ABOUT THIS BIBLIOGRAPHY

Children's Choices is a selection made by 12,500 school children, across five geographic locations, of their favorite books published each year. The annotated list is presented at the ILA Annual Conference and available online in May at literacyworldwide.org/choices. The list is also the basis for the Children’s Choice Book Awards. The top voted books in each age group become finalists for the awards, which are voted on by children across the country.

ELIGIBILITY

- Books must be published in calendar year 2018.
- Both fiction and nonfiction are eligible for submission.
- Books must be intended for grades K-6. Sixth graders are the oldest students participating in Children’s Choices.
- Holiday-specific books are ineligible for submission.
- Board books are ineligible for submission.
- Sticker books, kits, calendars, and other novelties that are not practical for multiple-student usage 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 2018 U.S. publication date; reprints or licensed editions of titles initially published in the U.S. before 2018 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 2018 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.
- Books published in November or December 2017 may be eligible. Please contact the CBC for more information.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The list is designed for use not only by teachers, librarians, administrators, and booksellers, but also for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and anyone who wishes to encourage young people to read for pleasure.

Please pay particular attention to the assignment of grade levels to your titles. Books can be classified into only one of the three grade levels. If your book overlaps two grade levels, choose the level you feel is most appropriate. The Children’s Choices committee reserves the right to re-level your submission if they feel the category you chose is inappropriate.

Finally, we are counting on your participation as we all strive to reach the following goal:

- Showcase a diversity of cultures, races, gender identities, and abilities, reflected through cover art, characters, authors, and illustrators of kids literature, in our annotated reading list, so that more student populations recognize themselves on the covers and in the content, allowing for greater engagement and motivation to seek out like titles.

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HOW TO SUBMIT

Please use our [2019 Choices Submission Form](#).

NOTE: Don’t forget to hit “Submit” when you’re done. If you’ve submitted successfully you should get a Thank You message and an email with a record of your submission.

If you plan to submit a large amount of titles (around 50 or more) you may [download our spreadsheet](#). Please email it to Laura.Peraza@cbcbooks.org.

NOTE: The spreadsheet contains four different tabs, one tab for each corresponding Best Of list. Please be sure to enter your title information in the correct sheet.

Both the Form and Spreadsheet are available on our website.

SHIPPING YOUR BOOKS

Do not ship any books until instructed to.

You will be asked to send four or seven copies of each of your submitted titles to each of five U.S. locations. **39 books total.** The CBC will send the list of shipping addresses and instructions in July; publishers should begin to ship submitted titles as soon as they receive the list. **Books must reach the shipping addresses by November 5, 2018.**

FEES

There is no submission fee for CBC Regular Members to submit titles. The fee is $75 per title for CBC Associate Members and $300 per title for non-members. Fees are per title, per list and non-refundable. Titles may not be substituted at a later date.

An invoice will be emailed to you. For credit card payments, please call Ryan Mita at 917.890.7416. If paying by check, please make it out to The Children’s Book Council and mail to Ryan’s attention to the address at the bottom of the page.

Contact Laura.Peraza@cbcbooks.org for more information.