



Additional resources for Critical Thinking and Book Talk

Dr Mary Roche has provided a helpful list of resources for educators interested in implementing her Critical Thinking and Book Talk approach in the classroom. Learn more in her [Edspresso podcast episode](#) and article in [Future EDge](#).

Suggested picture books for critical discussion

- Arnold Lobel, Frog and Toad series
- Melanie Watt, Scaredy Squirrel series
- Robert Munsch, the Paper Bag Princess
- Lauren Child, the Princess and the Pea
- Babette Cole, Prince Cinders
- David McKee, Tusk, Tusk and the Conquerors
- Kathryn Cave and Chris Riddell, Something Else

Suggested authors

Many Australian picture book makers have challenged us to think deeply and critically about a wide range of subjects, including:

- Margaret Wild
- Ron Brooks
- Mem Fox
- Jackie French
- Libby Gleeson
- Shaun Tan
- Jeannie Baker
- Robert Ingpen
- Bob Graham

Recommended international picture book makers include:

- Nicola Davies
- Britta Teckentrup
- Chitra Soundar and Poonam Mistry

There is a comprehensive list of picture books in Roche's book [Developing children's critical thinking through picturebooks](#).

Professional reading

- Roche's Critical Thinking and Book Talk approach is listed first in this set of [support materials for the Irish Primary Language Curriculum](#)
- [Mary Roche's Padlet](#) includes a wide range of literature about picture books

- Mary Roche's article in [Books for Keeps](#)
- Mary Roche's post on the [Scéalta- the Early Childhood Ireland blog](#)
- Children's book writer and illustrator [Debbie Ridpath Ohi's blog](#)
- Literacy expert [Pernille Ripp's blog](#)
- The [National Centre for Australian Children's Literature website](#)
- [Professor Alyson Simpson's work](#) at the University of Sydney
- [Mem Fox's advice on reading aloud](#)
- Resources provided by the UK [Centre for Literacy in Primary Education](#) - of special importance is their recent research into ethnic representation in children's literature
- The work of Teresa Cremin and her team at [Open University](#)
- [Mathew Tobin's padlet](#) has a huge range of picture book teaching resources created by his students.

