

2025 ER categories and definitions

1. 3-word title
 - a. The, a, an count as a word
 - b. Contractions and hyphenated words count as one word
2. Animal character or narrator
3. The author as a character
4. Author born in the same month as you
5. Author whose name contains a color
 - a. Examples: Blue Delliquanti, Tim Green, Daniel H. Pink, Saul Black, Teal Swan, Tommy Orange
 - b. Examples: Colson Whitehead, Chatham Greenfield,
 - c. Colors in languages other than English count
 - i. Examples: Victoria Blanco, Violeta Boyd, Aka Akasaka, Murasaki Yamada, Liana De la Rosa
6. Author you would recommend to a friend
7. BIPOC author who was first published when they were under 40 years of age
 - a. BIPOC stands for Black, Indigenous, and people of color
8. Book with even number of pages – dual category
 - a. Version read ends in an even number
 - b. Numbered pages
 - c. An even number can be divided by 2 e.g. 4, 6, 8
9. Odd number of pages – dual category
 - a. Version read ends in an odd number
 - b. Numbered pages
 - c. An odd number is a number that CANNOT be divided by 2 e.g. 3, 5, 7
10. Book you keep hearing about
11. Could have been shorter
12. Character is 60 years of age or older
13. Characters who are twins
14. Choose a book of your liking
15. Current favorite author
16. Eisner Award
 - a. Award for comics and graphic novels distributed in the United States the previous year
 - b. [Eisner Awards - Comic-Con International](#)
17. Features an actor or film industry
18. Features a female detective
19. Features the mafia or organized crime
20. From a previous year's Extreme Reader (ER) category list
 - a. A full list of categories can be found at www.tacomalibrary.org/extreme-reader
21. Green cover (50% or more)

22. Has an epilogue
23. Has a zombie
24. Historical fiction not set during WWII
 - a. WWII took place between 1939 and 1945
25. Image on cover that is not a photograph
26. Includes a dinosaur
27. Includes family conflict
28. Includes K-pop or K-drama
 - a. K-pop is popular Korean music
 - b. K-drama is popular Korean TV series
29. Includes a serial killer
30. *Lightning* or *Thunder* in the title
31. Liked at the start, but not the end
32. Literary Mystery
 - a. Genre mashup of Literary fiction and Mystery
 - b. Story that focuses on a puzzling crime, situation, or circumstance that needs to be solved with substantial character development, stunning narration, and a storyline that reaches for broader emotional or social depth.
33. Main characters have a falling out
 - a. Characters who were friends and no longer are
 - b. Characters who were friends had a falling out and are friends again
34. National Book Critics Circle Award--Fiction
 - a. Awards for the finest books published in English in: Fiction, Nonfiction, Biography, Autobiography, Poetry, and Criticism
 - b. [The National Book Critics Circle Awards - National Book Critics Circle](#)
35. On your to be read list for a long time
36. Past or current Lucky Day title
 - a. Lucky Day is a collection comprised of additional titles of new & popular books available in branches that are not available for holds
37. Romantasy
 - a. Genre mashup of Romance and Fantasy
 - b. World-building, epic quests, and/or magical systems with character-driven stories with romantic relationship/s
38. Satire
 - a. Use of comedy and exaggeration to point out foolishness and flaws often of society or humanity
39. Sci-fi story not set in space
40. Set in your favorite season
 - a. Fall or Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer
41. Set on an island
 - a. A portion of the story takes place on an island
 - b. An island is a tract of land surrounded by water on all sides that is smaller than a continent
42. Set in the Southwest of the United States
 - a. This region includes Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah

43. Shelved in the 800s
 - a. [Shelved in the 800s .docx](#)
44. Sparks your imagination
45. Standalone you wish had a sequel
46. Sword and Planet
 - a. Subgenre of science fantasy that features adventure stories on other planets and often include use of simple weapons like swords even if the setting has advanced technology
47. Tacoma Reads 2025 adult or teen title
48. Takes Place during Japan's Edo period (1603-1868)
 - a. Does not need to be set in Japan
49. Title begins with "How to"
50. Title is a complete sentence
 - a. A complete sentence includes a subject, verb, and a complete thought.
51. Title that would be a great name for a band
52. Told in non-chronological order
53. Two or more people on the cover
54. Vehicle with wheels on the cover
 - a. Means to transport humans or goods
 - b. E.G. car, plane, covered wagon, etc. This is not an inclusive list.
55. Wish you had read it years ago