



Reading Rampage Judging Criteria for Librarians, Teachers and Group Leaders

The Reading Rampage winner should be a book which provides pleasure and enjoyment and be a great read leaving the audience with a lasting impression about the narrative, themes and characters.

All of the following criteria prompts will not necessarily be relevant to every title on the short list but this should give you some guidelines to follow when judging the books.

The narrative

- Does the plot follow a well-constructed narrative?
- Does the sequence of events follow in a logical and compelling manner?
- Does the plot result in a satisfying conclusion and is this a believable ending to the book?
- Is the style in which the book is written engaging and enjoyable?

Characters

- Are the characters presented in the novel convincing? Do they behave convincingly as a person?
- Do the characters develop during the book?
- Do the different characters within the book interact and respond to each other in a believable way?
- Are the characters effectively developed through descriptions, dialogue, action and responses of other characters in the book?

Themes

- Does the book include themes which you can relate to as a young person?
- Do the themes help with the plot and character development?

Finally...

When thinking about the book in relation to others on the shortlist, think about the lasting impact of the book on you as an individual:

- Is it memorable?
- Would you/your students recommend this book to someone else?

