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**Qualities of a Good Children’s Book: Checklist**

* Colorful
* A scene keeps repeating. When the listener gets too comfortable, the scene changes abruptly, thereby surprising the listener.

Example:

* Catchy title

How/why is it catchy:

* Setting: Is it clear what it is to children?

How:

* Setting: Is it familiar to children?

How:

* Character Development: Do the characters grow, change, and touch our hearts?

How, give an example:

* Character Development: Are they consistent, believable and whole, as opposed to flat and one-dimensional?

How, give an example:

* Plot: Is there tension? Is there a goal?

Give an example of why:

* Theme: Is there a central theme that holds it together?

What is it:

* The reader will become involved in the story rather than sitting passively while being lectured to

Why:

* Language: Does the language show respect for the reader? (Children love the security of predictable books with rhythm and repetition)

Why:

* Art: Are the illustrations bold and in good taste (rather than overly detailed and busy)?

Why:

* Art: Does your eye know where to go when you first look at the page?

Why:

* Cover-to-Cover: It is honest, has a sense of wonder, and shows respect for the young child? (The text and illustrations are integrated to raise the quality of the book)

Why:

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Overall, would you recommend reading this book to young children? Why/Why not? :