

# Charlotte Award Criteria

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Our goal is to encourage children to read and appreciate fine literature. Books are selected for their literary merit and quality of writing.

There are four categories for the Charlotte Award: primary, intermediate, middle school and high school

We will consider the following when reviewing titles for the award:

1. Titles published within the three years prior to the award date (for the 2025 award, books published in 2022, 2023, and 2024 are eligible)
2. Books that are windows and mirrors and appeal to readers at the appropriate level
3. Books in a series must be able to stand alone
4. Male and female protagonists
5. Variety of genres including nonfiction and graphic novels
6. Illustrations enhance the story
7. Picture books as well as novels for all categories