About the List and Criteria for Selection
The books that appear in this annotated list were evaluated and selected by a Book Review Committee appointed by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and assembled in cooperation with the Children's Book Council (CBC). NCSS and CBC have cooperated on this annual bibliography since 1972. Books selected for this bibliography were published in 2006 and were written for children in grades K-12. The Book Review Committee looks for books that emphasize human relations, 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, are easily readable and of high literary quality, have a pleasing format, and, where appropriate, include illustrations that enrich the text. Each book is read by several reviewers, and books are included on the list by committee assent; the annotations do not necessarily reflect the judgment of the entire committee.

Publishers' addresses are available in standard reference works such as Children's Books in Print (R.R. Bowker) and Literary Market Place (R.R. Bowker), and from CBC. CBC's Members List may be downloaded at www.cbcbooks.org. Credits for permission to reproduce the cover art included in this supplement are printed on page 16.

Titles are arranged by broad subject categories. Although many are appropriate for more than one category, they have been placed where their usefulness in social studies education appears greatest. Annotators have also indicated the thematic strands (shown below) from Expectations of Excellence: Curriculum Standards for Social Studies, to which the book relates.

Thematic Strands of the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies

1. CULTURE
2. TIME, CONTINUITY, AND CHANGE
3. PEOPLE, PLACES, AND ENVIRONMENTS
4. INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTITY
5. INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND INSTITUTIONS
6. POWER, AUTHORITY, AND GOVERNANCE
7. PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSUMPTION
8. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY
9. GLOBAL CONNECTIONS
10. CIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES

Parts of a Notable Listing
1. The titles marked with the key icon are Selectors' Choices—books that individual committee members responded to with particular enthusiasm. 2. Title: Subtitle 3. Author(s) 4. Illustrator
5. Publisher. 6. Number of pages 7. International Standard Book Numbers (ISBns) are included for all available editions (trade, library, and paperback). The symbol “F” indicates that a paperback edition is forthcoming. A publisher's name in parentheses indicates that a different publisher will issue the paperback edition. 8. Price as of January 2007 9. Reading levels: P: Primary (K-2), I: Intermediate (3-5), M: Middle (6-8), H: High (9-12). They are intended as guidelines and are not meant to limit the potential use of titles. 10. Brief descriptive annotation, plus notations of the presence of additional textual materials, if any. 11. Initials indicating the reviewer responsible for the annotation (see list at right). 12. Thematic strands of the curriculum standards for social studies in order of relevancy (see list above).

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Biography


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Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor. Written and illustrated by Emily Arnold McCully. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-34810-6, $16.00. (I, M) Born in 1838, Margaret E. Knight (later dubbed “Lady Edison”) persevered against great odds to acquire 22 patents during her lifetime. The author’s account captures her focus and inherent drive to succeed. Author’s Note, Bibliography. (LHC) IV, V


Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin. Written and illustrated by Gene Barretta. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-80507917-3, $16.95. (I, M) Benjamin Franklin’s inventions are more than 200 years old, and yet they continue to be used, adapted and modified. With creativity and humor, the author connects Franklin’s original concepts with their modern-day applications. (KON) II, VIII

Of Numbers and Stars: The Story of Hypatia. D. Anne Love. Illustrated by Pam Paparone. Holiday House. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-1621-9, $16.95. (P) Hypatia was born in fourth-century CE Alexandria, Egypt, where few women were educated; however, her father vowed to teach her everything he knew. She became a respected and sought-after teacher of mathematics, astronomy, and philosophy. Author’s Note, Bibliography, Map, More About Math. (MJW) IV, I, VIII


Through Georgia’s Eyes. Rachel Rodríguez. Illustrated by Julie Paschkis. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 0-8050-7740-5, $16.95. (P) This Georgia O’Keeffe biography recounts her journey through life from girlhood to adulthood, from her calling as an artist at a young age to her inspiration in the desert for paintings as an adult. Author’s Note, Illustrator’s Note, Bibliography, More About Georgia O’Keeffe. (NBF) IV, II, III


Civic Ideals and Practices


Contemporary Concerns


Genocide: Modern Crimes Against Humanity. Brendan January. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Twenty-First Century Books. 144pp. Library ISBN 978-0-7613-3421-7, $31.93. (H) This book uses eyewitness accounts to show genocide as a process influenced by a variety of factors. It focuses on six different groups of people and on how their communities were affected by mass killing. Bibliography, Index, Source Notes, Timeline. (PLS) III, IX, II


