	Brief Incident	Multiple Brief Incidents	Extended Incident	Multiple Extended Incidents	Theme of Entire Book
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Description of positive elements with page numbers:

Profanity / Language

How often does the book have the following language?

	Not at All	3 or Fewer Instances	4 to 10 Instances	11 to 20 Instances	21 to 30 Instances	31 or More Instances
Degrading comments , but not obscene. Examples include "stupid" "dumb" "idiot" "I hate you!" Mild, childish potty talk.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mild obscenities : Words used in everyday language, but that may be offensive to some. Examples include "damn," "hell," "friggin," as well as milder forms of anatomical terms like "boobs."	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sexually suggestive comments, jokes, or slang	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sexual references : Characters refer to sex, having sex, and using other specific sexual terms like "screw."	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Derogatory terms : Words or expressions that are used to denigrate and insult one's racial or ethnic background, gender or sexual orientation: Examples include the N-word, various anti-Semitic terms, and anti-homosexual terms like fa**ot.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Obscene hand gesture : Holding up the middle finger, or using the index and middle finger in an upward motion, thus signifying sexual coitus.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Religious exclamations : Words and expressions mentioning God or other religious figures to emphasize or express strong emotion. Examples include "God!" "My God!" "Jesus!" and "Jesus Christ!"	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Anatomical terms : Words referring to parts of the human anatomy, mostly the private parts, and are considered crude. Examples include "*ss," "*sshole," "d*ck," "d*ckhead," and "tits."	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Scatological terms : Words that have to do with feces, urine and defecation. Examples include "sh*t," "bullsh*t," "sh*thead," and p*ss.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Religious profanities : Words and expressions that religious people, especially Christians, find profane and blasphemous. Examples include "God d*mn" and "God d*mn you."	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
F-word derivatives : Words based on, or incorporating, the F-word. Examples include f***er and motherf***er.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Description of mature subject matter with page numbers:

Sexuality

How often does the book deal with the following sexual elements?

	Not at All	Brief Incident	Multiple Brief Incidents	Extended Incident	Multiple Extended Incidents	Theme of Entire Book
Flirtatious behavior, kissing, romance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Partial nudity: brief and/or mild depictions	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sexual innuendo or double entendres (meanings)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Clinical depictions of nudity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Removal of clothing with no sexual innuendo	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sexual harassment, inappropriate touching	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Inappropriate touching	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mature discussions about sex	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nudity with sexual innuendo	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Graphic or prolonged depictions of nudity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Use or mention of pornography	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Viewing nakedness in a sexual way	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sexual activity without explicit details	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Explicit depictions of sex with nudity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rape, incest	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Abortion, unwanted pregnancy, prostitution	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

As a whole, how does the book rank in terms of containing sexual elements?

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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Description of sexual elements with page numbers:

Violence

How often does the book deal with the following violent elements?

	Not at All	Brief Incident	Multiple Brief Incidents	Extended Incident	Multiple Extended Incidents	Theme of Entire Book
Cartoon Violence / Mischief: Violent actions involving cartoon-like situations and characters. May include violence where a character is unharmed after the action has been inflicted.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fantasy Violence: Violent actions of a fantasy nature, involving human or non-human characters in situations easily distinguishable from real life	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mild Violence: Mild scenes depicting characters in unsafe and/or violent situations.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Blood: Depictions of blood.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Non-Life Threatening Injuries: Physical injuries with little or no blood or trauma, depictions of agonizing pain.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Frightening Scenes.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Destruction of property with no casualties.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Violence: Scenes involving aggressive conflict.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Blood and Gore: Depictions of blood or the mutilation of body parts.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Illegal Activity: Death, murders, suicide without graphic depictions	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Intense Violence: Graphic and realistic-looking depictions of physical conflict. May involve extreme and/or realistic blood, gore, weapons, and depictions of human injury and death, suicide, murders or hangings. Graphic horror, profuse blood, broken bones, burns, blistering. Reward for violence.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

As a whole, how does the book rank in terms of containing violence?

Not at All	Brief Incident	Multiple Brief Incidents	Extended Incident	Multiple Extended Incidents	Theme of Entire Book
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Description of violent elements with page numbers:

Alcohol/Drugs

How often does the book deal with the following alcohol and drug elements?

	Not at All	Brief Incident	Multiple Brief Incidents	Extended Incident	Multiple Extended Incidents	Theme of Entire Book
Drug Reference: Reference to and/or images of illegal drugs and/or abuse of drugs.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Alcohol/Tobacco Reference: Reference to and/or images of alcoholic beverages and/or tobacco.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Use of Alcohol/Tobacco: Consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or tobacco by adults (no drunkenness).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Underage Drinking: Use of alcohol by minors.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Drug Abuse: Excessive use of drugs or using drugs for uses other than those intended by the manufacturer.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Use of Illegal Drugs: Consumption or use of <i>illegal</i> drugs.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Consumption of Alcohol (with drunkenness).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Consumption of Drugs (with negative effects).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Glorification of drunkenness.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Glorification of the abuse of drugs.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

As a whole, how does the book rank in terms of containing alcohol and drug elements?

Not at All	Brief Incident	Multiple Brief Incidents	Extended Incident	Multiple Extended Incidents	Theme of Entire Book
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Description of alcohol and drug elements with page numbers:

Disrespectful/Bad Attitude

How often does the book deal with the following disrespectful / bad attitude elements?

	Not at All	Brief Incident	Multiple Brief Incidents	Extended Incident	Multiple Extended Incidents	Theme of Entire Book
Lying to others (with punitive consequences to the liar).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Lying to others (without punitive consequences to the liar).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cheating others (with negative consequences to the cheater).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cheating others (without negative consequences to the cheater).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mild arguing, disrespect to peers (with consequences).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mild arguing, disrespect to authority figures (with consequences).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Arguing with, disrespect to back to peers (with no consequences or insignificant consequences).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Arguing with, disrespect to back to authority (with no consequences or insignificant consequences).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Constant arguing with authority or peers and blatant disrespect encouraged or actions praised with no consequences.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Stealing from other (with punitive consequences to the thief).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Stealing from others (without punitive consequences to the thief).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

As a whole, how does the book rank in terms of containing disrespectful / bad attitude elements?

Not at All	Brief Incident	Multiple Brief Incidents	Extended Incident	Multiple Extended Incidents	Theme of Entire Book
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Description of disrespectful / bad attitude elements with page numbers:
