

CCBC Choices 2023: Preliminary List

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CCBC Choices is the annual best-of-the-year list of the Cooperative Children's Book Center of the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. **This list is a work in progress.** We will continue to add books until early January; a few books may be removed in the final publication. The fully annotated Choices document will be available as a pdf in late February, 2023. The Choices 2023 books will also be added to the [CCBC-recommended books database](#) by late February.

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Science, Technology, and the Natural World

Burns, Loree Griffin. *Honeybee Rescue: A Backyard Drama*. Photographs by Ellen Harasimowicz. Charlesbridge, 2022. 40 pages (978-1-62354-239-9)

Chin, Jason. *The Universe in You: A Microscopic Journey*. Neal Porter Books / Holiday House, 2022. 40 pages (978-0-8234-5070-1)

Gianferrari, Maria. *Bobcat Prowling*. Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline. Roaring Brook Press, 2022. 40 pages (978-1-62672-786-1)

Hirsch, Rebecca. *Where Have All the Birds Gone? Nature in Crisis*. Twenty-First Century, 2022. 120 pages (978-1-7284-3177-2)

Moore, Lindsay. *Yoshi and the Ocean: A Sea Turtle's Incredible Journey Home*. Greenwillow, 2022. 56 pages (978-0-06-306098-2)

Percival, Kari. *How to Say Hello to a Worm: A First Guide to Outside*. Rise x Penguin Workshop, 2022. 32 pages (978-0-593-22679-7)

Rosenstock, Barb. *The Mystery of the Monarchs*. Illustrated by Erika Meza. Knopf, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-9848-2956-6)

Staaf, Danna. *The Lady and the Octopus: How Jeanne Villepreux-Power Invented Aquariums and Revolutionized Marine Biology*. Carolrhoda, 2022. 136 pages (978-1-7284-1577-2)

Theule, Larissa. *Concrete: From the Ground Up*. Illustrated by Steve Light. Candlewick, 2022. 48 pages (978-1-5362-1250-1)

Turner, Pamela S. *How to Build a Human: In Seven Evolutionary Steps*. Art by John Gurche. Charlesbridge, 2022. 166 pages (978-1-62354-250-4)

Seasons and Celebrations

Schubert, Leda. *Firsts & Lasts: The Changing Seasons*. Illustrated by Clover Robin. Candlewick, 2022. 48 pages (978-1-5362-1102-3)

Yage, Wang. *Playing with Lanterns*. Illustrated by Zhu Chengliang. Translated from the Chinese by Helen Wang. U.S. edition: Amazon Crossing Kids, 2022. 32 pages ((978-1-5420-2984-1)

Historical People, Places, and Events

Bascomb, Neal. *The Race of the Century: The Battle to Break the Four-Minute Mile*. Scholastic Focus, 2022. 256 pages (978-1-338-62846-3)

Castrovilla, Selene. *Seeking Freedom: The Untold Story of Fortress Monroe and the Ending of Slavery in America*. Illustrated by E. B. Lewis. Calkins Creek, 2022. 40 pages (978-1-63592-582-1)

Fleming, Candace. *Murder Among Friends: How Leopold and Loeb Tried to Commit the Perfect Crime*. Anne Schwartz Books / Random House, 2022. 355 pages (978-0-593-17742-6)

Fletcher, Susan. *A Bear Far from Home*. Illustrated by Rebecca Green. Anne Schwartz Books / Random House, 2022. 32 pages (978-0-593-18189-8)

Hood, Susan, with Greg Dawson. *Alias Anna: A True Story of Outwitting the Nazis*. Harper, 2022. 352 pages (978-0-06-308389-9)

Jarrow, Gail. *American Murderer: The Parasite that Haunted the South*. (Medical Fiascoes) Calkins Creek, 2022. 159 pages (978-1-68437-815-9)

Joy, Angela. *Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement*. Illustrated by Janelle Washington. Roaring Brook Press, 2022. 64 pages (978-1-250-22095-0)

Newman, Patricia. *A River's Gifts: The Mighty Elwha River Reborn*. Illustrated by Natasha Donovan. Millbrook, 2022. 48 pages (978-1-5415-9870-6)

Robinson, Lisa. *The Sweetest Scoop: Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Revolution*. Illustrated by Stacy Innerst. Abrams, 2022. 40 pages (978-1-4197-4803-5)

Stiefel, Chana. *The Tower of Life: How Yaffa Eliach Rebuilt Her Town in Stories and Photographs*. Illustrated by Susan Gal. Scholastic, 2022. 40 pages (978-1-338-22589-1)

