

Book Review Submission Guidelines

In order to submit your children's book for review on *Creativity Sparks*, please first read the guidelines below. My reviews will be positive, as I am only interested in promoting books that are well-written and well-illustrated for children.

Submissions will be evaluated based on...

- Strong literary value
- Strong illustrations
- Overall good presentation and quality
- Positive messages for children

Please note that I will not review any books that promote a political or religious agenda.

Please submit the following for review:

- Non-returnable finished work (either hardcover or paperback)
- Cover letter with pertinent information, including a short blurb about your book, short author and illustrator bios and information on how to purchase your book (include ISBN number)
- Be sure to include your email address and mailing address.

I prefer to promote the work of independently published authors, but this is not a requirement.

What will it look like?

If chosen, your book cover will be featured on our <u>Read Aloud/Kids' Books</u> page of our website, along with a short review, information about the author and illustrator, and how to purchase your book.

Also...

As a former elementary school teacher, I know how important it is for children to hear books read by a variety of voices. Therefore, I ask permission to videotape myself reading aloud your book. While this is not a requirement for a review, the purpose of Creativity Sparks is to give kids, parents and teachers an outlet for good things happening in the world and, if your book is chosen, this means it meets this important criteria! So, please let me know if I have your permission to include such a video.

Timeline

I cannot guarantee a timeline of when or even if your book will be selected for review. You are welcome to check back with me at any time via email with any questions or concerns.

Your non-returnable book and cover letter should be sent to:

Barbara Hengstenberg Creativity Sparks 1723 Reno Sharps Store Road Bear Creek, NC 27207

I may be reached via email at: Barbara@CreativitySparks.org Please be sure to peruse our website at www.CreativitySparks.org.

Thank you for your interest in having your book be part of Creativity Sparks! I'll look forward to receiving your submission.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hengstenberg

Barbara Hengstenberg Creator and Host, Creativity Sparks