



Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2018 Preview

Please note that this is a preview of the 2018 Notable Social Studies Trade Books list. The final list will include annotations for each title, as well as connections to the National Standards for Social Studies. The final list will be published by the NCSS in a 16-page illustrated pullout in the May-June 2018 issue of Social Education.

Kindergarten to Second Grade

Baby Goes to Market, by Atinuke; illustrated by Angela Brooksbank (Candlewick Press)

Before She Was Harriet, by Lesa Cline-Ransome; illustrated by James E. Ransome (Holiday House)

A Different Pond, by Bao Phi; illustrated by Thi Bui (Capstone / Picture Window Books)

Everybody's Somewhere, by Cornelia Maude Spelman; illustrated by Alea Marley (Quarto / Seagrass Press)

Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History, by Walter Dean Myers; illustrated by Floyd Cooper (HarperCollins)

Green Green, by Marie Lamba and Baldev Lamba; illustrated by Sonia Sánchez (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers)

Happy Dreamer, by Peter H. Reynolds (Scholastic / Orchard Books)

The Hawk of the Castle: A Story of Medieval Falconry, by Danna Smith; illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline (Candlewick Press)

Hey Black Child, by Useni Eugene Perkins; illustrated by Bryan Collier (Little Brown Books for Young Readers)

How the Cookie Crumbled, written and illustrated by Gilbert Ford (Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

I Like, I Don't Like, by Anna Baccelliere; illustrated by Ale + Ale (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers)

It Takes a Village, by Hillary Rodham Clinton; illustrated by Marla Frazee (Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books)

John Deere, That's Who!, by Tracy Nelson Maurer (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. Books for Young Readers)

John Ronald's Dragons: The Story of J. R. R. Tolkien, by Caroline McAlister (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press)

Leather Shoe Charlie, by Gyeong-hwa Kim; illustrated by Anna Balbusso & Elena Balbusso (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers)

The Legendary Miss Lena Horne, by Carole Boston Weatherford; illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon (Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

Lighter than Air: Sophie Blanchard, the First Woman Pilot, by Matthew Clark Smith; illustrated by Matt Tavares (Candlewick Press)

Lion, King, and Coin, by Jeong-hee Nam; illustrated by Lucia Sforza (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers)

Little Book Of Little Activist, by Penguin Young Readers (Penguin Young Readers / Viking Books for Young Readers)

Long May She Wave, by Kristen Fulton; illustrated by Holly Berry (Simon & Schuster / Margaret K. McElderry Books)

Lost and Found Cat: The True Story of Kunkush's Incredible Journey, by Doug Kuntz and Amy Shrodes; illustrated by Sue Cornelison (Random House / Crown Books for Young Readers)

Malala's Magic Pencil, by Malala Yousafza; illustrated by Kerascoët (Little Brown Books for Young Readers)

Manjhi Moves a Mountain, by Nancy Churnin; illustrated by Danny Popovici (Creston Books)

Margaret and the Moon, by Dean Robbins; illustrated by Lucy Knisley (Random House / Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers)

Maya Lin, by Jeanne Walker Harvey (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. Books for Young Readers)

Muddy, by Michael Mahin; illustrated by Evan Turk (Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

One Proud Penny, by Randy Siegel (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press)

Pattan's Pumpkin: A Traditional Flood Story from Southern India, by Chitra Soundar; illustrated by Frané Lessac (Candlewick Press)

Pedal Power, by Allan Drummond (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers)

Pocket Full of Colors, by Jacqueline Tourville; illustrated by Brigette Barraman (Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

Remembering Vera, by Patricia Polacco ; illustrated by Patricia Polacco (Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books)

Renato and the Lion, by Barbara D'Amico (Penguin Young Readers / Viking Books for Young Readers)

Rhino in the House, by Daniel Kirk (Abrams Books for Young Readers)

Rolling Thunder, by Kate Messner; illustrated by Greg Ruth (Scholastic / Scholastic Press)

She Persisted, by Chelsea Clinton; illustrated by Alexandra Boiger (Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books)

Transportation!, written and illustrated by Gail Gibbons (Holiday House)

The Tree: An Environmental Fable, written and illustrated by Neal Layton (Candlewick Press)

Vincent Can't Sleep: Van Gogh Paints the Night Sky, by Barbara Rosenstock; illustrated by Mary GrandPre (Random House / Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers)

We Are Shining, by Gwendolyn Brooks; illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrest (HarperCollins)

Why Am I Me?, by Paige Britt; illustrated by Selina Alko, Sean Qualls (Scholastic / Scholastic Press)

Windows, by Julia Denos; illustrated by E.B. Goodale (Candlewick Press)

The World is Not a Rectangle, written and illustrated by Jeanette Winter (Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books)

Yo Soy Muslim, by Mark Gonzales; illustrated by Mehrdokht Amini (Simon & Schuster / S&S Books for Young Readers)

Third to Fifth Grade

30 People Who Changed the World, by InkThinkTank (Quarto / Seagrass Press)

50 Cities of the U.S.A., by Gabrielle Balkan; illustrated by Sol Linero (Quarto / Wide Eyed Editions)

Amina's Voice, by Hena Khan (Simon & Schuster / S&S Books for Young Readers)

Bees, by Piotr Socha (Abrams Books for Young Readers)

Cao Chong Weighs an Elephant, by Songju Ma Daemicke; illustrated by Christina Wald (Arbordale Publishing)

Caroline's Comets: a True Story, written and illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully (Holiday House)

Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix, by Jacqueline Briggs Martin & June Jo Lee; illustrated by Man One (READERS to EATERS)

Daddy Played the Blues, written and illustrated by Michael Garland (Tilbury House Publishers)

Dangerous Jane, by Suzanne Slade; illustrated by Alice Ratterree (Peachtree Publishers)

Danza!, by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams Books for Young Readers)

Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion, by Chris Barton; illustrated by Victo Ngai (Lerner / Millbrook Press)

Escaping the Nazis on the Kindertransport, by Emma Carlson Berne (Capstone / Capstone Press)

Fallingwater, by Marc Harshmann (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press)

Flowers for Sarajevo, by John McCutcheon; illustrated by Kristy Caldwell (Peachtree Publishers)

Grand Canyon, by Jason Chin (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press)

Halfway Normal, by Barbara Dee (Simon & Schuster / Aladdin)

Kate Warne, Pinkerton Detective, by Marissa Moss; illustrated by April Chu (Creston Books)

Listen: How Pete Seeger Got America Singing, by Leda Schubert (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press)

Mama Africa!, by Kathryn Erskine (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers)

The Map of Good Memories / El mapa de los buenos momentos, by Fran Nuño; illustrated by Zuzanna Celej (Cuento de Luz)

Maya Lin: Thinking With Her Hands, by Susan Goldman Rubin (Chronicle Books)

Miguel's Brave Knight, by Margarita Engle; illustrated by Raúl Colón (Peachtree Publishers)

The Music of Life, by Elizabeth Rusch; illustrated by Marjorie Priceman (Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

A New School Year: Stories in Six Voices, by Sally Derby; illustrated by Mika Song (Charlesbridge)

Not So Different, by Shane Burcaw (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press)

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, by Jonah Winter; illustrated by Stacy Innerst (Abrams Books for Young Readers)

Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library, by Carole Boston Weatherford; illustrated by Eric Velasquez (Candlewick Press)

The Secret Project, by Jonah Winter; illustrated by Jeanette Winter (Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books)

Sergeant Reckless, by Patricia McCormick (HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray)

The Skydiving Beavers: A True Tale, by Susan Wood; illustrated by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen (Sleeping Bear Press)

Soldier Song, by Debbie Levy; illustrated by Gilbert Ford (Disney-Hyperion)

Star-Crossed, by Barbara Dee (Simon & Schuster / Aladdin)

Strange Fruit: Billie Holiday and the Power of a Protest Song, by Gary Golio; illustrated by Charlotte Riley-Webb (Lerner / Millbrook Press)

Super Women: Six Scientists Who Changed the World, by Laurie Lawlor (Holiday House)

That Is My Dream!, by Langston Hughes (Random House / Schwartz & Wade)

Traveling the Blue Road, by Lee Bennett Hopkins; illustrated by Bob Hansman and Jovan Hansman (Quarto / Seagrass Press)

Trudy's Big Swim: How Gertrude Ederle Swam the English Channel and Took the World by Storm, by Sue Macy; illustrated by Matt Collins (Holiday House)

Walking With Miss Millie, by Tamara Bundy (Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books)

The War I Finally Won, by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books)

The Way to Bea, by Kat Yeh (Little Brown Books for Young Readers)

The Youngest Marcher, by Cynthia Levinson; illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton (Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

Sixth to Eighth Grade

Ahimsa, by Supriya Kelkar (Lee & Low Books / Tu Books)

Bold Women of Medicine, by Susan M. Latta (Chicago Review Press)

The Bone Sparrow, by Zana Fraillon (Disney-Hyperion)

