



Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2016 Preview

Please note that this is a preview of the 2016 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 2016 issue of Social Education.

Kindergarten to Second Grade

A Tale of Two Beasts. Fiona Robertson. Kane Miller Books.

Aaron and Alexander: The Most Famous Duel in American History. Don Brown. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Beatrix Potter and Her Paint Box. David McPhail. Henry Holt and Co., Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Bird & Diz. Gary Golio. Illustrated by Ed Young. Candlewick Press.

Can We Help? Kids Volunteering to Help Their Communities. George Ancona. Candlewick Press.

Dear Mr. Washington. Lynn Cullen. Illustrated by Nancy Carpenter. Dial Books, Penguin Young Readers Group.

Dia De Los Muertos. Roseanne Greenfield Thong. Illustrated by Carles Ballesteros. Albert Whitman & Company.

Double Happiness. Nancy Tupper Ling. Illustrated by Alina Chau. Chronicle Books.

Draw What You See: The Life and Art of Benny Andrews. Kathleen Benson. Illustrated by Benny Andrews. Clarion Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music. Margarita Engle. Illustrated by Rafael López. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

Elephant in the Dark. Mina Javaherbin. Illustrated by Eugene Yulchin. Scholastic Press.

Families. Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly. Photographs by Shelley Rotner. Holiday House.

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear. Lindsay Mattick. Illustrated by Sophie Blackall. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Hachette Book Group.

Frederick's Journey: The Life of Frederick Douglass. Doreen Rappaport. Illustrated by London Ladd. Jump at the Sun, Disney Book Group.

Freedom's School. Lesa Cline-Ransome. Illustrated by James E. Ransome. Jump at the Sun, Disney Book Group.

Gordon Parks: How the Photographer Captured Black and White America. Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Jamey Christoph. Albert Whitman & Company.

Hiawatha and the Peacemaker. Robbie Robertson. Illustrated by David Shannon. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

I Am a Bear. Jean-François Dumont. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.

I Used to Be Afraid. Laura Vaccaro Seeger. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

I'm New Here. Anne Sibley O'Brien. Charlesbridge.

An Invisible Thread Christmas Story: A true story based on the #1 New York Times bestseller. Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski. Illustrated by Barry Root. Little Simon, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Juneteenth for Mazie. Floyd Cooper. Capstone Young Readers, a Capstone imprint.

Lemonade Hurricane: A Story of Mindfulness and Meditation. Licia Morelli. Illustrated by Jennifer E. Morris. Tilbury House.

Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Jonah Winter. Illustrated by Shane W. Evans. Schwartz & Wade, Random House Children's Books.

Luna and Me: The True Story of a Girl Who Lived in a Tree to Save a Forest. Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw. Henry Holt and Co., Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Mango, Abuela, and Me. Meg Medina. Illustrated by Angela Dominguez. Candlewick Press.

Marvelous Cornelius: Hurricane Katrina and the Spirit of New Orleans. Phil Bildner. Illustrated by John Parra. Chronicle Books.

Mary Cassatt: Extraordinary Impressionist Painter. Barbara Herkert. Illustrated by Gabi Swiatkowska. Henry Holt and Co., Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Miracle on 133rd Street. Sonia Manzano. Illustrated by Marjorie Priceman. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Mixed Me! Taye Diggs. Illustrated by Shane W. Evans. Feiwel & Friends, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Monster Needs Your Vote. Paul Czajak. Illustrated by Wendy Grieb. Mighty Media Kids.

One Family. George Shannon. Illustrated by Blanca Gomez. Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR), Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia. Miranda Paul. Illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon. Millbrook Press, Lerner Publishing Group.

Oskar and the Eight Blessings. Richard Simon and Tanya Simon. Illustrated by Mark Siegel. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Peace Is An Offering. Annette LeBox. Illustrated by Stephanie Graegin. Dial Books, Penguin Young Readers Group.

Queen of the Diamond: The Lizzie Murphy Story. Emily Arnold McCully. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Red. Jan De Kinder. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.

Seeds of Freedom: The Peaceful Integration of Huntsville, Alabama. Hester Bass. Illustrated by E. B. Lewis. Candlewick Press.

Swing Sisters: The Story of the International Sweethearts of Rhythm. Karen Deans. Illustrated by Joe Cepeda. Holiday House.

The Crow's Tale. Naomi Howarth. Frances Lincoln Children's Books, Quarto Children's Group USA.

The Fantastic Ferris Wheel: The Story of Inventor George Ferris. Besty Harvey Kraft. Illustrated by Steven Salerno. Henry Holt and Co., Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

The Yes. Sarah Bee. Illustrated by Satoshi Kitamura. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.

