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**Websites**

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Carol Hurst’s Children’s Literature Site: [http://carolhurst.com/](http://carolhurst.com/). Reviews of children’s books, including suggestions for classroom use, as well as activities by subjects, themes and curricular areas.

Children’s Literature Comprehensive Database: [http://clcd.odyssi.com](http://clcd.odyssi.com). Subscription database provided for you by Framingham State University. Reviews for over 300,000 children’s books, includes reading levels, helpful for creating thematic bibliographies.


Kraus Curriculum Development Library: ([See Curriculum Site](#)) Subscription database of curricula, frameworks, instructional strategies, lesson plans, objectives, and assessments for all disciplines, PreK-12.


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