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Mom's Choice Awards® Category Guide For Books

We hope you'll find this category guide helpful for selecting categories to best showcase your book(s). The examples given are not all-inclusive, so please don't feel limited by them.

Please note, book categories may contain works of fiction and non-fiction.

Our Submissions Review Committee reviews every entry to be sure it is entered in an appropriate category. If, after review, the Committee feels your book would be better showcased in another category, you will be contacted.

If after reviewing the guide you still need help, don't hesitate to contact us!
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KEY

ALL = All Book Categories

ADULT = AD

YA = Young Adult

JV2 = Juvenile Level 2 (Ages 9 to 12)

JV1 = Juvenile Level 1 (Ages 5 to 8)

CPB = Children's Picture Books (Birth to Age 9)

Activities, Crafts & Hobbies ALL

Activity Books	Collectibles	Games & Amusements
Puzzle Books	Needle Crafts	Paint & Dye
Paper Crafts / Paper Airplanes	Party & Event Planning	Pottery & Model Making
Magic	Toys, Dolls & Puppets	Travel Games

Adoption ADULT

Domestic / International	Open Adoption	Resources
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For Children's Picture Books - see Family Life

Adventure, Adventurers & Heroes CPB

Action Adventure	Animal Adventure	Explorers
Pirate Stories	Super Heroes & Heroines	Wild West
Space Adventure	Science Fiction	

Aging & Elder Care AD

Aging Parents	Caregiver Guides	Dementia / Memory Loss
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Animal & Pet Care AD

Communication	General Care	Healing
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For Children's Picture Books - see Growing Up / Personal Growth

Animal Kingdom *(See also Domestic Animals & Pets)* CPB

Animal Habitats	Amphibians & Reptiles	Birds, Fish & Marine Life
Circus Animals	Dinosaurs & Prehistoric Animals	Exotic Animals
Mammals	Zoo Animals	Insects
Extinct & Endangered Animals <i>(See also Green Earth category)</i>		

Anthologies, Essays & Collections			AD, YA, JV2, JV1
A collection of stories, poems, essays, and/or selections from larger works (and so forth), usually carrying a unifying theme or concept. These selections may be written by different authors or by a single author.			
Arts & Photography			AD
Architecture How To	Design Performing Arts	Music & Fine Arts Photography	
Audio Books			ALL
Books on CD, MP3 or Cassette			
Basic Concepts <i>(See also Specialized Concepts / Differently Aabled)</i>			CPB
Alphabet & Letters Occupations	Colors & Shapes Identifying Animals	Counting & Numbers Simple Words	
Bedtime Stories			CPB
Bilingual			CPB
Must include an English translation.			
Biographies & Memoirs			AD
Biographies	Autobiographies	Memoirs	
Body, Mind & Spirit			ALL
Holistic Concepts	Yoga & Pilates		
Business / Entrepreneurial			AD
Business Life	Management & Leadership	Marketing & Sales	
Civics & History (Politics, Government & Law)			CPB
Ancient History US History / World History	Exploration & Discovery Politics & Government	Military History Law	
College Guides			YA
<i>For Adults--see Resources</i>			
Comic Books & Graphic Novels			YA, JV2, JV1
<i>For Adults--see Graphic Novels</i>			
Computers & Internet			AD
How To	Internet Safety	Gaming Guides	
Cooking & Food			YA, JV2, JV1, CPB
Cook Books <i>For Adults--see below</i>	Fruits & Vegetables Stories Where Food Is Emphasized	Food & Drink	
Cooking, Food & Wine			AD
Cook Books	Food & Drink	Wine Guides	
Crossing Generations			CPB
Appeals to multiple generations – from children to grandparents.			
Developing Social Skills			CPB
Manners Keeping Safe / Stranger Danger Prejudice	Etiquette Friendships & Relationships Diversity & Tolerance	Behaviors Getting Along Emotions & Feelings	

