



2020 NOTABLE SOCIAL STUDIES

TRADE BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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The Astronaut Who Painted the Moon: The True Story of Alan Bean. Dean Robbins. Illus. Sean Rubin. Scholastic / Orchard Books. 40pp. ISBN 9781338259537. K-2

At the Mountain's Base. Traci Sorell. Illus. Weshoyot Alvitre. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 32pp. ISBN 9780735230606. K-2

Back to School. Maya Ajmera and John D. Ivanko. Charlesbridge. 32pp. ISBN 9781580898409. K-2

Bilal Cooks Daal. Aisha Saeed. Illus. Anoosha Syed. Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers. 40pp. ISBN 9781534418103. K-2

Birdsong. Julie Flett. Illus. Julie Flett. Greystone Kids. 48pp. ISBN 9781771644730. K-2

The Boy Who Grew A Forest: The True Story of Jadev. Sophia Gholz. Illus. Kayla Harren. Sleeping Bear Press. 32pp. ISBN 9781534110243. K-2

Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins. Michelle Meadows. Illus. Ebony Glenn. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 32pp. ISBN 9781250127730. K-2

Clothesline Clues to the First Day of School. Kathryn Heling and Deborah Hembrook. Illus. Andy Robert Davies. Charlesbridge. 40pp. ISBN 9781580898249. K-2

The Cool Bean. Jory John. Illus. Pete Oswald. HarperCollins. 40pp. ISBN 9780062954527. K-2

Dancing Hands. Margarita Engle. Illus. Rafael López. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books For Young Readers. 40pp. ISBN 9781481487405. K-2

Follow Chester!: A College Football Team Fights Racism and Makes History. Gloria Respress-Churchwell. Illus. Laura Freeman. Charlesbridge. 32pp. ISBN 9781580898355. K-2

Freedom Soup. Tami Charles. Illus. Jacqueline Alcántara. Candlewick Press. 32pp. ISBN 9780763689773. K-2

Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story. Kevin Noble Maillard. Illus. Juana Martinez-Neal. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 48pp. ISBN 9781626727465. K-2

A Green Place to Be. Written and Illustrated by Ashley Benham Yazdani. Candlewick Press. 40pp. ISBN 9780763696955. K-2

Home in the Woods. Eliza Wheeler. Illus. Eliza Wheeler. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 40pp. ISBN 9780399162909. K-2

- Home is a Window.** Stephanie Parsley Ledyard. Illus. Chris Sasaki. Holiday House / Neal Porter Books. 40pp. ISBN 9780823441563. K-2
- The Important Thing About Margaret Wise Brown.** Mac Barnett. Illus. Sarah Jacoby. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray. 48pp. ISBN 9780062393449. K-2
- Instructions Not Included: How a Team of Women Coded the Future.** Tami Lewis Brown and Debbie Loren Dunn. Illus. Chelsea Beck. Disney Book Group / Disney Hyperion. 64pp. ISBN 9781368011051. K-2
- It Began with a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way.** Kyo Maclear. Illus. Julie Morstad. HarperCollins. 48pp. ISBN 9780062447623. K-2
- Jacob's Room to Choose.** Sarah and Ian Hoffman. Illus. Chris Case. Magination Press. 32pp. ISBN 9781433830730. K-2
- Little Libraries, Big Heroes.** Miranda Paul. Illus. John Parra. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / Clarion Books. 40pp. ISBN 9780544800274. K-2
- Look Up with Me: Neil deGrasse Tyson: A Life Among the Stars.** Jennifer Berne. Illus. Lorraine Nam. HarperCollins / Katherine Tegen Books. 40pp. ISBN 9780062844941. K-2
- Love and the Rocking Chair.** Diane and Leo Dillon. Scholastic / The Blue Sky Press. 40pp. ISBN 9781338332650. K-2
- Mary Wears What She Wants.** Keith Negley. Illus. Keith Negley. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray. 48pp. ISBN 9780062846792. K-2
- Meet Miss Fancy.** Irene Latham. Illus. John Holyfield. Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons BFR. 32pp. ISBN 9780399546686. K-2
- Mommy Sayang.** Rosana Sullivan. Illus. Rosana Sullivan. Disney Book Group / Disney Press. 48pp. ISBN 9781368015905. K-2
- Nya's Long Walk.** Linda Sue Park. Illus. Brian Pinkney. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / Clarion Books. 32pp. ISBN 9781328781338. K-2
- Paper Son.** Julie Leung. Illus. Chris Sasaki. Random House Children's Books / Schwartz & Wade. 40pp. ISBN 9781524771874. K-2
- The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden.** Heather Smith. Illus. Rachel Wada. Orca Book Publishers. 32pp. ISBN 9781459821033. K-2
- Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré.** Anika Aldamuy Denise. Illus. Paola Escobar. HarperCollins. 40pp. ISBN 9780062748683. K-2
- Pride Colors.** Robin Stevenson. Orca Book Publishers. 28pp. ISBN 9781459820708. K-2
- Raise Your Hand.** Alice Paul Tapper. Illus. Marta Kissi. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop. 32pp. ISBN 9781524791209. K-2
- Riding a Donkey Backwards: Wise and Foolish Tales of Mulla Nasruddin.** Sean Taylor and the Khayaal Theatre Company. Illus. Shirin Adl. Candlewick Press. 48pp. ISBN 9781536205077. K-2
- A Royal Ride: Catherine the Great's Great Invention.** Kristen Fulton. Illus. Lucy Fleming. Simon & Schuster / Margaret K. McElderry Books. 40pp. ISBN 9781481496575. K-2

