

Editing Children's Books At-a-Glance Information

Keep in mind that these are just guidelines. What the story needs is more important than the actual numbers. But if your clients have something far outside of these guidelines, you may want to help them better fit their manuscript into the niche for that kind of book.

Type of Book	Age/Grade Level	Number of Words	Number of Pages
Board books	0–3 years old	0–100	8–16
Early picture books	3–7 years old	100–1500	24–32
Picture storybooks	4–10 years old	700–2000	32–48
Pre–emergent readers	K–mid 1 st grade	300–500	32
Emergent readers	Mid K–1 st grade	500–1,000	32–48
Early fluent readers	Mid 1 st –2 nd grade	1,000–1,500	48–64
Fluent readers	Late 1 st –early 3 rd grade	1,500–2,500	64
Transitional books	7–10 years old	4,000–31,000	About 128
Chapter books, realistic, nonfiction	8–12 years old	25,000–60,000	120 and up
Chapter books, fantasy	8–12 years old	35,000–75,000	120 and up