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Working with the BBC, Neil MacGregor, the Director of the British Museum, has launched a downright smart project. A History of the World in 100 Objects uses important pieces from the museum's collections to recount the long history of humanity. Throughout the year, the serialized radio program will air 100 episodes, each averaging 15 minutes, and they will cover two million years of human innovation and artistic creation. Below, I've included a recent episode that revisits the Olduvai hand axe, a tool invented some 1.2 million years ago that proved vital to human evolution and our mi
The explanations of book history are essential to understanding the significance of the selected works and how they fit into the history of children's books. The 100 selected books are cross-referenced throughout. Delightful illustrations, many of them in color, are included. Highly recommended. As inherently fascinating as it is impressively informed and informative, "A History of Children's Books in 100 Books" is an extraordinary literary study that is unreservedly recommended for both academia and the non-specialist general reader with an interest in the subject. A uniquely thoughtful and thought-provoking read from beginning to end. Inviting to book lovers and history buffs alike, this lushly illustrated book compiles one hundred works that have shaped the reading world and played principal roles in the evolution of writing. From tomb walls to papyrus scrolls, Aesop's fables to dime novels--and across all genres and continents except Antarctica--this collection is an insightful visual treat. (World Literature Today 2015-05-01). Roderick Cave and picture researcher Sara Ayad discuss and portray 100 "books" on a spread each, arranged in chapters on eras. They begin with ancient cave paintings and tally sticks. The ebook age has taken 'the book' to a turning point. But in fact, casting off old technologies and taking on new ones has been part of the history of the book since Egyptian times. Illustrating this story with lavish photography of some of the most treasured artefacts from the world's historic collections, A History of the Book in 100 Books traces mankind's very long quest to communicate ideas and knowledge. Specifications. Publisher. The British Library Publishing Division. Book Format. Hardcover. Author.