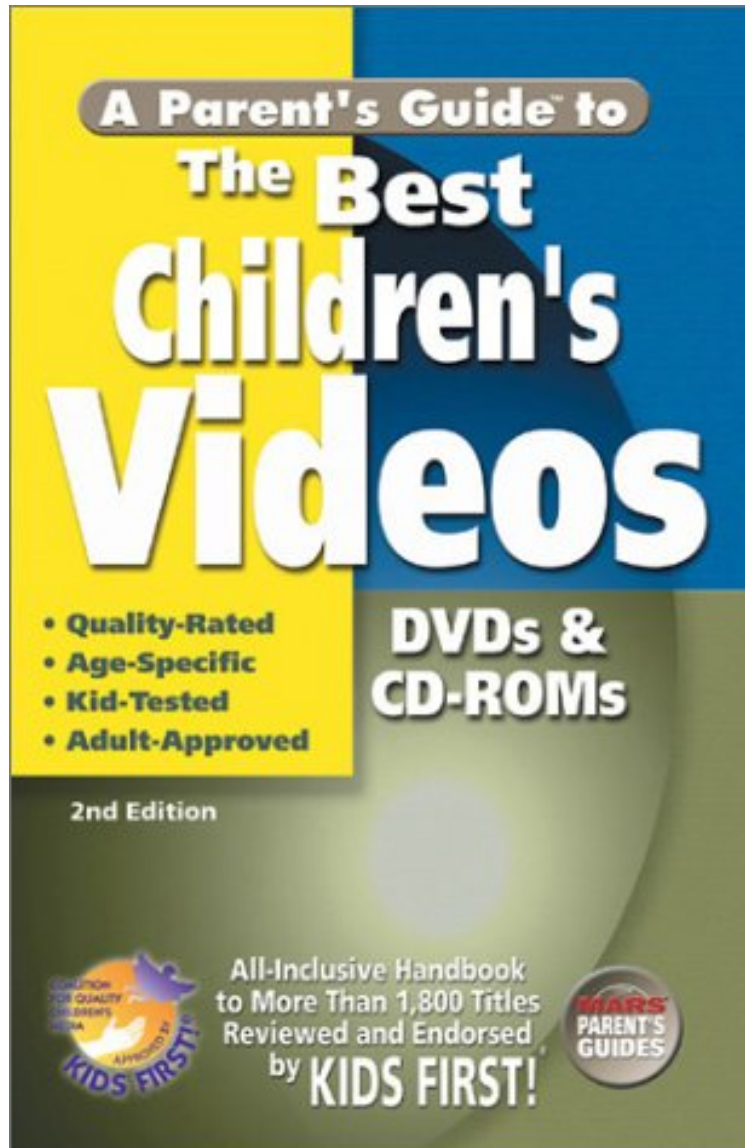


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More than 1,000 kid-tested and adult-approved films are reviewed in this guide to the top educational and entertaining family videos. Each video is screened for violence, sex, physical abuse, bias, condescension toward children, and unsafe behavior before it is recommended. Reviews are arranged by age group and category to make selecting a video easy, with topics ranging from instructional and family literature to holiday and nature films. Also included are 500 recommended films for the entire family to watch.

From Library Journal This new edition of an important guide from the Coalition for Quality Children's Media features comments by panels of adults and children for each of the more than 1800 entries (expanded from the original 1000 titles covered). The titles are arranged in six sections infant, preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, and parenting. Within each section, the CD-ROMs (about one tenth of the titles) appear first, and then the videos and DVDs are divided into categories such as "Education" or "Holiday." Each entry contains a small illustration of the cover, a concise evaluation, a one- to three-star rating, running time, price, age group, and distributor. The indexes provide access by title and by the categories "Cultural Diversity," "Best for Boys," "Best for Girls," and "Conflict Resolution." Each section includes an informative introduction by a media specialist, and the criteria used for evaluation and the 30 top-rated videos for 2001 are also listed. While the variety of titles is outstanding, their arrangement is sometimes puzzling. For instance, two titles of the popular "Wallace and Gromit" series appear in the high school section and one in the elementary section, with no cross references. In fact, although the introduction states that titles that overlap age groups will be listed in all applicable age groups, many titles are not cross-referenced. However, the rigorous standards set by the coalition, which maintains these and other media evaluations on its web site (www.kidsfirstinternet.org), make this volume essential as a ready-reference for parents and for any library seeking to provide high-caliber and unobjectionable children's media to their patrons. Recommended for all public libraries. Vivian Reed, California State Univ., Long Beach Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Kids First! is an initiative of the Coalition for Quality Children's Media, the only nationwide nonprofit organization that utilizes both adults and children to evaluate children's media.