ABOUT THIS LIST
Fifteen 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 2020
• Books must be intended for grades K-12. Both fiction and nonfiction are eligible. The graphic novel format is also acceptable.
• 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 2020 U.S. publication date; reprints or licensed editions of books initially published in the U.S. before December 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 2020 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.
• Books published in December 2019 may be eligible. Contact Laura for details.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
The selection panel looks for books that emphasize human relationships, represent a diversity of groups, avoids 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.

HOW TO SUBMIT
Download and fill out the 2021 Submissions Spreadsheet, then email it to Laura.

The spreadsheet contains four different tabs: one tab for publisher info and three others corresponding to NSSTB, OSTB, and BSB lists. Please be sure to enter your title information in the correct sheet.
SHIPPING YOUR BOOKS

Do not ship any books until instructed to.
Each title will be assigned a different group of three reviewers. You will send each title to those three reviewers (3 copies in total). The CBC will send the list of shipping instructions and addresses in July. **Books must reach reviewers by November 5, 2020.**

Ship titles as early as possible. Do it in batches as they’re available, don’t wait for one large shipment.

- NOTE: Titles with pub date November or December 2020 can be submitted again the following year if you’re unable to ship them.

If you have questions or concerns with shipping printed books, [let us know](#) so we can help you as we adjust for those who need it this year.

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.

**IMPORTANT:** We know things are very difficult financially for everyone, and every dollar counts. We want to recognize the long-term value of the BEST OF program to publishers and educators while being very mindful of the cost to you. **Our services this year are at a special value: 20% discount or if you submit 3 titles you get 1 free!**

[The CBC website](#) has the above information. For questions, please email [Laura.Peraza@cbcbooks.org](mailto:Laura.Peraza@cbcbooks.org).