

CBC FAVORITES AWARDS

2023-2024



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Deadline for Book Submissions: **June 20, 2023**

ABOUT THE CBC FAVORITES AWARDS

The Children's, Young Adult, Teacher, and Librarian Favorites Awards are a selection of lists made by thousands of children, teens, teachers, and librarians across diverse geographic locations of the United States of their favorite books published each year. The final lists are compiled and distributed by the Children's Book Council each spring and will be announced in PW, press release, and on [the CBC Favorites page](#). These reading lists are used by educators, librarians, booksellers, and caregivers to find the best new books for their collections, shelves, displays, and reading hours.

ELIGIBILITY

- Books must be published in the calendar year 2023.
- Books published in November or December 2022 may be eligible. [Contact Sommer](#) for details.
- Fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and graphic novel formats are eligible for submission.
- **Books must be intended for grades K-12.**
 - Children's Favorites: K-2nd Grade: ages 4 to 8
 - Children's Favorites: 3rd-5th Grade: ages 9 to 11
 - Children's Favorites: 6th-8th Grade: ages 12 to 14
 - Young Adult Favorites: 9th-12th Grade: ages 15 to 18
- Sticker books, kits, calendars, teaching and reading guides, and other novelties that are not practical for multiple-student usage are not eligible for submission.
- All books must originate with a children's trade publishing company or division.
- Books must be published by a publisher incorporated or distributed in North America.

- Books originally published abroad are eligible only if they have a 2023 North American publication date; reprints or licensed editions of titles initially published in North America before 2023 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 2023 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.
- Non-English language editions of titles published in English before 2023 are not eligible. Non-English language editions published simultaneously with English-language editions in 2023 are eligible. NOTE: Titles must be published in North America.

HOW TO SUBMIT

[Download the 2024 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 and four others corresponding to each Grade Level. Please be sure to enter your title information in the correct sheet.

- Please pay particular attention to the assignment of grade levels. Books can be classified into only one of the four grade levels. If your book overlaps two grade levels, choose the level you feel is most appropriate.
- Please showcase a diversity of cultures, races, gender identities, experiences, and abilities, reflected through authors and illustrators of K-12

literature as well as the characters and stories they create.

- This program is excellent for discoverability. Books submitted should focus on in-house favorites, not bestsellers.
- The Teacher and Librarian Favorites will be voted on by teachers and librarians reading the Children's and Young Adult Favorites submissions. This means any book you submit for Favorites will be considered for Teacher and Librarian Favorites automatically. There will not be a separate submission tab for Teacher or Librarian Favorites.

SHIPPING YOUR BOOKS THIS SUMMER AND FALL

The CBC will send you shipping instructions and addresses in July. **Books must reach the shipping addresses no later than November 1, 2023, but should ship earlier.**

For each book you submit, you will ship 1 book each to 20 locations. You will receive shipping instructions for each grade group you submit books to, up to four grade groups, and up to 80 possible locations. We have done this to achieve reading and rating in all 50 states and across rural, suburban, and urban locations.

Ship titles as early as possible in August and into the fall. Please do not wait to make a large shipment. This allows for maximum circulation, exposure, and reading, thus increasing the chances of being selected for the final Favorites Award lists!

Titles with pub dates of November and December 2023 could be submitted again the following year if you're unable to ship them this year 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. Teacher and Librarian Favorites titles are not an additional charge. Titles may not be substituted at a later date. Payment instructions and an invoice will be emailed to you after you submit your titles. If you need to set up a payment plan, [please email Sommer](#).

For questions or more information [contact Sommer](#).