Sing a Song: How Lift Every Voice and Sing Inspired Generations. Kelly Starling Lyons. Illus. Keith Mallett. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 32pp. ISBN 9780525516095. K-2

Sisters: Venus & Serena Williams. Written and illustrated by Jeanette Winter. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books. 48pp. ISBN 9781534431218. K-2

A Sky Without Lines. Krystia Basil. Illus. Laura Borràs. minedition. 32pp. ISBN 9789888341894. K-2

Stonewall: A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution. Rob Sanders. Illus. Jamey Christoph. Random House Books For Young Readers. 40pp. ISBN 9781524719524. K-2

Sulwe. Lupita Nyong'o. Illus. Vashti Harrison. Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers. 48pp. ISBN 9781534425361. K-2

Titan and the Wild Boars. Susan Hood & Pathana Sornhiran. Illus. Dow Phumiruk. HarperCollins. 48pp. ISBN 9780062907721. K-2

The Undefeated. Kwame Alexander. Illus. Kadir Nelson. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / Versify. 40pp. ISBN 9781328780966. K-2

The Voyage. Robert Vescio. Illus. Andrea Edmonds. The Quarto Group / EK Books. 32pp. ISBN 9781925820034. K-2

What is a Refugee?. Elise Gravel. Random House Children's Books / Schwartz & Wade. 32pp. ISBN 9780593120057. K-2

When Sue Found Sue: Sue Hendrickson Discovers Her T. Rex. Toni Buzzeo. Illus. Diana Sudyka. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 32pp. ISBN 9781419731631. K-2

Wild Horse Annie: Friend of the Mustangs. Tracey Fern. Illus. Steven Salerno. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 48pp. ISBN 9780374303068. K-2

Wilma's Way Home: The Life of Wilma Mankiller. Doreen Rappaport. Illus. Linda Kukuk. Disney Book Group / Disney-Hyperion. 48pp. ISBN 9781484747186. K-2

You Are Home: An Ode to the National Parks. Written and illustrated by Evan Turk. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books For Young Readers. 56pp. ISBN 9781534432826. K-2

The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons. Natascha Biebow. Illus. Steven Salerno. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers. 48pp. ISBN 9781328866844. K-2 / 3-5

THIRD TO FIFTH GRADE

Akissi: More Tales of Mischief. Marguerite Aboutet. Illus. Mathieu Sapin. Nobrow / Flying Eye Books. 176pp. ISBN 9781912497171. 3-5

Another. Written and illustrated by Christian Robinson. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books For Young Readers. 56pp. ISBN 9781534421677. 3-5

Away With Words: The Daring Story of Isabella Bird. Lori Mortensen. Illus. Kristy Caldwell. Peachtree Publishing Company Inc. 36pp. ISBN 9781682630051. 3-5

Between Us and Abuela: A Family Story from the Border. Mitali Perkins. Illus. Sara Palacios. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 40pp. ISBN 9780374303730. 3-5

The Bluest of Blues: Anna Atkins and the First Book of Photographs. Written and illustrated by Fiona Robinson. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 48pp. ISBN 9781419725517. 3-5

The Book Rescuer: How a Mensch from Massachusetts Saved Yiddish Literature for Generations to Come. Sue Macy. Illus. Stacy Innerst. Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books. 48pp. ISBN 9781481472203. 3-5

Brave with Beauty: A Story of Afghanistan. Maxine Rose Schur. Illus. Patricia Grush, Robin Dewitt, Golsa Yaghoobi. Yali Books. 46pp. ISBN 9781949528978. 3-5

Carter Reads the Newspaper. Deborah Hopkinson. Illus. Don Tate. Peachtree Publishing Company Inc. 36pp. ISBN 9781561459346. 3-5

Child of St Kilda. Written and illustrated by Beth Waters. Child's Play. 64pp. ISBN 9781786281883. 3-5

