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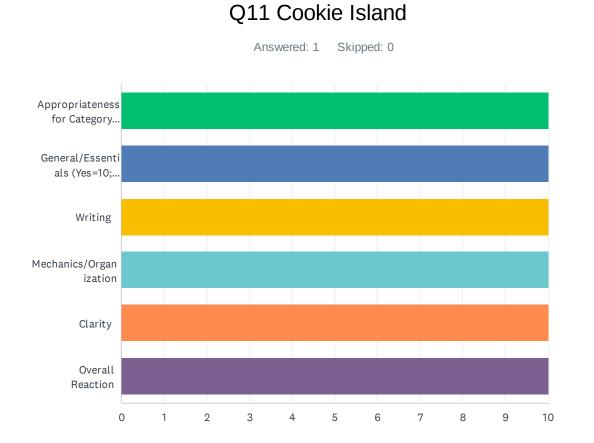
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This design is truly remarkable! The cover is not only easy to spot but also boasts top-notch printing quality. I'm particularly impressed with the clever use of gloss and matte, adding texture and depth to the cover illustration. The spine is equally stunning, ensuring this book will

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grab attention on any shelf. The layout is simply perfect—allowing for an immediate grasp of the contents, target audience, and subject matter. The incorporation of recipes, an inviting and balanced text story, line drawing illustrations, and full-color illustrations is not only unusual but also creatively and beautifully executed. What's even more impressive is how all these different elements come together seamlessly, creating a cohesive and coordinated experience from cover to cover. In my opinion, this book stands out as the best-designed title among the boxes received. I'm excited to add it to our school library collection, and I have no doubt it will become a favorite among my K through 4th graders. Excellent job!



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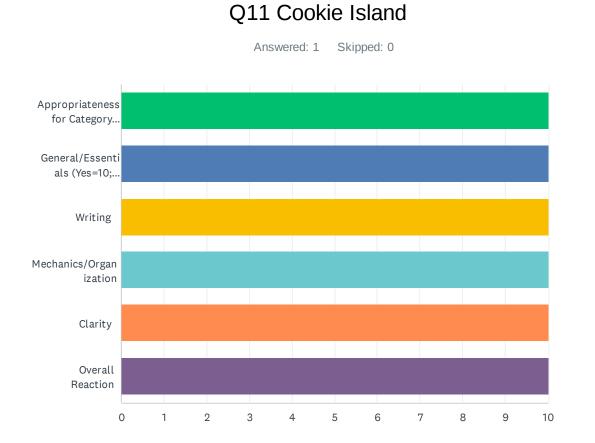
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I rank this book #1 "Cookie Island" by Billy Baldwin, with illustrations by Liesl Bell, is an enchanting and versatile book that is exceptionally well-suited for younger readers. The story revolves around orphans Daizy and Lookout, who embark on a thrilling adventure to Cookie Island, a fantastical realm in another dimension, risking the consequences of a day away from their orphanage. One of the standout features of the book is the whimsical and vibrant

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illustrations by Liesl Bell. The inclusion of both color and black-and-white illustrations adds visual diversity, creating an engaging and immersive experience for readers. The interactive nature of the book, particularly the critter field guide and passport, encourages readers, even the younger ones, to actively participate in the story. The narrative takes Daizy and Lookout through a series of fantastical encounters on Cookie Island, ranging from Santa Claus during his summer season to the chocolate bunny factory. Each chapter unfolds with an element more fantastic than the last, keeping readers captivated and eager to explore the next magical moment. The writing is engaging and imaginative. The integration of delicious cookie recipes and interesting facts seamlessly into the story is a clever touch. This not only enhances the educational value of the book but also adds an extra layer of enjoyment for readers. The large size of the book, almost akin to a coffee-table book, amplifies the visual appeal, making it a delightful experience to leaf through and enjoy. It is a book I think readers will keep even as they grow up because it will be a favorite. The interactive elements of the book provide multiple layers of engagement. Readers can choose to use it as a cookbook, delve into Daizy and Lookout's adventure, explore the map, or follow the italics to uncover the spy's activities. The inclusion of a visa that readers can stamp for each completed chapter further enhances the interactive nature, turning reading into a journey with tangible checkpoints. The suggestion for future development, allowing readers to purchase additional passports for siblings or those who want to relive the experience is a thoughtful idea that would add a customizable aspect to the book and prolong the life of the book. In conclusion, "Cookie Island" is an outstanding and delightful addition to the young reader fiction category, and is one of the best entries in this category. Its versatility, interactivity, whimsical illustrations, and seamless blend of adventure, recipes, and educational content make it a standout choice. This book has the potential to become a cherished keepsake for readers as they grow older, a testament to its enduring appeal and the joy it brings to its audience.



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THIS BOOK IS RANKED #1. Oh my gosh - what a fun, happy, just wonderful book. From the first page to the last, this tale was a marvelous ride and absolutely perfect for the age group. The story and all its characters are consistent and consistently delightful. Daizy and Lookout's tale as orphans really made the story work along with their looking for a home - but still able to find joy, wonder and delight wherever they found it - is marvelous. I could not put this book

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down, nor did I want to. My adult belief system had no problem suspending itself to fall imagination and eyeballs into the story. The passport concept for the young reader to go through the visit to Cookie Island is just pure genius - making it easy for parents to read an adventure before bed or baking and holding he interest of a young reader. It's also a nice way to introduce youngsters to cooking, especially since it is something they will have to do for themselves in the future. The artwork is nothing short of brilliant. The illustrations tell so much story all by themselves. They are like a cross between Dr. Seuss's drawings and the magicians that created Cartoons in the 1940's and 1950's. Rich, joyful with a delicious reality all their own. AND - having the spy tucked into each and every one like a "where's Waldo" is pure delight - especially since there is the tale of the spy running through the story which adds to the fun. The ribbon marker is a truly nice touch. Add to this are the cookie recipes tucked inside each adventure. It's fabulous - a real family activity. The hard cover, the reasonable pricing for all that this book is is perfect. This book is a winner - professional, brilliantly well done (I can't say enough good about this charming book.) It is a book any parent would love for their kid to have. There are words in the story that some children on the younger side of the age group will not understand. The story is such fun, they will want to look then up either in a computer search engine or a dictionary. The BEST part is there is no preaching, no agendas just a story that is fun and takes a reader to a whole other world and makes them WANT to read. Thank you, Billy Baldwin and Liesl Ball for this masterful piece of magic in 300 pages. While it is priced fairly high - it is worth every penny. OUTSTANDING and BRAVO!!!!