

# **Book Committee Policies**

### Written Endorsements

Reach Out and Read's National Office does not provide blurbs, written endorsements or reviews of books.

## **Book Selection for the Reach Out and Read Vendor Catalogs**

Books given by medical providers as part of the Reach Out and Read program are made available through catalogues published for Reach Out and Read by selected vendors who choose the books for their catalogues. Authors wishing to submit a book for consideration should contact those vendors directly.

#### **Donating New books to a Reach Out and Read Program**

If you have new books to donate that conform to the guidelines below, please contact your State or Regional <u>Reach Out and Read Affiliate</u> or, if there is no Affiliate in your area, <u>your local program site</u>.

#### **Reach Out and Read Book Guidelines**

Reach Out and Read is, first and foremost, about promoting shared reading of highquality books by caregivers and young children. Some topics, while of social or personal value, are not appropriate for all populations and may distract from the central intent of the program.

It is a priority that program books reflect the widest possible representation of the children and families we serve, with stories that are relevant and engaging, accurately reflect and affirm a diverse range of identities, cultures, and histories, and contain illustrations that are colorful and recognizable to young children.

Accordingly, Reach Out and Read Programs do not distribute books that have commercial/media tie-ins, contain stereotypes, or touch on subjects such as death, medical issues, religion, holidays, and divorce.

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