

Children's Book Formats: From Board Books to Graphic Novels

Fiction = Imaginary story, not true

In the CIP (Cataloging in Process) information, a fiction book will have either <Fic>, <E>, or nothing (no Dewey Number).

Nonfiction = True story, factual

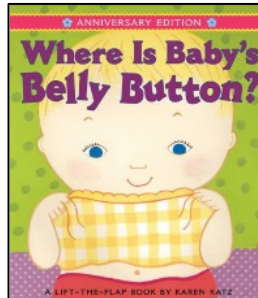
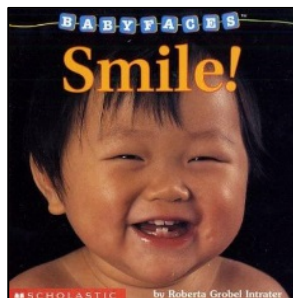
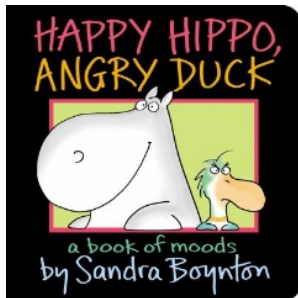
In the CIP information, a nonfiction book will have a Dewey Decimal Number indicating its subject area.

Children's Book Formats:

Board books:

- Books with "board" pages
- Generally 5 – 10 pages
- Some picture books are being republished as board books. They are longer.
- Meant to be chewed on (or read by the adult to the child)

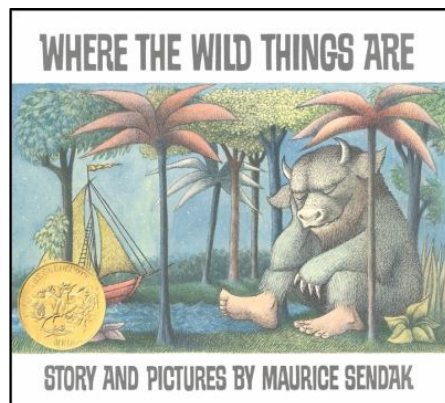
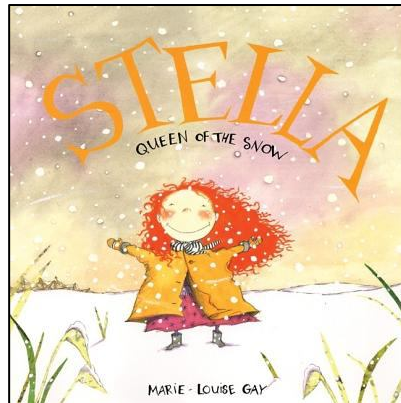
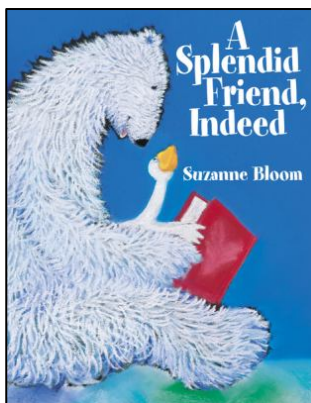
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Picture books:

- 32 – 48 pages
- Illustrations and text work together to tell the story
- Fiction or nonfiction
- Generally square or large rectangles
- Meant to be read by an adult to a child

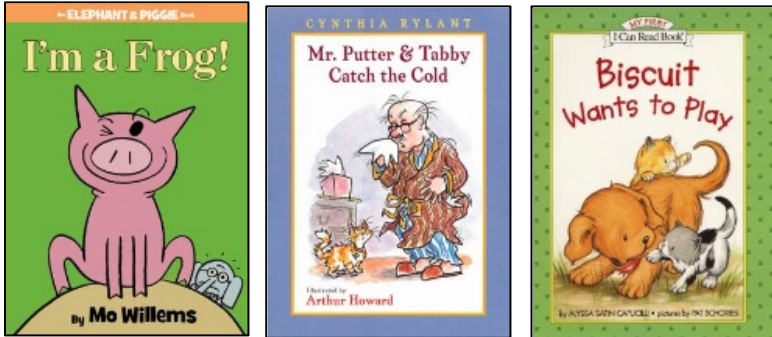
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Easy Readers:

- 32 – 64 pages
- Illustrated, but not necessarily on every page
- Illustrations are meant to help child decode text
- Fiction or nonfiction
- Generally small rectangles
- Meant to be read by the child
- Used for learning to read
- Often publishers assign reading levels

Examples:



Juvenile Fiction:

- Also considered novels
- Can have some illustrations, but mainly at the beginning of a chapter
- Illustrations do not significantly add to the understanding of the book
- Meant to be read by the child
- Generally small rectangles
- 64 + pages
- Spans broad age range (from fluent reading at 2nd/3rd grade till interest moves to teen books)

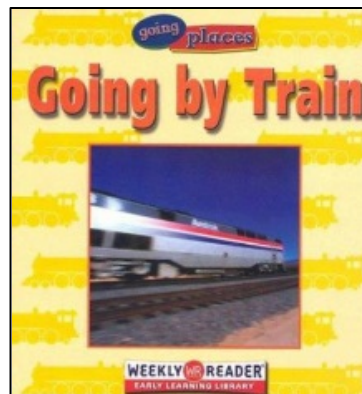
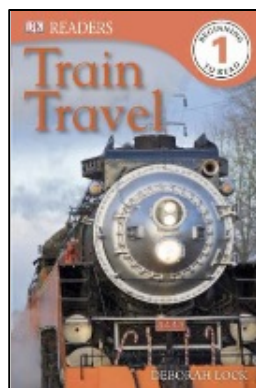
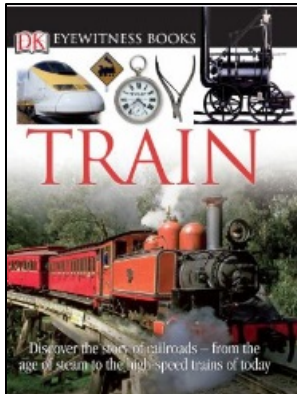
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Juvenile Nonfiction:

- Can be as short as 32 pages, but normally longer
- Often much more text on a page than in either picture books or easy readers
- Informational
- Meant to be read by the child, but can also be read by parent to a non-literate child
- Spans broad age range (from preschool till interest moves to teen books)
- Often illustrated with photographs, charts, graphs
- Can be in any format (picture book, easy reader, etc.)

Examples:



Juvenile Graphic Novels:

- Generally 32 – 64 pages (although some are considerably longer)
- Multiple panel illustrations on every page
- Text is delivered in word balloons
- Fiction or nonfiction (however, NCKLS catalogs fiction graphic novels under the Dewey Number 741.5 which is the Dewey for the format)
- Spans broad age range (from independent reader till interest moves to teen books)

Examples:

