What makes a good children's book?

It...

- usually has rich and expressive language
- presents any moral issues in an entertaining way
- often reflects children's experiences (helping their self esteem)
- has an appropriate reading and interest level
- gently extends vocabulary
- often contains good illustrations (that add to the reading experience)
- can be predictable (fun is in knowing/predicting the ending)
- can be unpredictable (fun is to guess the ending)
- makes children 'think' and is an active rather than a passive experience
- can be condensed into one line easily (esp. if a story-book)
- has something that makes it hard to put down
- treats the reader with respect
- goes somewhere narratively
- is written with conviction