Bound by Ice! A True North Pole Adventure Story, by Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace (Boyd's Mills Press / Calkins Creek)

Bravo!, by Margarita Engle (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. Books for Young Readers)

Bronze and Sunflower, by Cao Wenxuan, translated by Helen Wang; illustrated by Meilo So (Candlewick Press)

The Elephant Whisperer (Young Readers Adaptation), by Lawrence Anthony (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. Books for Young Readers)

The Enemy, by Sara Holbrook (Boyd's Mills Press / Calkins Creek)

Fault Lines in the Constitution: the Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws that Affect Us Today, by Cynthia Levinson, Sanford Levinson (Peachtree Publishers)

Forest World, by Margarita Engle (Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

The Great American Foot Race, by Andrew Speno (Boyd's Mills Press / Calkins Creek)

How to Be an Elephant, by Katherine Roy (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / David Macaulay Studio)

I Love You, Michael Collins, by Lauren Baratz-Logsted (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers)

In the Shadow of the Sun, by Anne Sibley O'Brien (Scholastic / Arthur A. Levine Books)

Isaac the Alchemist: Secrets of Isaac Newton, Revealed, by Mary Losure (Candlewick Press)

Jack London and the Klondike Gold Rush, by Peter Lourie (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. Books for Young Readers)

Lion, by Saroo Brierley (Penguin Young Readers / Puffin Books)

Locked Up for Freedom: Civil Rights Protesters at the Leesburg Stockade, by Heather E. Schwartz (Lerner / Millbrook Press)

Lost Boys, by Darcey Rosenblatt (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. Books for Young Readers)

Lucky Broken Girl, by Ruth Behar (Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books)

The Magician and the Spirits, by Deborah Noyes (Penguin Young Readers / Viking Books for Young Readers)

The March Against Fear, by Ann Bausum (National Geographic)

Motor Girls, by Sue Macy (National Geographic)

My Brigadista Year, by Katherine Paterson (Candlewick Press)

Now or Never: Fifty-Fourth Massachusetts Infantry's War to End Slavery, by Ray Anthony Shepard (Boyd's Mills Press / Calkins Creek)

One Good Thing About America, by Ruth Freeman (Holiday House)

Outside In, by Jennifer Bradbury (Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

The Pants Project, by Cat Clarke (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky)

The Quilts of Gee's Bend, by Susan Goldman Rubin (Abrams Books for Young Readers)

The Red Bandanna, by Tom Rinaldi (Penguin Young Readers / Viking Books for Young Readers)

Red Cloud, by S.D. Nelson (Abrams Books for Young Readers)

Refugee, by Alan Gratz (Scholastic / Scholastic Press)

Revolutionary Rogues, by Selene Castrovilla; illustrated by John O'Brien (Boyd's Mills Press / Calkins Creek)

Shackles from the Deep, by Michael Cottman (National Geographic)

Suspect Red, by L.M. Elliott (Disney-Hyperion)

Torpedoed!, by Cheryl Mullenbach (Chicago Review Press)

Tutti's Promise, by K. Heidi Fishman (MB Publishing)

Twelve Days in May, by Larry Dane Brimner (Boyd's Mills Press / Calkins Creek)

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team, by Steve Sheinkin (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press)

An Uninterrupted View Of Sky, by Melanie Crowder (Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books)

Us in Progress: Short Stories About Young Latinos, by Lulu Delacre (HarperCollins)

Walking with Miss Millie, by Tamara Bundy (Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books)

Women Who Dared, by Linda Skeers; illustrated by Livi Gosling (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky)

Ninth to Twelfth Grade

The 57 Bus, by Dashka Slater (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers)

Bang, by Barry Lyga (Little Brown Books for Young Readers)

Far From the Tree, by Andrew Solomon (Simon & Schuster / S&S Books for Young Readers)

The Hate U Give, by Angie Thomas (HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray)

How Dare the Sun Rise, by Sandra Uwiringiyimana (HarperCollins / Katherine Tegen Books)

The Life Fantastic, by Liza Ketchum (Simon & Schuster / Simon Pulse)

The Lines We Cross, by Randa Abdel-Fattah (Scholastic / Scholastic Press)

Long Way Down, by Jason Reynolds (Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers)

Loving vs. Virginia, by Patricia Hruby Powell; illustrated by Shadra Strickland (Chronicle Books)

Queer, There and Everywhere, by Sarah Prager; illustrated by Zoe More O'Ferrall (HarperCollins)

Sparrow, by Sarah Moon (Scholastic / Arthur A. Levine Books)