Distinctive Illustration			CPB
Primarily judged on illustrations.			
Domestic Animals & Pets <i>(See also Animal Kingdom)</i>			CPB
Pets, Pet Care & Pet Responsibility	Farm Animals	Horses	
<i>For Adults -- see Animal & Pet Care</i>			
<i>For Juvenile & Young Adult -- see Non-Fiction</i>			
eBooks			ALL
A digital book version that can be read using a computer or eBook reader.			
Family Life For Children Thru Young Adult			CPB
Adoption	Brothers & Sisters	Stepfamilies	
Extended Family	Parents	Marriage & Divorce	
New Baby	Relationships w/ Parents & Grandparents		
Fantasy, Myths & Legends			YA, JV2, JV1, CPB
Fairy Tales & Folklore	Legends, Myths & Fables	Fantasy & Science Fiction	
<i>For Adults--see below</i>			
Fantasy & Science Fiction			AD
Fertility			AD
Fertility & Conception	IVF	Personal Memoirs	
Fiction & Literature (Also Fiction-General)			AD, YA, JV2, JV1
Mysteries & Thrillers	Chick Lit & Romance	Classic Literature	
Green Earth			CPB
Books that teach conservation and/or preservation, give to a conservation/preservation charity or are made with recycled or "earth-friendly" materials.			
Grandparenting <i>(See also Senior's Issues)</i>			AD
Grandparents Raising Children	Roles & Responsibilities	Making Memories	
Joys & Challenges of Grandparenting	Understanding Generations	Cyber Grandparenting	
Graphic Novels			AD
<i>For Juvenile & Young Adult--see Comic Books & Graphic Novels</i>			
Growing Up / Personal Growth			CPB
Bedtime, Dreams & Sleep	Chores	Healthy Habits	
Nightmares, Ghosts & Monsters	Self-Improvement	Toilet Training	
Death & Loss	Managing Homework		
New Experiences: Starting School, Moving, Going to the Doctor / Dentist / Hospital			
Health & Safety			CPB
Aging & The Elderly	Diseases & Ailments	Safety - General	
Growing & Changing Bodies	Explaining Terminal Illness	Sex Education	
<i>For Juvenile & Young Adult--See Body, Mind & Spirit or Non-Fiction or Self-Improvement</i>			
<i>For Adult--see below and also Parenting-Health, Nutrition, Fitness & Safety</i>			
Health, Nutrition, Fitness & Safety			AD
Diet & Nutrition	Fitness & Exercise	Medicine	
<i>See also Parenting-Health, Nutrition, Fitness & Safety</i>			
<i>For Juvenile & Young Adult--See Body, Mind & Spirit or Non-Fiction or Self-Improvement</i>			
<i>For Children's Picture Books--See Health & Safety also Looking & Feeling Great</i>			

Historical Fiction			ALL
Stories about famous persons from the past (i.e. presidents, explorers, musicians, military leaders, Native Americans, pioneers, scientists, sports figures, adventurers, etc), or stories set in a historical period.			
Home & Garden			AD
Making Your House A Home	Gardening & Landscaping	Interior Decorating	
Humor			ALL
Anecdotes <i>See also Parenting-Humor</i>	Jokes & Riddles	Humorous Stories	
Imagine It!			CPB
Books that encourage children to use their imagination.			
Inspirational / Motivational			ALL
Overcoming Obstacles Perseverance	Building Confidence	Promoting Self-Esteem	
Interactive Online Books (IOBs)			ALL
Life Challenges			AD
Divorce & Remarriage Abuse & Addiction	Managing Money Miscarriage	Workaholics Loss/Grief	
Life Transitions			AD
Becoming A Parent Becoming A Stay-At-Home Parent	Empty Nesters Becoming A Caregiver	Making A Career Change	
Looking & Feeling Great (Healthy Body)			CPB
Fitness & Exercise Clothes & Fashion	Diet & Nutrition	Hygiene & Beauty	
Men's Issues			AD
Multimedia Experiences			ALL
Books with DVD/CD or Sound			
Music & Performing Arts			CPB
Art History & Movements Art Techniques & Activities <i>For Juvenile & Young Adult -- see Non-Fiction</i> <i>For Adults -- see Arts & Photography</i>	Drama, Plays, Theater & Film Painting & Photography	Dance & Music Architecture & Buildings	
Nature & Weather (<i>See also Animal Kingdom and Green Earth</i>)			CPB
Agriculture, Farming & Ranching Forests & Trees Climate & Weather	Earthquakes & Volcanoes Nature Experiments Natural History	Flowers & Plants Rocks, Minerals & Metals Ecosystems	
New Age & Indigo Topics (<i>See also Parenting-New Age & Indigo Topics</i>)			ALL
New Thought Divination	Mental & Spiritual Healing Mysticism	Intuitive Topics Energy	
Non-Fiction General			AD, YA, JV2, JV1
Novelty Books			CPB
Board Books Books With Special Features (i.e. pop-ups, cut-outs, etc.)	Bathtub Books		

