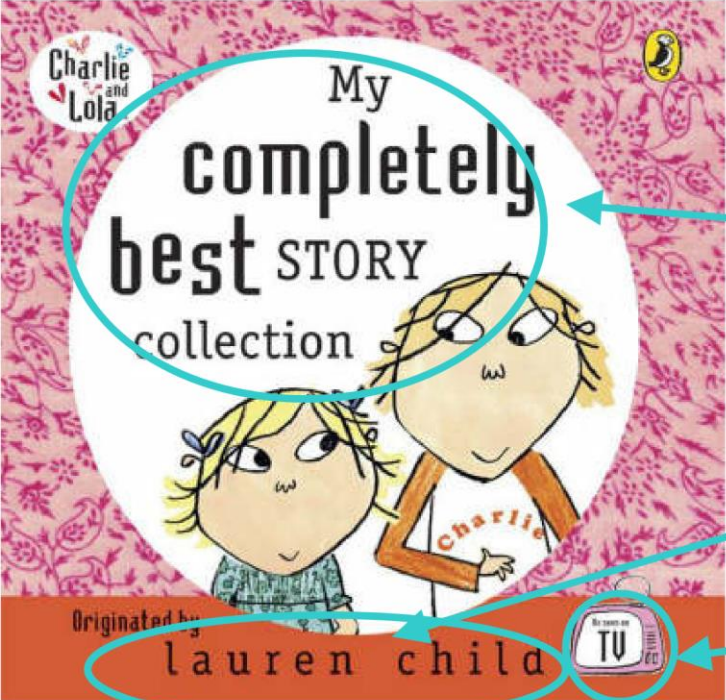


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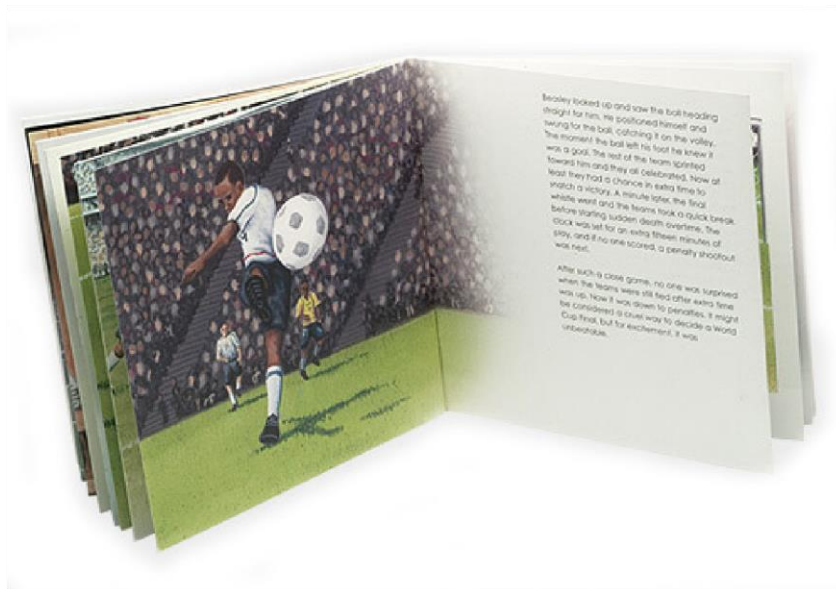


- ★ Cover – Does the cover look exciting?
- ★ Title – Does it sound interesting?
- ★ Blurb – When I read the blurb, does it sound interesting? **(Look on the back of the book!)**
- ★ Author – Have I heard of this author? Do I like other books she's written?
- ★ Key words – Does it say “based on a TV show” or “mystery” or other things I like?

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- ★ Genre – Do I like this type of book (for example comic or mystery)?
- ★ “Dip in” – Choose a page and read it. Do I like what I read?
- ★ Caution keywords – Do I see any words that tell me I won’t like the book?
- ★ Types of characters – Are there characters I might not like (aliens, old fashioned people)?

*Don't forget to check – **Can I read it?***

- ★ Five-finger method – Read a page. Hold up my hand. Each time I can't read a word, put down a finger. If all my fingers are down on one page- I should choose another book
- ★ Check in – ask my teacher, or parent, or librarian if this is a good book for me

- ★ Subject
  - Do I like this character?
  - e.g. Do I like teddy bears?
  - Are there characters I might not like?
- ★ Sharing
  - Is this a book I'd like being read?
  - Do I have a toy like this at home?
  - Maybe my toy would like to hear it too!

Toys love being held by you when you're having a story, especially if it's about someone like them!

- ★ "Dip in"
  - Are the pictures nice inside?
  - Can I tell the story from the pictures?
  - Can I enjoy it on my own?
- ★ Check in
  - Ask my teacher, parent or librarian if this is a good book for me

