

The Gender Loops checklist for picture books

A Children, girls and boys

1. Are there picture books in which girls and boys deal with becoming a girl or a boy?

Yes

No

2. Are there picture books in which different sides of boys are shown, in which boys are, for example, strong, cool, cheeky, brave, adventurous and fearful, sad, reserved, cuddly?

Yes

No

3. Are there picture books in which the main character is a boy who is mainly fearful and/or sad and/or reserved and/or shows his "weak" side?

Yes

No

4. Are there picture books in which different sides of girls are shown, in which girls are, for example, strong, cool, cheeky, brave, adventurous and fearful, sad, reserved, cuddly?

Yes

No

5. Are there picture books in which girls have exciting adventures and/or assert themselves, even against what their parents want or against other adult attachment figures?

Yes

No

6. Are there picture books in which disabilities in children are dealt with?

Yes

No

B Mothers, Fathers and Families

1. Are there picture books in which mothers are thoughtful, caring and achievement-oriented, successful (in their career)?

Yes

No

2. Are there picture books in which fathers have new, modern ways of living or who are unemployed?

Yes

No

3. Are there picture books in which the (good) relationship between fathers and their sons is at the forefront?

Yes

No

4. Are there picture books in which the (good) relationship between fathers and their daughters is at the forefront?

Yes

No

5. Are there picture books in which "rainbow families", which are becoming more and more common in society, play a role? These might be:

- Single mothers or fathers with their children
- Divorced or widowed mothers or fathers who have new partners and the children have to come to terms with the new step father or step mother
- Lesbian or gay marriages or partnerships where there are children
- Families with transsexual or transgender people

Yes

No

6. Are there picture books in which migration families are the main characters in the story?

Yes

No

C Fairy tales

1. Are there picture books that ironically play with traditional fairytale figures or that give fairytale characters "untypical roles"? These might be, for example:

- Princesses who do not want to get married or who at least do not want to marry the prince who has been chosen for them
- Princes who do not want to marry sensitive princesses, but courageous, adventurous and independent princesses
- Princes who fall in love with other princes
- Kings who do not want to reign, but prefer to spend their time with the children, with the family
- Loveable step mothers

Yes

No

D Animals figures

1. Are there picture books in which animals are the main figures in the story and that cannot be clearly identified as male or female animals?

Yes

No

2. Are there picture books in which same-sex (love) relationships between animals are shown?

Yes

No

E Sexual violence and prevention

1. Are there picture books that deal with sexual violence against boys?

Yes

No

2. Are there picture books in which children develop their own strategies in order to be able to defend themselves against sexual violence?

Yes

No

3. Are there picture books that deal with the sexual violence in the family or close to the family?

Yes

No