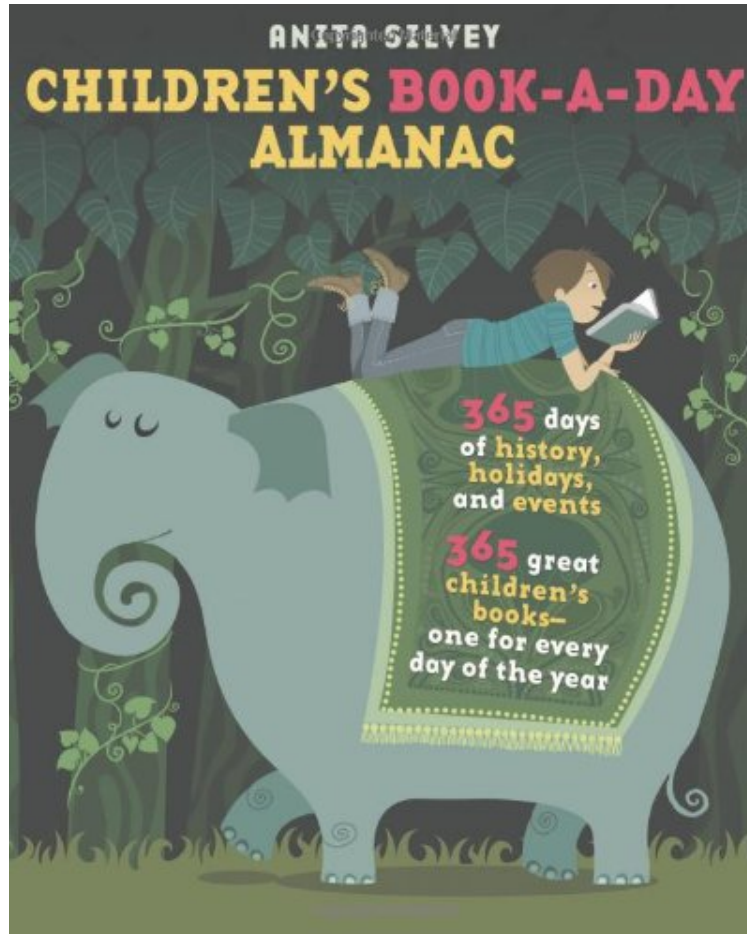


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A Book A Day!By B. MillerI'm a big fan of Anita Silvey's blog, Children's Book-A-Day Almanac, and have followed it since its inception in 2010. In fact, I'm a great fan of Anita's other books that explore children's books and their creators, (Children's Books and Their Creators, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1995; The Essential Guide to Children's Books and Their Creators, Houghton Mifflin Co., 2002, in which I was also a contributing writer; and one of my favorite of all time books, Everything I Need to Know I Learned From A Children's Book, Roaring Brook Press, 2009). My favorite aspect of Anita's genius is her insider information on how these books were created. With each entry, she offers fascinating insights into the backstory of the author (and sometimes the illustrator!), the context of the story, and a sneak peak of the story itself. I look forward to reading her blog every morning. So I was pleased as punch to learn that Anita has created a book that follows the same format as her blog.As the title promises, the book opens with a favorite on January 1, Esther Forbes' Johnny Tremain. On each

day thereafter, a new book is showcased. From Dav Pilkey's *The Adventures of Captain Underpants*, Phillip Hoose's *The Race to Save The Lord God Bird*, Bobbie Pyron's *A Dog's Way Home*, and David Shannon's *Duck on a Bike*, the almanac "shines the spotlight on the best books for young readers." With each entry, Anita offers information on the backstory of the author and book, its ideal audience, and how the book connected with its audience, as well as a sidebar of events and titles related to these events. Anita states in her introduction, on why she wrote the almanac, "My entire career, now spanning over forty years, has been devoted to a statement by Walter de la Mare: 'Only the rarest kind of anything can be good enough for the young.'" For each day of the year, Anita provides insight into that "rarest of the best." What a valuable tool for teachers and parents to plan ahead! And what a valuable and entertaining read for every children's book enthusiast!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. "Catching Up on What You've Missed in Children's Books" By Hope Irvin Marston This delightful almanac could be labeled Children's Books 101. It's pure pleasure as you are served up a fun-filled page for each day of the year. When you keep up-to-date, you learn more than the stories of great children's books and intriguing tidbits about the author, the background and the influence of 365 stories. You also find out what happened in history, what holidays are celebrated and what events are of worldwide interest. It's fascinating reading and no law says you can't read ahead. (I read as many entries as I have time for at one sitting.) No matter what your association is with children, libraries, or books, this is one title you should add to your personal library. The main entries are book summaries written to draw the reader in. As I read, I attach little "stickies" to the ones I somehow missed and want to order through ILL at my local library. The book is also a super resource for those of us who write for children and young people and are looking for topics of interest. Besides historical notes concerning people and events, often mention is made of what someone has designated as special for that day. For example, February 22 is World Thinking Day. May 16 is Love a Tree a Day. And July 9 is National Sugar Cookie Day. Usually books are suggested to read on those special days. This book is educational as well as fun. It's great for adults with any connection with kids. Buy multiple copies as gifts for your teacher-friends on their birthdays or special occasions. If your local library doesn't own a copy, buy one and present it to your favorite librarian.

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From Booklist Silvey, former editor of *The Horn Book* magazine and an expert on children's literature, has compiled her online Children's Book-a-Day Almanac (childrensbookalmanac.com) into print. In so doing, she provides a worthwhile resource for teachers, librarians, and parents. For each of the 365 days of the year, she gives a bit of historical or informational narrative, presents the synopsis of a book that relates to the day, and suggests an age-appropriate audience for the title. Sidebars offer brief facts and additional books to read. The recommended books which span age ranges from elementary through high school are classics (or are destined to become classics). Although students might need background information to understand or appreciate some of the older books, there are plenty of newer books that are readily available and appropriate. The print volume is a handy desk ready-reference book, and when used in conjunction with the interactive website, it becomes much more dynamic. Recommended for parents, teachers, and librarians. --J. B. Petty

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About the Author ANITA SILVEY is the author of *Children's Books and Their Creators*, *100 Best Books for Children*, *500 Great Works for Teens*, and a number of other works. She currently teaches courses in children's literature at Simmons College in Boston and St. Michael's College in Burlington, Vermont.