Tokuda-Hall, Maggie. *Love in the Library*. Illustrated by Yas Imamura. Candlewick, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-5362-0430-8)

Biography, Autobiography, and Memoir

Gao, Laura. *Messy Roots: A Graphic Memoir of a Wuhanese American*. Color and art assistance by Weiwei Xu. Balzer + Bray, 2022. 269 pages (978-0-06-306777-6)

Prud'homme, Alex. *Born Hungry: Julia Child Becomes "the French Chef"*. Illustrated by Sarah Green. Calkins Creek, 2022. 40 pages (978-1-63592-323-0)

Rhuday-Perkovich, Olugbemisola. *Mae Makes a Way: The True Story of Mae Reeves, Hat & History Maker*. Illustrated by Andrea Pippins. Crown, 2022. 48 pages (978-0-525-64585-6)

Watson, Renée. *Maya's Song*. Illustrated by Bryan Collier. Harper, 2022. 48 pages (978-0-06-287158-9)

Zoboi, Ibi. *Star Child: A Biographical Constellation of Octavia Estelle Butler*. Dutton, 2022. 111 pages (978-0-399-18738-4)

Contemporary People, Places, and Issues

Afzal, Shazia. *Journey of the Midnight Sun*. Illustrated by Aliya Ghare. Orca, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-4598-2760-8)

Kyi, Tanya Lloyd. *Our Green City*. Illustrated by Colleen Larmour. Kids Can Press, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-5253-0438-5)

Yasmin, Seema. *What the Fact? Finding the Truth in All the Noise*. Simon & Schuster, 2022. 352 pages (978-1-66590-003-4)

Understanding Oneself and Others

Tomlinson, Rachel. *A Blue Kind of Day*. Illustrated by Tori-Jay Mordey. Kokila, 2022. 32 pages (978-0-593-32401-1)

The Arts

Boxer, Elisa. *Covered in Color: Christo & Jeanne-Claude's Fabrics of Freedom*. Illustrated by Susanna Chapman. Abrams, 2022. 40 pages (978-1-4197-5611-5)

Harvey, Jeanne Walker. *Dressing Up the Stars: The Story of Movie Costume Designer Edith Head*. Illustrated by Diana Toledano. Beach Lane, 2022. (978-1-5344-5105-6)

Higgins, Carter. *A Story Is to Share: How Ruth Krauss Found Another Way to Tell a Tale*. Illustrated by Isabelle Arsenault. Abrams, 2022. 40 pages (978-1-4197-4993-3)

Larsen, Andrew. *Another Squiggly Story*. Illustrated by Mike Lowery. Kids Can Press, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-5253-0482-8)

Nelson, Marilyn. *Augusta Savage: The Shape of a Sculptor's Life*. Afterword by Tammi Lawson. Christy Ottaviano Books / Little, Brown, 2022. 114 pages (978-0-316-29802-5)

Robinson, Fiona. *Out of the Shadows: How Lotte Reiniger Made the First Animated Fairytale Movie*. Abrams, 2022. 40 pages (978-1-4197-4085-5)

Harvey, Jeanne Walker. *Ablaze with Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas*. Illustrated by Loveis Wise. Harper, 2022. 40 pages (978-0-06-302189-1)

Poetry

Kooser, Ted, and Connie Wanek. *Marshmallow Clouds: Two Poets at Play among Figures of Speech*. Illustrated by Richard Jones. Candlewick, 2022. 72 pages (978-1-5362-0303-5)

Reynolds, Jason. *Ain't Burned All the Bright*. Illustrated by Jason Griffin. A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book / Atheneum, 2022. 384 pages (978-1-5344-3946-7)

Rosen, Michael. *On the Move: Home Is Where You Find It*. Illustrated by Quentin Blake. Candlewick, 2022. 121 pages (978-1-5362-1810-7)

Walker, Sally M. *Out of This World: Star-Studded Haiku*. Illustrated by Matthew Trueman. Candlewick, 2022. 48 pages (978-1-5362-0356-1)

Concept Books

Hu, Ying-Hwa. *Ten Blocks to the Big Wok: A Chinatown Counting Book*. Children's Book Press, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-64379-068-8)

Picture Books for Young Children

Andrews, Jan. *When the Wind Came*. Illustrated by Dorothy Leung. Kids Can Press, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-5253-0339-5)

Ashman, Linda. *I Like This, You Like That*. Illustrated by Eve Coy. Abrams Appleseed, 2022. 24 pages (978-1-4197-5089-2)

Barnett, Mac, reteller. *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. Illustrated by Jon Klassen. Orchard, 2022. 48 pages (978-1-338-67384-5)