Outdoors & Nature			AD
Bird Watching	Hiking & Camping	Hunting & Fishing	
Parenting - Contemporary Families			AD
Single Parenting	Blended Families	Step Families	
Adoption	Foster Parenting	Deployed Parents	
Parenting - General			AD
Child Rearing & Development	The School Years	Sleep	
Discipline	Infants/Toddlers	Teens/Tweens	
Parenting - Health, Nutrition, Fitness & Safety			AD
Managing Nutrition	Diseases & Ailments	Stranger Danger	
Vaccinations	Sex Education	Home Safety	
Parenting - Humor			AD
Parenting - New Age & Indigo Topics			AD
Intuitive Parenting	Metaphysically Gifted Children	New Thought	
Parenting - Special & Exceptional Needs			AD
Raising Gifted Children	Raising Twins & Multiples	ADD/ADHD	
Developmental Disabilities	Children w/ Chronic Illness	Autism	
Peoples, Places & Cultures (Social Studies)			CPB
American & World Cultures	Lifestyles Around the World	World Peace	
Customs, Traditions, Anthropology	Ethnic Studies	War/Terrorism	
Philanthropic			ALL
Books that contribute to a charitable cause or contain philanthropic message.			
Poetry			ALL
Pregnancy & Childbirth			AD
Baby Names	Postpartum/Postnatal	Fitness & Nutrition	
Expectations & Planning	Pregnancy Journals		
Reference & Study Aids			YA, JV2, JV1, CPB
Foreign Language Study	Handwriting	Maps & Atlases	
Curiosities & Wonders	Dictionaries & Encyclopedias	Study Aids	
<i>For Adults -- see Resources or Non-Fiction</i>			
Relationships & Marriage			AD
Marriage Fundamentals	Making Memories & Intimacy	In-laws & Extended Family	
Parents & Aging Parents	Dating & Premarital	Brother & Sisters	
Religion & Spirituality (See also New Age & Indigo Topics)			ALL
Bibles & Other Sacred Texts	Christianity	Eastern Religions	
Stories of Faith (<i>Fiction & Non-Fiction</i>)	Judaism	Prayer & Prayer Books	
Devotionals & Meditations	Alternative Religions	Islam	
Resources			AD
Financial Planning	Work-From-Home Guides	Family Law	

Science & Technology			CPB
How Things Work	Anatomy & Physiology	Biology & Marine Biology	
Astronauts & Space Flight	Earth Science	Computers & The Internet	
Experiments & Projects	Inventions & Inventors	Math & Measurement	
<i>For Juvenile & Young Adult -- see Reference & Study Aids or Non-Fiction</i>			
<i>For Adults -- see Computers & Internet, Business / Entrepreneurial or Non-Fiction</i>			
Seasonal, Holidays & Festivals			CPB
Christian Holidays	Christmas & Easter	Islamic/Muslim Holidays	
Halloween & Valentines	Jewish Holidays	Kwanzaa Holidays	
Self Improvement			AD, YA, JV2, JV1
<i>For Children's Picture Books, see Growing Up / Personal Development</i>			
Specialized Concepts / Differently Aabled (See also Basic Concepts)			CPB
Sign Language	Developing Language/Literacy		
Senior's Issues			AD
Series			ALL
Three or more books built around the same characters or theme.			
Sports & Recreation			CPB
Baseball & Basketball	Football & Soccer	Boxing & Wrestling	
Cycling	Golf & Tennis	Gymnastics & Martial Arts	
Winter Sports / Summer Sports	Motor Sports	Olympics	
Skateboards, In-line & Roller Skates	Outdoor Activities	Track & Field	
Trains, Plains, Automobiles and More			CPB
Airplanes, Helicopters & Aircraft	Boats & Ships	Cars & Trucks	
Motorcycles	Space Vehicles	Trains & Railroads	
Travel			AD
Values & Life Lessons (See also Growing Up / Personal Growth)			CPB
Ethics & Morality	Life Lessons	Character Development	
Women's Issues			AD