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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 Olduval 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.