Blackall, Sophie. *Farmhouse*. Little, Brown, 2022. 40 pages (978-0-316-52894-8)

Boyd, Jessica. *A Wee Boo*. Illustrated by Brooke Kerrigan. Orca, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-4598-2763-9)

Curato, Mike. *Where Is Bina Bear?* Godwin, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-250-76220-7)

Ejaita, Diana. *Olu & Greta*. Rise x Penguin Workshop, 2022. 32 pages (978-0-593-38490-9)

Fagan, Cary. *Boney*. Illustrated by Dasha Tolstikova. Groundwood, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-77306-548-9)

Forsythe, Matthew. *Mina*. A Paula Wiseman Book / Simon & Schuster, 2022. 68 pages (978-1-4814-8041-3)

Gómez, Blanca. *Dress-Up Day*. Abrams, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-4197-4410-5)

Goodale, E. B. *Also*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2022. 32 pages (978-0-358-15394-8)

- Henkes, Kevin. *Little Houses*. Illustrated by Laura Dronzek. Greenwillow, 2022. 40 pages (978-0-06-296572-1)
- Jameson, Karen. *Where the Wee Ones Go: A Bedtime Wish for Endangered Animals*. Illustrated by Zosienka. Chronicle, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-4521-8464-7)
- Johnson, Mariana Ruiz. *The Book That Kibo Wrote*. Translated from the Spanish by Lawrence Schimel. Eerdmans, 2022. 24 pages (978-0-8028-5589-3)
- Kim, Sang-Keun. *Star Fishing*. Abrams, 2022. 56 pages (978-1-4197-5100-4)
- LaRocca, Rajani. *I'll Go and Come Back*. Illustrated by Sara Palacios. Candlewick, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-5362-0717-0)
- Lawson, JonArno. *A Day for Sandcastles*. Illustrated by Qin Leng. Candlewick, 2022. 40 pages (978-1-5362-0842-9)
- Lyall, Casey. *A Spoonful of Frogs*. Illustrated by Vera Brosgol. Greenwillow, 2022. 32 pages (978-0-06-289-29-0)
- Meganck, Margaux. *People Are Wild*. Knopf, 2022. 32 pages (978-0-593-30194-4)
- Park, Jane. *Juna and Appa*. Illustrated by Felicia Hoshino. Lee & Low, 2022. 32 pages ((978-1-64379-227-9)
- Posthuma, Sieb. *Mr. Coats*. Translated from the Dutch by David Colmer. Levine Querido, 2022. 24 pages (978-1-64614-184-5)
- Snider, Grant. *One Boy Watching*. Chronicle, 2022. 52 pages (978-1-7972-1088-9)
- Sterling, Holly. *Ballet Kids*. Candlewick, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-5362-2037-7)
- Waechter, Philip. *A Perfect Wonderful Day with Friends*. Translated from the German by Melody Shaw. Gecko, 2022. 28 pages (978-1-776574-66-7)
- Wagh, Jennifer. *Eggasaurus*. Illustrated by Hallie Bateman. Simon & Schuster, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-5344-5006-6)
- Wang, Andrea. *Luli and the Language of Tea*. Illustrated by Hyewon Yum. Neal Porter / Holiday House, 2022. 40 pages (978-0-8234-4614-8)
- Yacowitz, Caryn. *Shoshi's Shabbat*. Illustrated by Kevin Hawkes. Candlewick, 2022. 40 pages (978-1-5362-1654-7)

Picture Books for School-Age Children

- Barnett, Mac. *John's Turn*. Illustrated by Kate Berube. Candlewick, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-5362-0395-0)
- Cohen, Paula. *Big Dreams, Small Fish*. An Arthur A. Levine Book / Levine Querido, 2022. 40 pages (978-1-64614-126-5)
- Ellis, Sarah. *As Glenn as Can Be*. Illustrated by Nancy Vo. Groundwood, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-77306-468-0)
- Greenwood, Sara. *My Brother Is Away*. Illustrated by Luisa Uribe. Random House Studio, 2022. 40 pages (978-0-593-12716-2)
- Keane, Dave. *The Treasure Box*. Illustrated by Rahele Jomepour Bell. Putnam, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-9848-1318-3)
- Palmer, Charly. *The Legend of Gravity: A Tall Basketball Tale*. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2022. 40 pages (978-0-374-31328-9)
- Parra, John. *Growing an Artist: The Story of a Landscaper and His Son*. A Paula Wiseman Book / Simon & Schuster, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-5344-6927-3)
- Sorell, Traci. *Powwow Day*. Illustrated by Madelyn Goodnight. Charlesbridge, 2022. 32 pages (978-1-58089-948-2)
- Woodson, Jacqueline. *The World Belonged to Us*. Illustrated by Leo Espinosa. Nancy Paulsen Books / Penguin Random House, 2022. 32 pages (978-0-399-54549-8)

