



## WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

### SPOT: Accurate Author, Part #1

*Examining Aspects of Accuracy*



### Becoming a Critical and Thoughtful Reader

It is important to guide learners in becoming critical and thoughtful readers. Thinking about the considerations addressed in this video will help them refine their selection process whether they seek information from traditional nonfiction books found in libraries or bookstores, or whether they gather information from electronic means such as the Internet.

### Questions to Consider When Selecting Quality Nonfiction Literature:

- When was the book written?
- What are the author's credentials?
- Who is acknowledged?
- Does the reader find out any information about the author's research process?
- Are author/illustrator notes included?
- To what extent is the information accurate?
- Are additional readings suggested?

Reference:

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