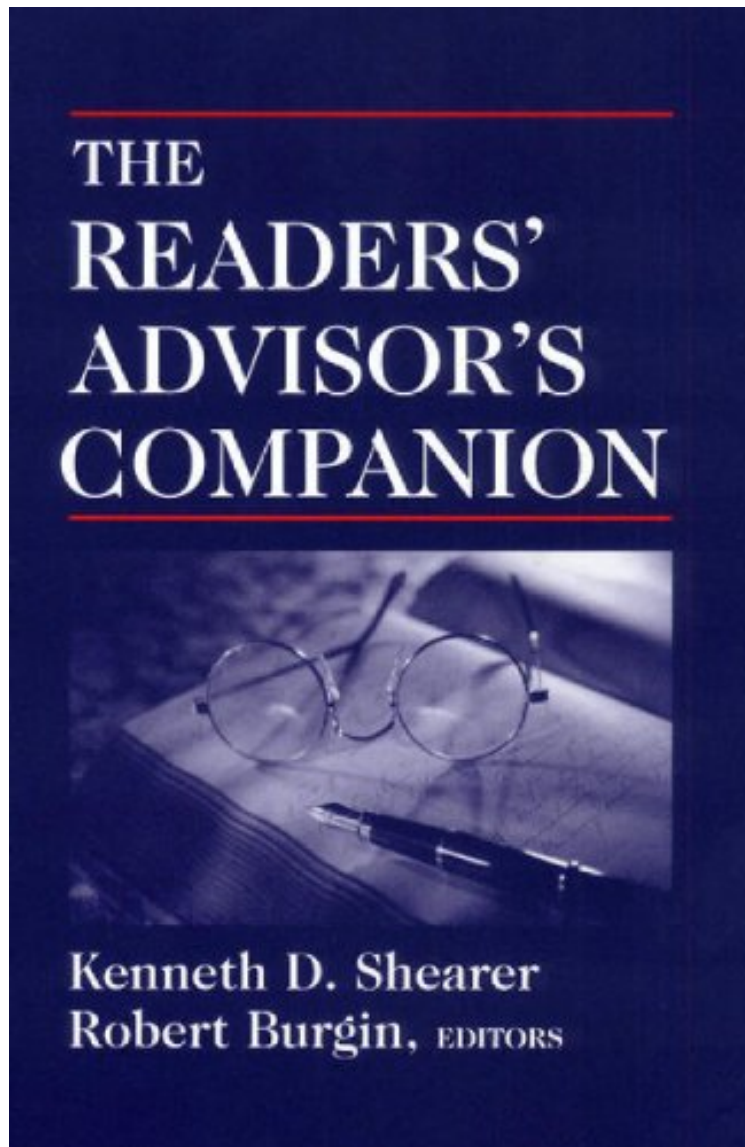


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Some of the most noted authorities, outspoken advocates, and stellar practitioners have come together to offer you their insights and ideas on readers' advisory services. Through 16 timely articles, luminaries Joyce Saricks, Duncan

Smith, Wyane Wiegand, Catherine Sheldrick Ross, and others cover such topics as keeping teens reading, readers' advisory for recreational nonfiction, capitalizing on today's best readers' advisory tools, and recent research findings. An essential read for RA practitioners, this volume will also be of interest to faculty and students of library and information science.

From Library Journal Packed with information and inspiration, this welcome sequel to Shearer's 1996 *Guiding the Reader to the Next Book* (Professional Media, LJ 9/15/96) expands upon its predecessor with 16 varied articles exploring the challenges, best practices, and future directions of reader's advisory service. Strong entries include a long-overdue consideration of recreational nonfiction readers by coeditor Burgin, an insightful article on the evolving role of multicultural literature by Alma Dawson and Connie Van Fleet, Glen Holt's exciting vision for a Center for the Reader, and Bill Crowley's thoughtful discourse on creating and promoting reader's advisory training in academia. Other topics include approaches to indirect advisory, meeting the needs of young adult readers, and sobering research on shortcomings in advisory training and practice. Less rewarding are Brian Sturm's offbeat essay on trance states and Randy Pitman's jokey patter on multimedia advisory that is curiously dismissive of recreational users weak spots more than balanced by choice entries from heavy-hitters Catherine Sheldrick-Ross, Joyce Saricks, and Duncan Smith. This is the most inclusive collection of its kind, and most entries have full bibliographies, making this a good starting place for further study. Highly recommended for public libraries wanting to serve their readers better and as a text for the reader's advisory instruction so badly needed in our once and future library schools. David Wright, Seattle P.L.

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