

Choosing Informational Books for Young Readers

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Cover	Attractive- not too busy or colorful	
	Short, enticing title	
	Words in title understandable	
	Font size large	
Content/topic	Interesting topic for children	
	Interesting information	
	Content current and age appropriate	
	Content accurate	
	References/sources included	
Illustrations	Size and quality appropriate	
	Inviting photographs that direct the reader to the text	
	Explain and enhance the content	
	Labels and captions simple, yet sufficient	
Organization	Table of contents, index, glossary	
	Sections, headings, and subheadings	
Font Size and Type	Spacing and placement of words for ease of reading passage	
	Designed for ease of reading entire book	