ABOUT THIS LIST

Twelve social studies educators comprise the book selection committee. Three reviewers evaluate each title submitted. A sample of the selections are displayed at the NCSS Annual Conference in November. The annotated bibliography appears in the May/June issue of the NCSS journal Social Education. Copies of this issue are also sent to subscribers of the NCSS journal Social Studies and the Young Learner.

ELIGIBILITY

- Books must be published in the calendar year 2019.
- Books must be intended for grades K-12. Both fiction and nonfiction are eligible.
- 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 books initially published in the U.S. before December 2018 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.
- Textbooks and workbooks are not eligible.
- Citations are encouraged when appropriate and are essential in nonfiction titles.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The selection panel looks for books that emphasize human relationships, represent a diversity of groups, avoid stereotypes, are sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences, present an original theme or a fresh slant on a traditional topic (address a current void in children’s literature), are of high literary quality, have a pleasing format, and, where appropriate, include illustrations that enrich the text.

See selected titles from past years for an idea of what the committee looks for.

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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 NSSTB 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 each title to three reviewers and one copy to the CBC office (4 copies in total). Each title may be assigned a different group of three reviewers. 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 December 3, 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.