ABOUT THIS LIST

Children’s Choices is a selection made by 12,500 school children, across five U.S. geographic locations, of their favorite books published each year. The annotated list is presented at the ILA Annual Conference and available online in May at literacyworldwide.org/choices. The list is also the basis for the Children’s Choice Book Awards. The top voted books in each age group become finalists for the awards, which are voted on by children across the United States.

ELIGIBILITY

• Books must be published in calendar year 2019.
• Fiction, nonfiction, and poetry are eligible for submission. The graphic novel format is also acceptable.
• **Books must be intended for grades K-6. Sixth graders are the oldest students participating in Children’s Choices.** (For older students submit for Young Adults’ Choices)
• **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 2019 U.S. publication date; reprints or licensed editions of titles initially published in the U.S. 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 the U.S. 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.
• Books published in November or December 2018 **may be eligible. Please contact the CBC for more information.**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The list is designed for use not only by teachers, librarians, administrators, and booksellers, but also for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and anyone who wishes to encourage young people to read for pleasure.

Please 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.

Finally, we are counting on your participation as we all strive to reach the following goal:

• **Showcase a diversity of cultures, races, gender identities, and abilities, reflected through authors and illustrators of K–6 literature as well as the characters and stories they create, so that all student populations can recognize themselves on book covers and in content, as this fosters engagement and motivation.**

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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 ChC 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 to seven copies of each of your submitted titles to each of five U.S. locations (38 copies in total for each of your submitted titles). The CBC will send the list of shipping addresses and instructions in July; publishers should begin to ship submitted titles as soon as they receive the list. Books must reach the shipping addresses by November 5, 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.