Yamanaka, Lois-Ann. *Snow Angel, Sand Angel*. Illustrated by Ashley Lukashevsky. Make Me a World, 2022. 32 pages (978-0-392-12737-7)

Books for Beginning Readers

Hest, Amy. *Billy & Rose: Forever Friends*. Illustrated by Kady MacDonald Denton. Candlewick Press, 2022. 42 pages (978-1-5362-1419-2)

Books for Newly Independent Readers

Atinuke. *Too Small Tola and the Three Fine Girls*. Illustrated by Onyinye Iwu. U.S. edition: Candlewick, 2022. 96 pages (978-1-5362-2517-4)

Castillo, Lauren. *A Place to Call Home*. (Our Friend Hedgehog) Alfred A. Knopf, 2022. 128 pages (978-1-5247-6674-0)

Cordell, Matthew. *Cornbread & Poppy* (Cornbread and Poppy, 1). Little, Brown, 2022. 80 pages (978-0-7595-5487-0)

Kelly, Erin Entrada. *Surely Surely Marisol Rainey*. Greenwillow, 2022. 146 pages (978-0-06-297045-9)

Fiction for Children

Alexander, Kwame. *The Door of No Return*. Little, Brown, 2022. 416 pages (978-0-316-44186-5)

Alfageeh, Sara, and Nadia Shammas. *Squire*. Illustrated by Sara Alfageeh. Quill Tree / HarperAlley, 2022. 302 pages (978-0-06-294585-3)

Amos, Shawn. *Cookies & Milk*. Little, Brown, 2022. 298 pages (978-0-7595-5677-5)

Arango, Andrea Beatriz. *Iveliz Explains It All*. Random House, 2022. 268 pages (978-0-593-56397-7)

Atkins, Jeannine. *Hidden Powers: Lise Meitner's Call to Science*. Atheneum, 2022. 277 pages (978-1-6659-0250-2)

Balcárcel, Rebecca. *Shine On, Luz Véliz!* Chronicle, 2022. 262 pages (978-1-7972-0967-8)

Booth, Coe. *Caprice*. Scholastic Press, 2022. 244 pages (978-0-545-93334-6)

Cho, John, with Sarah Suk. *Troublemaker*. Little, Brown, 2022. 224 pages (978-0-7595-5447-4)

Collier, Nicole D. *Just Right Jillian*. Versify, 2022. 215 pages (978-0-358-43461-0)

Eager, Lindsay. *The Patron Thief of Bread*. Candlewick, 2022. 442 pages (978-1-5362-0468-1)

Engelfried, Sally. *Learning to Fall*. Little, Brown, 2022. 264 pages (978-0-316-36797-4)

Gonzalez, Christina Diaz. *The Bluest Sky*. Knopf, 2022. 314 pages (978-0-593-37279-1)

Henkes, Kevin. *Oh, Sal*. Greenwillow, 2022. 123 pages (978-0-06-324492-4)

Hodder, Bridget, and Fawzia Gilani-Williams. *The Button Box*. Kar-Ben, 2022. 152 pages (978-1-728-2396-8)

Jackson, Linda Williams. *The Lucky Ones*. Candlewick, 2022. 308 pages (978-1-5362-2255-5)

Jagger, T. P. *Hide and Geek*. Random House, 2022. 309 pages (978-0-593-37793-2)

Keller, Tae. *Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone*. Random House, 2022. 288 pages (978-0-593-31052-6)

Lowe, Mari. *Aviva vs. the Dybbuk*. Levine Querido, 2022. 169 pages (978-1-64614-125-8)