I Remember Miss Perry. Pat Brisson. Illustrated by Stéphane Jorisch. Dial Books for Young Readers/Penguin Young Readers Group. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-80372981-0, $16.99. (I) This is a wonderful story about childhood loss. When Miss Perry, a beloved teacher, is killed in a car accident, the students are devastated, but learn that life continues. Miss Perry lives on through her students’ memories. (KHW) III, IV

La Línea. Ann Jaramillo. Roaring Brook Press. 144pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-5964-3154-6, $16.95. (M) Even though his parents are already in the United States and he has the money needed to emigrate there, Miguel must confront many life-threatening challenges to cross the border with his sister. Author’s Note. (NBF) V, VI, III


When I Grow Up, I Will Win the Nobel Peace Prize. Written and illustrated by Isabel Pin. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-38313-8, $16.00. (P) A fun way to introduce the Nobel Peace Prize to students through simplistic text. Children will also learn various ways to make a difference in the world. Author’s Note. (MWW) X, IV

Environment/ Energy/Ecology


Tsunami: The True Story of an April Fool’s Day Disaster. Gail Langer Karwoski. Illustrated by John MacDonald. Darby Creek Publishing. 64pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-58196-044-0, $17.95. F. (M) The Hawaiian tragedy of 1946 serves as the framework for this concise explanation of tsunamis and what scientists have learned from this and more recent disasters. Stories, expert advice, and predictions for the future are included. Bibliography. (PLS) VIII, III

Folktales


Tunjur! Tunjur! Tunjur!: A Palestinian Folktale. Margaret Read MacDonald. Illustrated by Alik Arzoumanian. Marshall Cavendish Children’s Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7614-5225-6, $16.95. (P) “Tunjur” is the Arabic word for cooking pot. “Tunjur! Tunjur! Tunjur!” is the imagined sound of a mischievous little pot rolling into the market. After two thieving trips, the little pot is “rewarded” with goat dung, thus teaching the pot the difference between right and wrong. Author’s Note. (LLH) IV, I

Geography/People/Places


The Navajo Year, Walk Through Many Seasons. Nancy Bo Flood. Illustrated by Billy Whitethorne. Salina Bookshelf. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-893354-06-7, $17.95. (I) Vibrant, colorful text and illustrations trace the yearly cycle of weather, tasks, and customs in a traditional Navajo family. The months of the year are presented in both English and Navajo. (LLT) I, III


History/Life and Culture in the Americas


Copper Sun. Sharon Draper. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing. 320pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-689-82181-3, $16.95. (H) Stolen from her village in Africa, then beaten and abused, Amari is brought to America and sold as a gift for a plantation owner’s son. With help, she escapes and makes a desperate run for freedom, south to Fort Mose. Afterword, Resources. (LKG) IV, V


Dancing With Katya. Dori Chaconas. Illustrated by Constance R. Bergum. Peachtree Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-56145-376-4, $16.95. F (Peachtree). (P) At the age of five, Katya contracts polio. The disease not only disables her body, but her spirit as well. With the aid of braces and her sister’s love, Katya slowly learns to dance and live again. Author’s Note, Illustrator’s Note. (LLH) IV


Hearts of Stone. Kathleen Ernst. Dutton Children’s Books/Penguin Young Readers Group. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-525-47686-3, $16.99. (M) When Hannah’s father joins the Union army during the Civil War, and her mother dies, it falls on Hannah to hold the family together. She decides to take her brothers and sisters on the dangerous road to Nashville in search of a relative. (KHW) II


Landed. Milly Lee. Illustrated by Yangsook Choi. Frances Foster Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-34314-9, $16.00. (I) This turn-of-the-century immigration story follows Sun’s experience traveling to America, and being detained at San Francisco’s Angel Island, in the years following the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. Author’s Note. (LLT) II, IX, VI


The Race for Space: The United States and the Soviet Union Compete for the New Frontier (People’s History). Betsy Kuhn. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Twenty-First Century Books. 112pp. Library ISBN 978-0-8225-5984-9, $29.27. (M) When the Soviet Union launched Sputnik in 1957, America was set on a new trajectory that led to Apollo 11 astronauts walking on the Moon, an emphasis on science in schools, and a fascination with space. A Word About Metric Conversions, Spelling, Grammar, and Song; Timeline; Source Notes; Bibliography; Further Reading and Websites; Index; Excerpt From Apollo 11 Lunar Landing Communications. (MJW) VIII, II, VI


