

CHILDREN'S FAVORITES

2023



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Deadline for Book Submissions: **July 21, 2022**

ABOUT THIS LIST

CHILDREN'S FAVORITES is a selection made by thousands of children in all 50 states of their favorite books published each year. The annotated list is collected and presented by the Children's Book Council and will be available online in Spring 2023 at [the CBC Favorites page](#). This reading list is used by educators, librarians, and parents for classroom use and library collection updating.

ELIGIBILITY

- Books must be published in the calendar year 2022.
- Physical books.
- Fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and graphic novel formats are eligible for submission.
- **Books must be intended for grades K-8.** Eighth graders are the oldest students participating in Children's Favorites. [For titles intended for young adults (grades 9-12), submit for Young Adult Favorites].
- 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 by a publisher based in North America.
- Books originally published abroad are eligible only if they have a 2022 North American publication date; reprints or licensed editions of titles initially published in North America before 2022 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 North America before 2022 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- and French-language editions of titles published in English before 2022 are not eligible. Spanish- and French-language editions published in North America simultaneously with English-language editions in 2022 are eligible.
- Books published in November or December 2021 may be eligible. [Contact Sommer](#) for details.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The list is designed for use not only by educators, librarians, and booksellers, but also by 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 must be classified into one of three grade levels:** K-2nd Grade, 3rd-5th Grade, or 6th-8th Grade. If your book overlaps two grade levels, choose the level you feel is most appropriate.

Showcase a diversity of cultures, races, gender identities, and abilities, both in the diversity of your authors and illustrators as well as the characters and stories they create, so that all student populations can recognize themselves in and on the books.

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HOW TO SUBMIT

[Download the 2023 Favorites Submissions Spreadsheet](#), fill it out, and email it to Sommer.Wissner@cbcbooks.org.

The spreadsheet contains five different tabs: one tab for publisher info, three for the grade levels of Children's Favorites (K-2nd Grade, 3rd-5th Grade, 6th-8th Grade), and one for Young Adult Favorites. Please be sure to enter your title information in the correct sheet.

NOTE: The Teacher Favorites List will be voted on by teachers reading the Children's and Young Adult submitted books. Any book you submit will be considered for Teacher Favorites automatically. There will not be a separate submission tab for Teacher Favorites.

SHIPPING YOUR BOOKS

Do not ship any books until instructed to.

There are 20 locations participating in the reading/voting process for each grade level category. You will be asked to send 20 copies of each book you submit, one to each of the 20 locations. The CBC will send you the list of shipping instructions and addresses in August.

Books must reach the shipping addresses by November 15, 2022.

Ship titles as early as possible. Do it in batches as they're available and do not wait for large shipments. This allows for maximum circulation, reading, and voting, thus increasing the chances of being selected for the final reading list.

- NOTE: Titles with pub dates November and December 2022 could be submitted again the following year if you're unable to ship them in time due to availability.

FEES

The submission fee structure is as follows:

CBC Regular Members: No fee

CBC Associate Members: \$75 \$60 per title, per list

Non-Member Publishers: \$300 \$250 per title, per list

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 your titles. If you need to set up a payment plan, [please email Sommer](#).

[The CBC website](#) also has the above information. For questions or more information [contact Sommer](#).