



THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL

BEST STEM BOOKS 2020

A project of the American Society for Engineering Education, International Technology and Engineering Educators Association, National Science Teachers Association, Society of Elementary Presidential Awardees, and the Children's Book Council.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Deadline for Book Submissions: July 8, 2019

ABOUT THIS LIST

Reviewers appointed by ASEE, ITEEA, NSTA, and SEPA read and evaluate the submitted books. Their selections are published in list appearing in February's *NSTA Reports* and ITEEA's *Children's Technology and Engineering* magazine and promoted through membership networks and at partner conferences.

ELIGIBILITY

- Books must be published in 2019.
- Books published in October, November, or December 2018 **may** be eligible. [Contact the CBC](#) for details.
- Fiction is eligible if the book has substantial Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics content.
- Books must be intended for grades K-12.
- All books must originate with a children's publishing company or division and must be published (not simply distributed) by a publisher incorporated in North America.
- Books originally published abroad are eligible only if they have a 2019 North America publication date; reprints or licensed editions of titles initially published in North America before 2019 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 North America before 2019 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.
- Textbooks, workbooks, kits, experiment-only books, and activity books are not eligible.

- Spanish-language editions of titles published in English before 2019 are not acceptable. Spanish-language editions published in North America simultaneously with English-language editions in 2019 are eligible.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Books should have value for both classroom studies and library collections supporting students' work. The selection panel looks for well-presented books that contain substantial STEM content; that are clear, accurate, and up-to-date. Books need to reflect current scientific research.

The selection committee will evaluate submissions based on their adherence to the following criteria:

- Models innovation
- Illustrates authentic problems
- Assimilates new ideas
- Invites divergent thinking
- Explores multiple solutions
- Integrates STEM practices
- Shows progressive change or improvement
- Accurate content presented in an age-appropriate manner

If material does not suit submitted age level, the committee may recommend an alternative age level appropriate for the content and presentation.

Please keep in mind the following items to better curate your submissions to the STEM list:

- The content in the book is factually correct.

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- Suggested activities, investigations, and/or experiments are safe, feasible, and appropriate for the intended age level.
- If there are activities they should reflect divergent thinking.
- STEM thinking is evident.
- The information and illustrations are free of gender, ethnic, cultural, or socio-economic bias, whenever possible.
- Layout is well-organized and advances the text. There should be no spelling, text, or illustration errors.
- Books should not show behavior condoning harassment, sexual content, inappropriate language, and/or violence.
- Books should reflect best practices expressed by NSTA policies.

See [selected titles from past years](#) for an idea of what the committee looks for.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Please use one of these methods for submission:

- 1) [Download the 2020 Submissions Spreadsheet](#), fill it out, and email it to Laura.Peraza@cbcbooks.org. The spreadsheet contains five different tabs, one tab for each corresponding Best Of list. Please be sure to enter your title information in the correct sheet.
- 2) [2020 BSB Submission Form](#). (If you've submitted successfully you should get a Thank You message and an email with a record of your submission.)

Both the Form and Spreadsheet are also available on [our website](#).

SHIPPING YOUR BOOKS

Do not ship any books until instructed to.

You will be asked to send one copy of each title to each of the nine reviewers and one copy to the NSTA office (**10 copies in total**). CBC will send shipping instructions to participating publishers in July. Publishers should begin to ship books as soon as they receive the instructions. **Books must reach reviewers by October 15, 2019.**

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 and payment instructions will be emailed to you after you submit.

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