Going Down Home With Daddy. Kelly Starling Lyons. Illus. Daniel Minter. Peachtree Publishing Company Inc. 32pp. ISBN 9781561459384. 3-5

Groundbreaking Guys: 40 Men Who Became Great by Doing Good. Stephanie True Peters. Illus. Shamel Washington. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 96pp. ISBN 9780316529419. 3-5

Ida B. Wells: Discovering History's Heroes. Diane Bailey. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin. 160pp. ISBN 9781534424852. 3-5

Just Like Rube Goldberg: The Incredible True Story of the Man Behind the Machines. Sarah Aronson. Illus. Robert Neubecker. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books. 48pp. ISBN 9781481476683. 3-5

Let 'Er Buck!: George Fletcher, the People's Champion. Vaunda Micheaux Nelson. Illus. Gordon C. James. Lerner Publishing Group / Carolrhoda Books. 40pp. ISBN 9781512498080. 3-5

Monument Maker: Daniel Chester French and the Lincoln Memorial. Linda Booth Sweeney. Illus. Shawn Fields. Tilbury House Publishers. 64pp. ISBN 9780884486435. 3-5

My Fate According to the Butterfly. Gail D. Villanueva. Scholastic Press. 240pp. ISBN 9781338310504. 3-5

O Captain, My Captain: Walt Whitman, Abraham Lincoln, and the Civil War. Robert Burleigh. Illus. Sterling Hundley. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 64pp. ISBN 9781419733581. 3-5

A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech That Inspired a Nation. Barry Wittenstein. Illus. Jerry Pinkney. Holiday House / Neal Porter Books. 48pp. ISBN 9780823443314. 3-5

Prairie Boy: Frank Lloyd Wright Turns the Heartland into a Home. Barb Rosenstock. Illus. Christopher Silas Neal. Boyds Mills & Kane / Calkins Creek. 32pp. ISBN 9781629794402. 3-5

The Sad Little Fact. Jonah Winter. Illus. Pete Oswald. Random House Children's Books / Schwartz & Wade. 40pp. ISBN 9780525581796. 3-5

Smile: How Young Charlie Chaplin Taught the World to Laugh (and Cry). Gary Golio. Illus. Ed Young. Candlewick Press. 48pp. ISBN 9780763697617. 3-5

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Who Did It First?: 50 Scientists, Artists, and Mathematicians Who Revolutionized the World. Julie Leung. Illus. Caitlin Kuhwald. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 128pp. ISBN 9781250211712. 3-5

A Good Kind of Trouble. Lisa Moore Ramée. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray. 368pp. ISBN 9780062836687. 3-5 / 6-8

Orange for the Sunsets. Tina Athaide. HarperCollins / Katherine Tegen Books. 336pp. ISBN 9780062795298. 3-5 / 6-8

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Allies. Alan Gratz. Scholastic Press. 336pp. ISBN 9781338245721. 6-8

Among the Fallen. Virginia Frances Schwartz. Holiday House. 304pp. ISBN 9780823441020. 6-8

Anthem (The Sixties Trilogy #3). Deborah Wiles. Scholastic Press. 480pp. ISBN 9780545106092. 6-8

Bringing Down the President: The Watergate Scandal. Andrea Balis and Elizabeth Levy . Illus. Tim Foley. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 240pp. ISBN 9781250176790. 6-8

Child of the Dream (A Memoir of 1963). Sharon Robinson. Scholastic Press. 240pp. ISBN 9781338282801. 6-8

Dear America: Young Readers' Edition: The Story of an Undocumented Citizen. Jose Antonio Vargas. HarperCollins. 144pp. ISBN 9780062914590. 6-8

Dreams from Many Rivers: A Hispanic History of the United States Told in Poems. Margarita Engle. Illus. Beatriz Gutierrez Hernandez. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 208pp. ISBN 9781627795319. 6-8

Fighter in Velvet Gloves: Alaska Civil Rights Hero Elizabeth Peratrovich. Annie Boochever with Roy Peratrovich Jr. University of Alaska Press. 80pp. ISBN 9781602233706. 6-8

Fighting for the Forest: How FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps Helped Save America. P. O'Connell Pearson. Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers. 208pp. ISBN 9781534429321. 6-8

Games of Deception: The True Story of the First U.S. Olympic Basketball Team at the 1936 Olympics in Hitler's Germany. Andrew Maraniss. Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books. 240pp. ISBN 9780525514633. 6-8

Genesis Begins Again. Alicia D. Williams. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 384pp. ISBN 9781481465809. 6-8

Girl Under a Red Moon: Growing Up During China's Cultural Revolution. Da Chen. Scholastic Focus. 208pp. ISBN 9781338263862. 6-8

