

2023 ER Category & Definitions

1. A book promoted or reviewed by another author
 - a. Reviews and promotions can be found on social media, print media, quotes or reviews on book covers, etc.
2. A book that changed or impacted your life
3. A classic by a Black, Indigenous, or person of color (BIPOC) author
 - a. A classic can be a book that continues to make cultural and historical contributions and merits re-reading; something of lasting worth or with a timeless quality.
 - b. There is no universal definition of a classic.
4. A living author who you would like to have dinner with
5. A secret in it
6. About current events
 - a. Current events are defined as a widely known social or political event happening in the world
7. Agatha Award winner or nominee (2015-2020)
 - a. The Agatha Awards, named for Agatha Christie, are literary awards for traditional mystery and crime writers
 - b. These titles can be found at:
https://www.malicedomestic.org/uploads/2/5/5/5/25553778/agatha_history_archive_2021.pdf
8. Audiobook narrated by the author
9. Author who identifies as trans or nonbinary
 - a. Transgender (Trans) is a term used to describe people whose gender identity differs from the sex they were assigned at birth
 - b. Nonbinary is used by people who experience their gender identity and/or gender expression as falling outside of the binary gender categories of man and woman
10. Author's first book and their most recent book (first book)
 - a. Two books must be read to fulfill this dual category
 - b. These categories apply to the first and most recently published works
11. Author's first book and their most recent book (most recent book)
 - a. See description for Category #10
12. Book by an author that has published in more than one genre
 - a. Can include pseudonyms written across both fiction and non-fiction
 - b. Example: *An Untamed State* (literary fiction) and *Hunger* (memoir) by Roxane Gay

- c. Example: *The Angel Experiment* (teen science fiction) and *Along Came a Spider* (mystery/thriller) by James Patterson
- 13. Book of your own choosing
- 14. Book you picked based on the title
- 15. Breaks the fourth wall
 - a. The fourth wall is an imaginary wall between the fictional world and the reader
 - b. To 'break it' a character/narrator identifies they are fictional or acknowledges the reader
- 16. Character on the run
- 17. Choose a book by flipping a coin
- 18. Comedy
 - a. Written with the intent of amusing the audience through humor, irony, or sarcasm
- 19. Cover that made you look twice
- 20. Cover you'd hang on your wall as art
- 21. Explores environmental awareness
 - a. An awareness around the natural environment and the choices that either promote its well-being or cause it more harm
- 22. Explores neurodiversity
 - a. Examples could include ADHD, Autism, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia, and Tourette syndrome
- 23. Features an uprising or rebellion
- 24. Features ancestral or intergenerational trauma
 - a. Intergenerational trauma can be defined as trauma or patterns of behavior resulting from trauma that have been passed down through families for generations
- 25. Fruit or vegetable on the cover
- 26. Good or Bad in the title
 - a. This can be any iteration of the words:
 - i. Good (goodly, goodness, goods, goody, etc.)
 - ii. Bad (badly, badminton, badness, etc.)
- 27. Great for a book club discussion
- 28. Has a character you relate to
- 29. Includes a mythological creature
 - a. These creatures may be present in folklore, legends, and myth
 - b. Examples include el Chupacabra, the Loch Ness monster, dragons, etc.
- 30. Includes an assassin
- 31. Includes the legal profession

- a. A character who works in the field of law
 - b. Examples include barrister, paralegal, law librarian, etc.
32. Inspires you to create or find a playlist
33. Literary fiction
- a. Novels that typically emphasize style, character, and theme
34. Memoir about the service or labor industry
35. Name of a bird in the title
- a. Example: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett, and *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt
36. National Book Award Young People's Literature finalist
- a. The National Book Award recognizes and celebrates outstanding literary work by US citizens. This award is given to authors by authors.
 - b. These titles can be found at: <https://www.nationalbook.org/national-book-awards/years/>
37. Non-English word in the title
- a. Example: *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo, *Yerba Buena* by Nina LaCour, and *The Kaiju Preservation Society* by John Scalzi
38. Non-superhero graphic novel
- a. A graphic novel that does not include a superhero
39. Queer love story
- a. Queer serves as an umbrella term that encompasses people who do not associate with heteronormativity or binary gender expressions
40. Question mark in the title
- a. Example: *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip K. Dick, *Can You Keep a Secret?* by Sophie Kinsella and *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* By Daniel Tatum
41. Recommended to you
42. Set in a castle
- a. The entire story does not need to take place in a castle
43. Set in multiple countries
- a. A portion of the story needs to take place in each country
 - b. Multiple is defined as two or more countries
44. Set on the West Coast of the United States
- a. This area includes where the western United States meets the Pacific Ocean and includes Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, and California
45. Shelved in the 900s (900-999) non-fiction section
- a. Visit a library to browse the 900s non-fiction collection and select a book
 - b. To sort materials by call number in the TPL catalog, check out the steps [outlined in this PDF](#).

46. Strong female character

- a. Attributes exhibited by this type of character may include:
 - i. Inner strength
 - ii. Physical strength or outward bravery
 - iii. Ability to conquer weaknesses or turns them into assets

47. Takes place during a storm

48. Takes place in a time period you know little about

49. The 2023 Tacoma Reads adult or teen title

- a. Tacoma Reads is a city-wide reading program through a longstanding partnership and collaboration between the City of Tacoma's Mayor's Office and the Tacoma Public Library. It seeks to unite the community in dialogue around contemporary themes through reading a common text.
- b. These titles can be found at: <https://www.tacomalibrary.org/tacomareads>

50. Themes of feminism

- a. Feminism addresses inequalities and inequities along the intersectional lines of ability, class, gender, race, sex, and sexuality challenging ideas of gender and sex roles

51. Told by an unreliable narrator

- a. A narrator who misleads readers either deliberately or unwittingly; may withhold key information from a reader or even lie and misdirect

52. Under 150 pages

- a. Page number can be discerned from the TPL website or a reputable source for audiobook and eReader users
- b. Numbered pages count towards the total

53. Unlikely hero

54. Would make a great movie or TV show

55. Yellow cover (must be 50%)