Call for Submissions
Teachers’ Choices 2019

About this list
Teachers’ Choices is a national field test conducted annually by a team of teachers, librarians, university faculty, and reading/literacy specialists in five areas of the United States.

We are counting on your participation as we all strive to identify and publicize newly published 2019 books that:

- Showcase a diversity of cultures, races, gender identities, and abilities, reflected through authors and illustrators of K–8 literature as well as the characters and stories they create, so that all student populations can recognize themselves on book covers and in content, as this fosters engagement and motivation.
- Have potential for enriching the curriculum through current or historical events or figures, or concepts or skills related to curricular content.
- Might not be discovered or fully appreciated by children without introduction by a knowledgeable educator or other adult.
- Reflect the highest quality in style, content, structure, beauty of language, and artistic presentation.

The annual Teachers’ Choices reading list will be available online in May and on-site at the International Literacy Association 2020 Conference.

Submission guidelines
PLEASE NOTE: Teachers’ Choices books must be for K–8 grades (readers ages 5–14). As distinguished from Children’s Choices submissions, these are books that might not be discovered by students without an introduction by a thoughtful educator. Please ensure content is oriented toward middle grades and not YA.

NEW FOR 2019: Please submit only 10% (or three) of your newly published books’ original titles.

Please use the Publisher’s Submission List Template that is available on our website: https://literacyworldwide.org/get-resources/reading-lists/teachers-choices-reading-list.

Title submissions must be received by July 8, 2019.

Eligibility
- Published in 2019
- Books from all imprints associated with your company are eligible
- Paperbacks—submit only original
- Series books—submit only the title published in 2019
- Graphic novel format is eligible

Shipping your books
We have five U.S. areas, so you will be asked to send multiple copies of each of your submitted titles to each of the locations.
- Two or three copies of each book to area Team Leaders/Trainees
- Two copies for each cochair

The list of shipping addresses will be emailed to each publisher; publishers should begin to ship submitted titles as soon as they receive the addresses. The field test begins as soon as school opens and continues through mid-February 2020. BOOKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY November 5, 2019.

Please submit only published versions; galleys and ARCs will no longer be accepted.

For additional information, please visit our website at literacyworldwide.org/choices or contact Christina Lambert at clambert@reading.org.

We look forward to your submissions and we thank you for your participation in the Teachers’ Choices project.