

April Book Discussion at the CCBC

Since 1981 the Cooperative Children's Book Center has offered hands-on discussions of newly published trade books for children and young adults. CCBC discussions are for adults, including preservice and practicing teachers and librarians and any others with an interest in literature for youth.

Join us for our next discussion on **Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 4-5:30 p.m.**, in the Elizabeth Burr Room of the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC), Room 401 Teacher Education, 225 N. Mills Street, Madison. **Registration is not required but participants should read at least one or two books on the list.**

Books on our monthly discussion lists are new titles selected for discussion; they aren't CCBC book recommendations. Our book recommendations can be found in the annual [CCBC Choices](#) list and included in our [CCBC-Recommended Books database](#). We also feature a new book weekly in our [book of the week](#) reviews.

Future CCBC Book Discussion Date: May 10

[CCBC Book Discussion guidelines](#)

Shorter Books for April 12

At the Drop of a Cat by Élise Fontenaille. Translated from the French by Karin Snelson and Emilie Robert Wong. Illustrated by Violeta López. U.S. edition: Enchanted Lion, 2023. 28 pages

Ancient Night by David Álvarez with David Bowles. Levine Querido, 2023. 36 pages

Gloria's Promise by Robin Preiss Glasser. Illustrated by Jacqueline Preiss Weitzmann. Random House Studio, 2023. 32 pages

Good Morning, Good Night by Anita Lobel. A Paula Wiseman Book / Simon & Schuster, 2023. 28 pages

Oh, No, the Aunts Are Here by Adam Rex. Illustrated by Lian Cho. Chronicle, 2023. 32 pages

To Boldly Go: How Nichelle Nichols and Star Trek Helped Advance Civil Rights by Angela Dalton. Illustrated by Lauren Semmer. Harper, 2023. 40 pages

To the Other Side by Erika Meza. Katherine Tegen Books / HarperCollins, 2023. 32 pages

Longer Books for April 12

Imposter Syndrome and Other Confessions of Alejandra Kim by Patricia Park. Crown, 2023. 294 pages

Not an Easy Win by Chrystal D. Giles. Random House, 2023. 245 pages

You may read the books in the CCBC while the library is open. Books can also be checked out after 3pm for overnight use; they must be returned within a half hour of CCBC opening (see below for hours).

CCBC Public Service Hours Winter/Spring 2023

January 24-May 5: Monday-Thursday, 9am-7pm; Friday, 9am-4pm; Sunday, 12:30-4pm

March 11-19, UW-Madison Spring Break: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm

May 6-12, Finals Week: Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm

Guidelines for Book Discussion

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Look at each book for what it is, rather than what it is not.

- Make positive comments first. Try to express what you liked about the book and why. (e.g. "The illustrations are a perfect match for the story because....")
- After everyone has had the opportunity to say what they appreciated about the book, you may talk about difficulties you had with a particular aspect of the book. Try to express difficulties as questions, rather than declarative judgments on the book as a whole. (e.g. "Would Max's dinner really have still been warm?" rather than "That would never happen.")
- Avoid recapping the story or book-talking the book. There is not time for a summary.
- Refrain from relating personal anecdotes. The discussion must focus on the book at hand.
- Try to compare the book with others on the discussion list, rather than other books by the same author or other books in your experience.

All perspectives and vocabularies are correct. There is no "right" answer or single correct response.

- Listen openly to what is said, rather than who says it.
- Respond to the comments of others, rather than merely waiting for an opportunity to share your comments.
- Talk with each other, rather than to the discussion facilitator.
- Comment to the group as a whole, rather than to someone seated near you.