



## BOOK CONTENT GUIDELINES

Deadline for Book Submissions: June 11, 2024

### ABOUT THE LISTS

The Children's, Middle Grade, Young Adult, Teacher, and Librarian Favorites Awards are a selection of the favorite books published each year, read, and rated by thousands of children, teens, teachers, and librarians across diverse student populations and geographic locations in the United States.

The final lists are compiled and distributed by the Children's Book Council each spring and are broadcast to over 22,000 teachers, librarians, and booksellers, and on [the CBC Favorites page](#). These reading lists are used by teachers, librarians, booksellers, and caregivers to find and buy the best new books for their classrooms, collections, shelves, displays, and reading hours.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Books published in the calendar year 2024.
  - Books published in November or December 2023 are eligible.
- Books are for grades K-12.
  - Children's Favorites: K-2nd Grade: ages 4 to 6
  - Children's Favorites: 3rd-5th Grade: ages 7 to 10
  - Middle Grade Favorites: 6th-8th Grade: ages 11 to 13
  - Young Adult Favorites: 9th-12th Grade: ages 14 to 18
- Fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and graphic novel formats are eligible for submission.
  - Please consider submitting titles that showcase a diversity of cultures, races, gender identities, experiences, and abilities, reflected through authors and illustrators of K-12 literature as well as the characters and stories they create.
  - This program is excellent for discoverability, so this is a great opportunity to promote your new in-house favorites.
- Sticker books, textbooks, workbooks, kits, activity books, calendars, teaching and reading guides, magazines, anthologies, and other novelties that are not practical for multiple-student usage are not eligible for submission.
- Books that are a part of a series are not eligible for submission, unless it is the first book in the series or if the books in the series are standalones.

### Additional Criteria:

- All books must originate with a children's trade publishing company or division.
- Books must be published by a publisher incorporated or distributed in North America.

- Books originally published abroad are eligible only if they have a 2024 North American publication date; reprints or licensed editions of titles initially published in North America before 2024 are not eligible.
- Non-English language editions published in North America simultaneously with English-language editions in 2024 are 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 North America before 2024 are eligible only if it has been newly illustrated or if substantial text — at least 25% — has been changed or added.

## HOW TO SUBMIT

Download the [2025 Submissions Spreadsheet](#), fill it out, and email it to [sommer.wissner@cbcbooks.org](mailto:sommer.wissner@cbcbooks.org).

The spreadsheet contains five different tabs: one tab for contact info and one for each grade level: K-2nd Grade, 3rd-5th Grade, 6th-8th Grade (Middle-Grade), and 9th- 12th Grade (Young Adult).

- Books can be classified into only one of the four grade ranges. If your book overlaps two grade ranges, please choose the one you feel is most appropriate.
- The teachers and librarians will read all the same books as the young people, meaning any book you submit will also be read for the Teacher and Librarian Favorites. (There is not a separate tab for Teacher or Librarian Favorites.)

## SHIPPING YOUR BOOKS

The CBC will send you shipping instructions and addresses in July. Books must reach the shipping addresses no later than November 1, 2024, but should ship earlier. For each book you submit, you will ship 1 book each to 20 locations. You will receive shipping instructions for each grade group you submit books to, up to four grade groups, and up to 80 possible locations. We have done this to achieve reading and rating in all 50 states and across rural, suburban, and urban locations.

**Ship titles as early as possible in August and into the fall.** Please do not wait to make a large shipment. This allows for maximum circulation, exposure, and reading, thus increasing the chances of being selected for the final Favorites Award lists!

## FEES

This year, we are happy to waive the submission fee for CBC member publishers.

NOTE: This offer is only available to publishers with dues paid in full. Publishers who have not paid their 2024 CBC membership dues will be invoiced \$250 per title. Please contact Carl Lennertz if you'd like to verify your current membership status and, if dues have not been paid yet, to receive an invoice. If you are not yet a CBC member, [please email Carl](#).