

NOTABLE SOCIAL STUDIES

TRADE BOOKS



BOOK CONTENT GUIDELINES

Deadline for Book Submissions: May 14, 2025

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 2025.
 - Books published in November - December 2024 may be eligible, if they have not been previously submitted. [Contact Laura](#) for details.
- Books must be intended for grades K-12. Both fiction and nonfiction are eligible.
- Books must be published or distributed by a publisher incorporated in the United States.
- Books originally published abroad are eligible only if they have a 2025 U.S. publication date; reprints or licensed editions of books initially published in the U.S. before December 2024 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 2025 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 in books are encouraged when appropriate and are essential in nonfiction titles.
- Spanish-language editions of titles published in English before 2025 are not acceptable. Spanish-language editions published in the U.S. simultaneously with English-language editions in 2025 are eligible.

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.

Book content guidelines:

- Books are written for grades K-12.
- Accurately depict human relationships and objectively reflect real-world situations.
- Represent a diversity of groups and are sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences
- Present an original theme or a fresh slant on a traditional topic
- Books are easily readable and of high literary quality.
- Have a pleasing format and, when appropriate, illustrations that enrich the text.
- Include citations, a bibliography, or a resource list where appropriate.

[See previous winners](#) for additional insights into what the committee looks for.

HOW TO SUBMIT

There are two ways to obtain the required 2026 Title Spreadsheet that needs to be completed:

- If you prefer to work in Excel, [click here for a downloadable spreadsheet](#) that can only be edited once it is opened in Excel (please see instructions on the spreadsheet). Once you have completed the sheet, please [email it to Laura](#).
- If you prefer to work in Google Sheets, [use this template link](#) and then click on the blue USE TEMPLATE button in the upper right corner. Once you have filled out the GSheet, please send it to Sommer by hitting the SHARE button in the upper right-hand corner, adjusting permissions to Edit, and entering this email address: laura.peraza@cbcbooks.org.

NOTE: The spreadsheet contains two tabs: one tab for publisher info and another tab for your title submissions.

You will be sent a confirmation email after we receive your submission spreadsheet.

The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, May 14.

SHIPPING YOUR BOOKS

- Do not ship any books until we email you shipping instructions in July.
- At that time, you will be asked to send each title to three reviewers (**3 copies in total**)

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CBC Regular Members: No fee

CBC Associate Members: ~~\$75~~ \$60 per title

Non-Member Publishers: ~~\$300~~ \$250 per title

An invoice and payment instructions will be emailed to you after you submit your titles.