



THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL  
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## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS for Children's Choices 2010

A project of the International Reading Association and the Children's Book Council

**Deadline for submissions: June 30, 2009**

### About this bibliography

*Children's Choices* is a selection by 12,500 schoolchildren — 2,500 in each of five geographic locations — of their favorite books published each year. The selections are announced at the IRA National Convention, and the annotated list appears in the October issue of the IRA journal *The Reading Teacher*.

The bibliography is also the basis for the Children's Choice Book Awards. The top five voted books in each age group will be finalists for the awards, which are voted on online by children across the country. The winners are celebrated at a gala event during Children's Book Week in May.

### Eligibility

- Books must be published in calendar year 2009.
- Both fiction and nonfiction are eligible for submission.
- Holiday-specific books are ineligible for submission.
- Books must be for grades K-6. Sixth graders are the oldest students participating in *Children's Choices*.
- Board books are ineligible for submission.
- All books must originate with a children's trade publishing company or division.
- Books must be published (not simply distributed) by a publisher incorporated in the United States.
- Books originally published abroad are eligible only if they have a 2009 U.S. publication date; reprints or licensed editions of titles initially published in the U.S. before 2009 are not eligible.
- Original paperbacks are eligible; paperback reprints are not. If a book is published simultaneously in hardcover and paperback, either edition may be submitted. If both editions are submitted, they constitute separate entries.
- Revised editions of books originally published in the U.S. before 2009 are eligible only if the book has been newly illustrated or if substantial text, constituting at least 25% of the book, has been changed or added.
- Sticker books, kits, calendars, and other novelties that are not practical for multiple-student usage are ineligible.
- Spanish-language editions of titles published in English before 2009 are not acceptable. Spanish-language

editions published in the U.S. simultaneously with English-language editions in 2009 are eligible.

### Number of titles you may submit

Each publishing company may submit up to 25% of its **eligible** 2009 list or six titles, whichever is greater.

### Submission guidelines

Both nonfiction and fiction are eligible for submission.

**Children's Choices books must be for grades K-6 only. Young adult fiction is not appropriate for this program. Neither are board books.** Publishers may submit YA titles to IRA's *Young Adult Choices* program. Pay particular attention to the assignment of grade levels to your titles. Your designation will determine the age group in which the book will be read and can have a profound effect on a book's acceptance. Holiday-specific titles are also ineligible.

### Shipping your books

**Do not ship any books until instructed to do so.** You will be asked to send four or six copies of each of your submitted titles (depending on their format and intended age group) to each of five U.S. locations. If you are not a CBC member, you will also be asked to send one copy of each title to CBC. CBC will send the list of shipping addresses to participating publishers in July; publishers should begin to ship submitted titles as soon as they receive it. **Books must reach the shipping addresses by November 2, 2009.**

### Fees

There is no submission fee for CBC Regular, Affiliate, and Initiating Members. The fee schedule is \$75 per title for Associate Members and \$300 per title for non-members. All fees are non-refundable. Titles may not be substituted. There is no refund if a title is canceled or postponed.

For credit card payments, please call Meg Beade at 212.966.1990. If paying by check, please send a check made out to The Children's Book Council to our address at the top of the page.