Time for Cranberries. Lisl H. Detlefsen. Illustrated by Jed Henry. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Trombone Shorty. Troy Andrews. Illustrated by Bryan Collier. Abrams Books for Young Readers

Tucky Jo and Little Heart. Patricia Polacco. Paula Wiseman Books, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

W is for Webster: Noah Webster and His American Dictionary. Tracey Fern. Illustrated by Boris Kulikov. Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR), Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Whale Trails, Before and Now. Lesa Cline-Ransome. Illustrated by G. Brian Karas. Henry Holt and Co., Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

What James Said. Liz Rozenberg. Illustrated by Matthew Myers. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk. Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha Sehgal. Illustrated by Jess Golden. Beach Lane Books, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

With a Friend by Your Side. Barbara Kerley. National Geographic Children's Books.

Third to Fifth Grade

28 Days: Moments in Black History that Changed the World. Charles R. Smith. Illustrated by Shane W. Evans. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

A Primary Source History of Slavery in the United States. Allison Crotzer Kimmel. Capstone Press, a Capstone imprint.

A Whole New Ballgame (Rip and Red). Phil Bildner. Illustrated by Tim Probert. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Abe Lincoln: His Wit and Wisdom from A–Z. Alan Schroeder. Illustrated by John O'Brien. Holiday House.

Ancient Egypt (Ken Jennings' Junior Genius Guides). Ken Jennings. Illustrated by Mike Lowery. Little Simon, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Atlas of Adventures: A Collection of Natural Wonders, Exciting Experiences and Fun Festivities from the Four Corners of the Globe. Rachel Williams. Illustrated by Lucy Letherland. Wide Eyed Editions, Quarto Children's Group USA.

Cars, Trains, Ships & Planes. DK Publishing.

Dreams of Freedom: In Words and Pictures. Amnesty International. Frances Lincoln Children's Books, Quarto Children's Group USA.

Echo. Pam Muñoz Ryan. Scholastic Press.

Finder, Coal Mine Dog. Alison Hart. Illustrated by Michael G. Montgomery. Peachtree Publishers.

Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras. Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

Fur, Fins, and Feathers: Abraham Dee Bartlett and the Invention of the Modern Zoo. Cassandre Maxwell. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.

Gay & Lesbian History for Kids. Jerome Pohlen. Chicago Review Press.

George. Alex Gino. Scholastic Press.

Gingerbread for Liberty: How a German Baker Helped Win the American Revolution. Mara Rockliff. Illustrated by Vincent X. Kirsch. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

Granddaddy's Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box. Michael S. Bandy and Eric Stein. Illustrated by James E. Ransome. Candlewick Press.

Heroes of History. Anita Ganeri. Illustrated by Joe Todd Stanton. little bee books.

Jars of Hope: How One Woman Helped Save 2,500 Children During the Holocaust. Jennifer Roy. Illustrated by Meg Owenson. Capstone Press, a Capstone imprint.

Just for Today. Saint John XXIII. Illustrated by Bimba Landmann. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.

Lailah's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story. Reem Faruqi. Illustrated by Lea Lyon. Tilbury House.

Last Stop on Market Street. Matt de la Peña. Illustrated by Christian Robinson. G.P. Putnam's Sons, Penguin Young Readers Group.

Minna's Patchwork Coat. Lauren A. Mills. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Hachette Book Group.

Mystery of the Giant Masks of Sanxingdui. Icy Smith. Illustrated by Gayle Garner Roski. East West Discovery Press.

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: The Underground Abductor. Nathan Hale. Amulet Books, Abrams Books.

Nellie Bly and Investigative Journalism for Kids. Ellen Mahoney. Chicago Review Press.

Nelson Mandela: South African Revolutionary (A Real-Life Story). Beatrice Gormley. Aladdin, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

New Shoes. Susan Lynn Meyer. Illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Holiday House.

One Today. Richard Blanco. Illustrated by Dav Pilkey. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, Hachette Book Group.

Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton. Don Tate. Peachtree Publishers.

Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People. S.D. Nelson. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

Stone Angel. Jane Yolen. Illustrated by Katie May Green. Philomel Books, Penguin Young Readers Group.

T is for Time. Marie Smith and Roland Smith. Illustrated by Renée Graef. Sleeping Bear Press.

The 50 States: Explore the U.S.A with 50 fact-filled maps! Gabrielle Balkan. Illustrated by Sol Linero. Wide Eyed Editions, Quarto Children's Group USA.

The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch. Chris Barton. Illustrated by Don Tate. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.

The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower, or John Howland's Good Fortune. P.J. Lynch. Candlewick Press.

The Case for Loving: The Fight for Interracial Marriage. Selina Alko. Illustrated by Sean Qualls and Selina Alko. Arthur A. Levine Books, Scholastic Press.

The Girl Who Buried Her Dreams in A Can. Dr. Tererai Trent. Illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrist. Viking Books for Young Readers, Penguin Young Readers Group.

The Great Depression for Kids. Cheryl Mullenbach. Chicago Review Press.

The House that Jane Built: A Story About Jane Addams. Tanya Lee Stone. Illustrated by Kathryn Brown. Henry Holt and Co., Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

The Inventor's Secret: What Thomas Edison Told Henry Ford. Suzanne Slade. Illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt. Charlesbridge.

