



# THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL YOUNG ADULTS' CHOICES 2020

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

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Book Submissions Deadline: July 8, 2019

### ABOUT THIS LIST

*Young Adults' Choices* is a selection made by 12,500 school adolescents, 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](http://literacyworldwide.org/choices). The list is also the basis for the Teen Choice Book Awards. The top voted books in each age group become finalists for the awards, which are voted on by teens 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.
  - ***Young Adults' Choices* books must be for middle and secondary school students. Some adult books for the advanced young adult reader may be submitted, but keep in mind these are students in grades 7-12.** (For younger students submit to the [Children's Choices](#))
  - Children's books and books for middle grade readers are not appropriate for this project.
  - **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.
  - Spanish-language editions of titles published in English before 2019 are not acceptable. Spanish-language editions published in the U.S. simultaneously with English-language editions in 2019 are eligible.
  - 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.

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 YA 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.
- Provide middle and secondary school students with an opportunity to voice their opinions about the books written for them.
- Assist educators, librarians, booksellers, parents and families, and others in finding books that will encourage young readers to read more.

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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](mailto: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 YAC 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.**

We have five U.S. areas, so you will be asked to send multiple copies of each of your submitted titles to each of these locations (**25 copies in total** for each of your submitted titles). The CBC will email the list of shipping addresses and instructions after submissions close in July. **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](mailto:Laura.Peraza@cbcbooks.org) with questions.