- Maguire, Gregory. *Cress Watercress*. Illustrated by David Litchfield. Candlewick, 2022. 216 pages (978-1-5362-1100-9)
- Manzano, Sonia. *Coming Up Cuban*. Scholastic Press, 2022. 320 pages (978-1-338-06515-2)
- Medina, Meg. *Merci Suárez Plays It Cool*. Candlewick, 2022. 340 pages (978-1-5362-1946-3)
- Mosco, Rosemary. *Expedition Backyard*. Illustrated by Binglin Hu. RH Graphic, 2022. 128 pages (978-0-593-12734-6)
- Nannestad, Katrina. *We Are Wolves*. Illustrated by Martina Heiduczek. U.S. edition: A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book / Atheneum, 2022. 294 pages (978-1-6659-0422-3)
- Nye, Naomi Shihab. *The Turtle of Michigan*. Illustrated by B. C. Peterschmidt. Greenwillow, 2022. 336 pages (978-0-06-301416-9)
- Ormsbee, Kathryn. *Growing Pangs*. Illustrated by Molly Brooks. Color by Bex Blending and Elise Schuenke. Random House, 2022. 249 pages (978-0-593-30128-9)
- Pérez, Celia C. *Tumble*. Kokila, 2022. 352 pages (978-0-593-32517-9)
- Perkins, Lynne Rae. *Violet & Jobie in the Wild*. Greenwillow, 2022. 232 pages (978-0-06-249969-1)
- Preus, Margi. *Windswept*. Amulet, 2022. 291 pages (978-1-4197-5824-9)
- Soontornvat, Christina. *The Last Mapmaker*. Candlewick, 2022. 359 pages (978-1-5362-0495-7)
- Soontornvat, Christina. *The Tryout*. Illustrated by Joanna Cacao. Graphix, 2022. 272 pages (978-1-338-74130-8)
- Thomas, Kiah. *The Callers*. Chronicle, 2022. 228 pages (978-1-79721-078-0)
- Trehan, Meera. *The View from the Very Best House in Town*. Walker, 2022. 261 pages (978-1-5362-1924-1)
- Yee, Lisa. *Maizy Chen's Last Chance*. Random House, 2022. 276 pages (978-1-9848-3025-8)
- Willis, Maggie Edkins. *Smaller Sister*. Roaring Brook, 2022. 320 pages (978-1-250-76742-4)
- Zarr, Sara. *A Song Called Home*. Balzer + Bray, 2022. 356 pages (978-0-06-304492-0)

Fiction for Young Adults

- Anderson, Jodi Lynn. *Each Night Was Illuminated*. Quill Tree, 20022. 238 pages (978-0-06-239357-9)
- Browne, Mahogany L. *Vinyl Moon*. Crown, 2022. 166 pages (978-0-593-17643-6)
- Emezi, Akwaeke. *Bitter*. Knopf, 2022. 264 pages (978-0-593-30903-2)
- Ferguson, Jen. *The Summer of Bitter and Sweet*. Heartdrum, 2022. 384 pages (978-0-06-308616-6)
- Fernandez, Cristina. *How to Date a Superhero (And Not Die Trying)*. Katherine Tegen Books / HarperCollins, 2022. 403 pages (978-0-06-311430-2)
- Giles, Lamar. *The Getaway*. Scholastic Press, 2022. 384 pages (978-1-338-75201-4)
- Ho, Joanna. *The Silence that Binds Us*. HarperTeen, 2022. 437 pages (978-0-06-305934-4)
- Ireland, Justina. *Rust in the Root*. Balzer + Bray, 2022. 439 pages (978-0-06-303822-6)
- Khorram, Adib. *Kiss & Tell*. Dial, 2022. 378 pages (978-0-593-32526-1)
- Lamb, Sacha. *When the Angels Left the Old Country*. Levine Querido, 2022. 400 pages (978-1-64614-176-0)
- McLemore, Anna-Marie. *Lakelore*. Feiwel & Friends, 2022. 289 pages (978-1-250-62414-7)

Redgate, Riley. *Alone Out Here*. Hyperion, 2022. 392 pages (978-1-368-06472-9)

Reyes, Sonora. *The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School*. Balzer + Bray, 2022. 385 pages (978-0-06-306023-4)

Rijckeghem, Jean-Claude van. *Ironhead, or, Once a Young Lady*. Translated from the Dutch by Kristen Gehrman. U.S. edition: Levine Querido, 2022. 368 pages (978-1-64614-048-0)

Rogers, Andrea L. *Man Made Monsters*. Illustrated by Jeff Edwards. Levine Querido, 2022. 315 pages (978-1-64614-179-1)

Sepetys, Ruta. *I Must Betray You*. Philomel, 2022. 319 pages (978-1-9848-3603-8)

Sylvester, Natalia. *Breathe and Count Back from Ten*. Clarion, 2022. 346 pages (978-0-35-853686-4)

Velez, Angela. *Lulu and Milagro's Search for Clarity*. Balzer + Bray, 2022. 391 pages (978-0-06-307178-0)

Walton, Julia. *On the Subject of Unmentionable Things*. Random House, 2022. 320 pages (978-0-593-31057-1)

Wilson, Kip. *The Most Dazzling Girl in Berlin*. Versify, 2022. 416 pages (978-0-358-44890-7)

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