Tiger Boy. Mitali Perkins. Illustrated by Jamie Hogan. Charlesbridge.

Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall. Anita Silvey. National Geographic Children's Books.

Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees. Franck Prévot. Illustrated by Aurélia Fronty. Charlesbridge.

When On Earth? DK Publishing.

Women Who Broke the Rules: Dolley Madison. Kathleen Krull. Illustrated by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher. Bloomsbury USA.

Sixth to Eighth Grade

Crenshaw. Katherine Applegate. Feiwel & Friends, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Currents. Jane Smolik. Charlesbridge.

FDR and the American Crisis. Albert Marrin. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers, Random House Children's Books.

Full Cicada Moon. Marilyn Hilton. Dial, Penguin Young Readers Group.

Horrors of History: Massacre of the Miners. T. Neill Anderson. Charlesbridge.

I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives. Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda with Liz Welch. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse. Joseph Marshall III. Illustrations by Jim Yellowhawk. Amulet Books, Abrams Books.

Into The Dangerous World. Julie Chibbaro. Illustrated by JM Superville Sovak. Viking, Penguin Young Readers Group.

Iron Rails, Iron Men, and the Race to Link the Nation: The Story of the Transcontinental Railroad. Martin W. Sandler. Candlewick Press.

Jump Back, Paul: The Life and Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar. Sally Derby. Illustrated by Sean Qualls. Candlewick Press.

Last In a Long Line of Rebels. Lisa Lewis Tyre. Nancy Paulsen Books, Penguin Young Readers Group.

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War. Steve Sheinkin. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Night on Fire. Ronald Kidd. Albert Whitman & Company.

Noah Webster: Man of Many Words. Catherine Reef. Clarion Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

Paper Things. Jennifer Richard Jacobson. Candlewick Press.

Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip Through the Motown Sound. Andrea Davis Pinkney. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Sally Ride: A Photobiography of America's Pioneering Women in Space. Tam O'Shaughnessy. Roaring Brook Press, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Shadow Catcher: How Edward S. Curtis Documented American Indian Dignity and Beauty. Michael Burgan. Compass Point Books, a Capstone imprint.

Stella by Starlight. Sharon M. Draper. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America. Susan Campbell Bartoletti. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

The Battle of the Bulge. Rick Atkinson. Henry Holt, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition. William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. Illustrated by Anna Hymas. Dial, Penguin Young Readers Group.

The Green Bicycle. Haifaa al-Mansour. Dial, Penguin Young Readers Group.

The Hired Girl. Laura Amy Schlitz. Candlewick Press.

The Runaway's Gold. Emilie Christie Burack. Amulet Books, Abrams Books.

The Safest Lie. Angela Cerrito. Holiday House.

The War that Saved My Life. Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Dial, Penguin Young Readers Group.

Turning 15 on the Road To Freedom: My Story of the Selma Voting Rights March. Lynda Blackmon Lowery with Elspeth Leacock and Susan Buckley. Illustrated by PJ Loughran. Dial, Penguin Young Readers Group.

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hammer: The Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement. Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Ekua Holmes. Candlewick Press.

We Are All Made of Molecules. Susin Nielsen. Wendy Lamb Books, Random House Children's Books.

Why'd They Wear That?: Fashion as the Mirror of History Sarah Albee. National Geographic Children's Books.

Written in the Stars. Aisha Saeed. Nancy Paulsen Books, Penguin Young Readers Group.

Ninth to Twelfth Grade

A Prince Without a Kingdom: Vango Book Two. Timothee de Fombelle, Translated by Sarah Ardizzone. Candlewick Press.

Alex As Well. Alyssa Brugman. Square Fish, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

All American Boys. Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely. Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Audacity. Melanie Crowder. Speak, Penguin Young Readers Group.

Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx. Sonia Manzano. Scholastic Press.

Deep Sea. Annika Thor. Translated by Linda Batchelder. Delacorte Press, Random House Children's Books.

Enchanted in Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir. Margarita Engle. Illustrated by Edel Rodriguez. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

The Last Leaves Falling. Sarah Benwell. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Listen to the Moon. Michael Morpurgo. Feiwel & Friends, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

The Prisoners of Breendonk: Personal Histories from a World War II Concentration Camp. James M. Deem. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers.

Steve Jobs: Insanely Great. Jessie Hartland. Schwartz & Wade, Random House Children's Books.

Stonewall: Breaking Out in the Fight For Gay Rights. Ann Bausum. Viking, Penguin Young Readers Group.

Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad. M.T. Anderson. Candlewick Press.

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club. Philip Hoose. Farrar Straus Giroux, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

This Side of Home. Renée Watson. Bloomsbury USA Children's.

This Way Home. Wes Moore with Shawn Goodman. Delacorte Press, Random House Children's Books.

Unlikely Warrior: A Jewish Soldier in Hitler's Army. Georg Rauch. Farrar Straus Giroux, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

X: A Novel. Ilyasah Shabazz with Kekla Magoon. Candlewick Press.