



From my seat I see a hero.

A dreamer.

A friend. A leader.

A champion.

A revolutionary.

### Age Recommendations 2010-11 Season

Beginning this season, CTC will be changing the way the company makes recommendations for children developmentally. Over the last decade, child development has been a serious topic of discussion and research. Each child develops at a different intellectual pace, and parents have differing opinions on what is and what is not appropriate or acceptable for their children. Because of our wide range of programmatic focus (2 - 18 years of age), sometimes content in shows poses problems for parents of younger children, but far more often the issue is with an individual child's ability to grasp challenging concepts, follow along with narrative that may be more advanced, or possess an emotional or academic maturity that impacts their ability to fully appreciate the work. It is our opinion that the parent is the best judge of their own child's readiness and interest.

In an ongoing effort to assist parents with decision-making regarding shows that their child will most appreciate, CTC is moving to a READING LEVEL recommendation based on curriculum from the Center for Teaching and Learning, similar to that of many schools and publishing companies. Rather than recommend an age, which assumes a standard set of abilities and development, CTC will be recommending shows based on a child's reading ability, which tends to correlate more with intellectual development and an ability to comprehend narrative and concepts at key developmental stages.

NOTE: **Reading Level Recommendations follow GRADE LEVELS, not ages.** Shows noted as ALL indicate that the production is appropriate for all reading levels, including those not yet reading on their own. Pre-School indicates a show specifically developed for the toddler set (the show is shorter, involves simpler concepts and simpler narrative).

| <u>Production</u>                          | <u>Reading Level (by grade)</u> |
|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins</b> | <b>All</b>                      |
| <b>Robin Hood</b>                          | <b>Grade 2+</b>                 |
| <b>A Christmas Story</b>                   | <b>Grade Pre-K+</b>             |
| <b>Babe</b>                                | <b>All</b>                      |
| <b>Barrio Grrr!</b>                        | <b>Grade 3+</b>                 |
| <b>Lord of the Flies</b>                   | <b>Grade 7+</b>                 |
| <b>Balloonacy</b>                          | <b>Pre-School</b>               |
| <b>Annie</b>                               | <b>All</b>                      |