The Good Son: A Story from the First World War, Told in Miniature. Pierre-Jacques Ober. Illus. Jules Ober, Felicity Coonan. Candlewick Studio. 104pp. ISBN 9781536204827. 6-8

Her Own Two Feet: A Rwandan Girl's Brave Fight to Walk. Meredith Davis. Illus. Rebeka Uwitonze. Scholastic Focus. 208pp. ISBN 9781338356373. 6-8

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People. Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. Adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese. Beacon Press. 272pp. ISBN 9780807049396. 6-8

Infinite Hope: A Black Artist's Journey from World War II to Peace. Written and illustrated by Ashley Bryan. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 112pp. ISBN 9781534404908. 6-8

Leading the Way: Women In Power. Janet Howell and Theresa Howell. Illus. Kylie Akia, Alexandra Bye. Candlewick Press. 144pp. ISBN 9781536208467, \$24.99. 6-8

Maybe He Just Likes You. Barbara Dee. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin. 304pp. ISBN 9781534432376. 6-8

Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge: George and Martha Washington's Courageous Slave Who Dared to Run Away; Young Readers Edition. Erica Armstrong Dunbar, Kathleen Van Cleve. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin. 272pp. ISBN 9781534416178. 6-8

Our Castle by the Sea. Lucy Strange. Scholastic / Chicken House. 336pp. ISBN 9781338353853. 6-8

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The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs. Gail Jarrow. Boyds Mills & Kane / Calkins Creek. 160pp. ISBN 9781629794389. 6-8

Secret Soldiers. Keely Hutton. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 320pp. ISBN 9780374309039. 6-8

Stand on the Sky. Erin Bow. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers. 336pp. ISBN 9781328557469. 6-8

Survivors of the Holocaust: True Stories of Six Extraordinary Children. Edited by Kath Shackleton. Illus. Zane Whittingham. Sourcebooks eXplore. 96pp. ISBN 9781492688921. 6-8

This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School. Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy. Bloomsbury Children's Books. 320pp. ISBN 9781681198521. 6-8

Under the Broken Sky. Mariko Nagai. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Christy Ottaviano Books / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 304pp. ISBN 9781250159212. 6-8

The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA. Brenda Woods. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 208pp. ISBN 9781524737092. 6-8

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Accused!: The Trials of the Scottsboro Boys: Lies, Prejudice, and the Fourteenth Amendment. Larry Dane Brimner. Boyds Mills & Kane / Calkins Creek. 192pp. ISBN 9781629797755. 9-12

Becoming Beatriz. Tami Charles. Charlesbridge Teen. 272pp. ISBN 9781580897785. 9-12

Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America. Edited by Ibi Zoboi. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray. 416pp. ISBN 9780062698728. 9-12

The Downstairs Girl. Stacey Lee. Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR. 384pp. ISBN 9781524740955. 9-12

The Far Away Brothers (Adapted for Young Adults): Two Teenage Immigrants Making a Life in America. Lauren Markham. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press. 288pp. ISBN 9781984829771. 9-12

Fault Lines in the Constitution (Revised): The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws that Affect Us Today. Cynthia Levinson, Sanford Levinson. Illus. Adela Pons. Peachtree Publishing Company Inc. 272pp. ISBN 9781682631065. 9-12

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I Am a Feminist: Claiming the F-Word in Turbulent Times. Monique Polak. Illus. Meags Fitzgerald. Orca Book Publishers. 176pp. ISBN 9781459818927. 9-12

Love from A to Z. S. K. Ali. Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers / Salaam Reads. 352pp. ISBN 9781534442726. 9-12

On the Come Up. Angie Thomas. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray. 464pp. ISBN 9780062498564. 9-12

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Warhead: The True Story of One Teen Who Almost Saved the World. Jeff Henigson. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte BFYR. 352pp. ISBN 9780525647904. 9-12

Watch Us Rise. Renée Watson and Ellen Hagan. Bloomsbury YA. 368pp. ISBN 9781547600083. 9-12

We Are Here to Stay: Voices of Undocumented Young Adults. Written and illustrated by Susan Kuklin. Candlewick Press. 192pp. ISBN 9780763678845. 9-12

The Weight of Our Sky. Hanna Alkaf. Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers / Salaam Reads. 288pp. ISBN 9781534426085. 9-12

White Rose. Kip Wilson. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / Versify. 368pp. ISBN 9781328594433. 9-12

The World on Either Side. Diane Terrana. Orca Book Publishers. 288pp.
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Yes She Can: 10 Stories of Hope & Change from Young Female Staffers of the Obama White House. Compiled by Molly Dillion. Random House Children's Books / Schwartz & Wade. 288 pp. ISBN 9781984848451. 9-12