



THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS for Children's Choices 2016

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

Deadline for submissions: July 1, 2015

About this bibliography

Children's Choices is a selection by 12,500 school children — 2,500 in five geographic locations — of their favorite books published each year. The annotated list is presented at the ILA Annual Convention. The bibliography is also the basis for the Children's Choice Book Awards. The top five voted books in each age group become finalists for the awards, which are voted on online by over 1 million children across the country. The winners are celebrated during Children's Book Week in May.

Eligibility

- Books must be published in calendar year 2015.
- 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 2015 U.S. publication date; reprints or licensed editions of titles initially published in the U.S. before 2015 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 2015 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.

- Spanish-language editions of titles published in English before 2015 are not acceptable. Spanish-language editions published in the U.S. simultaneously with English-language editions in 2015 are eligible.

Number of titles you may submit

Each publishing company may submit up to 25% of its eligible 2015 list or six titles, whichever is greater.

Submission guidelines

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.

Shipping your books

Do not ship any books until instructed to do so. You will be asked to send five to seven 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 submitted title to the CBC. The 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 the list. **Books must reach the shipping addresses by November 3, 2015.**

Fees

There is no submission fee for CBC Regular and Affiliate Members. The fee is \$75 per title for Associate and Initiating 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. Contact Matt Poulter for more information. For credit card payments, please call Matt Poulter at 212.966.1990. If paying by check, please send a check made out to The Children's Book Council to Matt's attention to the address at the top of the page.