**Singing Hands.** Delia Ray. Clarion Books. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-618-65762-9, $16.00. (M) Twelve-year-old Gussie, the rebellious, hearing daughter of deaf parents, confronts the difficulties and prejudices encountered by the deaf community in 1948 Birmingham, Alabama, while searching for her own identity within the worlds of “Ears” and the deaf. Author’s Note. (MJW) I, II, IV


**Weedflower.** Cynthia Kadohata. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing. 272pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-689-86574-9, $16.95. (M) After Pearl Harbor, Sumiko and her family are sent to a Japanese internment camp on an Indian reservation. Her new life is characterized by hardship, heat, and dust, but along the way she befriends a Mohave boy and learns lessons about friendship and prejudice. End Note. (AHC) V, III, II, I


**Reference**


Our Constitution. Donald A. Ritchie and JusticeLearning.org. Illustrated with prints and photographs. Oxford University Press. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-19-522385-9, $40.00. (H) A rich volume of information explaining the Constitution. Illustrated with timelines, photos, and sidebars, each Article and Amendment is explained in easy-to-understand language. Appendix 1: Delegates to the Constitutional Convention; Appendix 2: Supreme Court Decisions that Shaped the Constitution; Index; Museums and Historic Sites Related to the Constitution; Websites; Further Reading; Constitutional Glossary. (LKG) VI


Social Interactions/Relationships

Bowery Girl. Kim Taylor. Viking Children’s Books/Penguin Young Reader’s Group. 288pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-670-05966-9, $16.99. (H) Two young women, one a pickpocket and the other a prostitute, make a pact to earn enough money to move to Brooklyn. Can they turn their lives around at the new Cherry Street Settlement House? (Note: Some graphic details may not be appropriate for all readers.) Author’s Note. (LKG) IV, III


Jackie’s Bat. Marybeth Lorbiecki. Illustrated by Brian Pinkney. Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-689-84102-6, $15.95. (P) The story of Jackie Robinson’s first year in the major leagues and his struggle to break the color barrier is told through the eyes of a bat boy who learns to overcome his own prejudice. Afterword, Note from the Author. (LKG) I, V


**Sand Dollar Summer.** Kimberly K. Jones. Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing. 224pp. Trade ISBN 978-1-4169-0362-8, $15.95. (M) In this novel, the ocean represents the challenges and changes in the life of 12-year-old Lise when her mother is injured in a car accident and her family moves to the beach. (PLS) IV


**Standing Against the Wind.** Traci L. Jones. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 192pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-37174-6, $16.00. (M) Eighth-grader Patrice is teased for being different in her new home in Chicago. She copes with her problems and overcomes her fears by applying to a prestigious school for African Americans. (PLS) IV

**Time’s Memory.** Julius Lester. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 240pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-37178-4, $17.00. (H) In the African Dogon religion, the spirits of the dead (nyama) must be cared for, but in America, too many slaves are dying. Ekundayo searches to bring peace to the nyama before it is too late. Author’s Note, Glossary, Books Consulted. (LLH) II, IV, V


**World History and Culture**


**Behind the Mask.** Written and illustrated by Yangsook Choi. Frances Foster Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 40pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-374-30522-2, $16.00. (P) Whimsical illustrations depict the story of how Kinim finds a Halloween costume, connects to his grandfather, and learns about a traditional Korean folk dance called TALCHUM, or mask dance. Author’s Note. (LKG) I, IX


Emil and Karl. Yankev Glatshteyn. Translated by Jeffrey Shandler. Roaring Brook Press. 208pp. Trade ISBN 1-59643-119-9, $17.95. (H) Seven-year-old Emil and his brother Karl are sent to the Lodz Ghetto, Poland, during the Nazi occupation, the author draws on her aunt’s memories to create this beautiful illustrated tale from Ancient Sumer, beautifully illustrated tale from Ancient Iraq. Written and illustrated by Mordicai Gerstein. Holiday House. 32pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-8234-1897-8, $16.95. (P) This touching legend has its roots in three great religions—Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. The white ram’s sacrifice of himself on the altar in place of Isaac illuminates qualities of honor, duty, courage, and destiny. Author’s Note. (LLT) V, I, IX


Yellow Star. Jennifer Roy. Marshall Cavendish Children’s Books. 256pp. Trade ISBN 978-0-7614-5277-5, $16.95. (M) Set in the Lodz ghetto of Poland during the Nazi occupation, the author draws on her aunt’s memories to create this first-person account of a family’s courage and resourcefulness against persecution and loss. Author’s Note, Timeline. (LLT) V, VI, II
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