A to Zoo: Subject Access to Children's Picture Books Seventh Edition

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The purposes are to provide subject access to picture books (defined as "a fiction or nonfiction title with illustrations occupying as much or more space than the text and with text vocabulary or concepts suitable for preschool to grade two") and to find the topics of books whose title, author, or illustrator are known. A six-page essay (mostly repeated from the third edition) outlines the development of picture books; a bibliography of professional readings follows. This book is highly recommended for public and elementary school libraries and academic children's-literature collections, but in these tight times, libraries with the third edition may want to hold out until the fifth edition. In that edition, the Board encourages the compilers to tell users more about the selection process.