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A Critical Approach to Children's Literature? This book by James Steel Smith focuses on the critical analysis of children's literature and is intended to be used as a basic text for children's literature courses taken by elementary education majors. One of the significant features of this McGraw-Hill publication is the guidance given to the student in the formulation of key questions that should be asked about all children's literature.

The Mr. Bumba Books published by Lerner Publications Company? The series centers around a jolly man, Mr. Bumba, and the many adventures he has with his friends. The books are written by Pearl Augusta Harwood and are recognized by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission as the best integrated intergroup elementary storybooks available at the present time.

The third edition of *Good Books for Children* edited by Mary K. Eakin and published by the University of Chicago Press? It lists almost 1,400 books recommended for children by the Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books. It includes books published during 1965 and omits those published prior to 1950. This book is truly a welcome guide to the many children's books published in the last fourteen years.

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