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DO WE HAVE A BAD CHILDREN'S BOOK?

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If you answer “yes” to one or more of these questions, you have a bad children’s book in your hands.

1. Does this book contradict any of the values I am trying to teach my child?
2. Does this book offend me?
3. Are there characters in the book that model personality traits or behaviors I do not want my children to possess?
4. Is the book poorly written?
5. Has the author of this book behaved in a way that contradicts the things I believe in?
6. When I read this book with my child do *they* have any negative reactions to it?
7. Would I feel comfortable allowing my child to read this book on their own and without my guidance?

A quick and gentle reminder – not every book will be a good fit for your intentional bookshelf. In fact, that’s the nature of having a bookshelf that fits your unique family. **You and your family** get to decide what makes it into your home library. If a book is not up to snuff, if it fails any of these criteria, it is not a good book.

But, a bad book for you might be a great book for another family. Do make sure to reach out to your community and see if this book aligns with anyone else’s intentional bookshelf.