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H.W. Wilson Announces the Twenty-Seventh Edition of *Children's Core Collection*

For years, the *Children's Core Collection* has been a librarian's must-have guide to the best fiction and non-fiction works, story collections, and picture books for students in preschool through sixth grade. This 27th edition, now in two volumes, includes more than 10,000 fiction and nonfiction titles, which includes a generous selection of graphic novels; it continues to emphasize equity, diversity, and inclusion, representing and reflecting a varied community in which many voices can be heard. Significant weeding is undertaken to ensure that older, outdated books are removed in favor of more relevant recommendations.

Metadata includes precise genres and subgenres, as well as subject headings that consistently include both location and time period where appropriate. Books will be much easier to find through the index, and the metadata associated with each record offers better insight into the contents of the book. Additionally, all entries in series will include the name of that series.

This edition includes an expanded selection of professional materials, now including titles relevant to the needs of school teachers and administrators, on such topics as developing skills and classroom management.

As always, a star (☆) at the start of an entry indicates that a book is an *Essential* title, our highest recommendation level. These titles are the essential books in a given category or on a given subject; while there are often a number of recommended titles, this designation helps users who want only a small selection. Non-starred entries represent *Recommended* titles, which provide a fuller list of recommended books. This is reflected in both the Classified section and, for the first time, in the Index as well.

The highly detailed Author, Title, Series, and Subject Index provides easy navigation through the hundreds of subject areas, thousands of authors and titles, and number series in this informative resource. New to this edition is the inclusion of Series data in the index and the index now includes stars to indicate an Essential title. Whether searching by author, title, series, or one of the hundreds of subject areas found in the index, librarians can easily locate titles that will round out their collection.

Purchasing & Title Selection: The Core Collection is designed to assist in the selection and ordering of titles. Annotations and grade level designations are provided for each title along with information concerning the publisher, ISBN, price, and availability.

User Service & Readers' Advisory: Every title in this Core Collection is a recommended work of its kind and can be given with confidence to a user who expresses a need based on topic, genre, etc. Reference work and user service are further aided by information about grade level, sequels, and companion volumes; by the descriptive and critical annotations; and by the series and subject headings in the Index.

Curriculum Support: The classification, subject indexing, annotations, and grade level designations are helpful in identifying materials appropriate for classroom use.

Collection Development & Maintenance: Information about titles available on a subject facilitates decisions to rebind, replace, or discard items. If a book has been deleted from the Core Collection in this edition because it is no longer in print, that deletion is not intended as a sign that the book is no longer valuable or that it should necessarily be weeded from the collection.

Professional Development: The Core Collection is useful in courses that deal with children's literature and book selection, especially in the creation of bibliographies and reading lists.

The Core Collection consists of two parts:

Volume 1 - Essential and Recommended Titles

The Classified Collection is arranged with nonfiction books first, classified according to the Dewey Decimal Classification in numerical order from 000 to 999. Individual biographies are classed at B and follow the Dewey Classified section. Two sections follow the biographies: Easy Books (E), consisting primarily of picture books of interest to children from preschool to grade three; and Fiction (Fic). Within classes, works are arranged alphabetically under the main entry, usually the author. Biographies are arranged alphabetically under the biography's subject.

Volume 2 - Author, Title, Series and Subject Index

The Index is a single alphabetical list of all the books entered in the Core Collection. Each book is entered under author; title (if distinctive); and subject. The classification number, displayed in boldface type, is the key to the location of the main entry for the book in the Classified Collection.

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The *Children's Core Collection* is an essential resource for library and media specialists looking to enhance their collection with the most important and highly recommended titles currently available. Not only does this core collection serve as an aid in the selection and ordering of titles, but also as an aid in curriculum support, collection maintenance, and professional development. Any children's librarian will benefit from having this amazing collection of recommended titles at the ready to help build and strengthen their collection.

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