



# Chocolate Lily Book Awards

Jury Selection Criteria/ Guidelines: Please read with the following in mind. Make your recommendations based on these guidelines.

1. Age appropriate content - how suitable is the story for the age for which you are reading? Is the content wholesome, tasteful and suitable? Be mindful of mature subject matter in novels that may be suitable for a grade 8 reader but may not be appropriate for a strong grade 4 reading the category selections.
2. Good, well-crafted story - is the book well-written? Or is it weak in structure? Be mindful of good sentences, character development, strong story problem, movement and flow toward climax, satisfying ending. You'll recognize when a story just doesn't hold together and deliver.
3. Picture Book Illustrations - do they fit as well as enhance the story? Do they pull you in and embellish the story? There are many different illustrating styles, however, keep in mind how attractive the images are. Remember that often young children are attracted to a very different kind of image than adults.
4. Satisfying story - does it leave you satisfied and richer for having read the story? Would you read it again? Did it have a strong ending that's not 'formula'?