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Announcing the 2017 & 2018 Choose to Read Ohio Booklist

Columbus, Ohio – April 27, 2016 – The State Library of Ohio, Ohioana Library Association, and Ohio Center for the Book are pleased to announce the 20 books selected for the 2017 & 2018 Choose to Read Ohio booklist.

Choose to Read Ohio (CTRO) promotes reading across Ohio by encouraging Ohioans of all ages to read and share books by authors native to, residing in, or associated with the Buckeye State. CTRO is a project of the State Library of Ohio and the Ohioana Library Association in collaboration with the Ohio Center for the Book, Kent State University School of Library and Information Science, and Ohio's libraries.

Through a biennial booklist of 20 representative titles for all ages, CTRO encourages libraries, schools, families, book clubs, and others to build communities of readers and an appreciation of Ohio authors, illustrators, and literature. Selected books are suitable for use in classrooms, libraries, bookstores, by book discussion groups, by families, and by other groups in various community settings. Participation may be as simple as a small group choosing to read and share a book together, or as elaborate as a community-wide reading initiative with special events and author appearances.

CTRO booklists follow a two-calendar-year program cycle, but readers are encouraged to read and share any current or past CTRO books at any time. Previous CTRO booklists have spotlighted titles by Ohio authors and illustrators including Jacqueline Woodson, Susan Orlean, Toni Morrison, Denise Fleming, Will Hillenbrand, Virginia Hamilton, Angela Johnson, Paula McLain, J. Patrick Lewis, Daniel Kirk, Cinda Williams Chima, Katrina Kittle, and many others.

The 2017 & 2018 booklist was developed by an advisory committee representing schools, libraries, and literary organizations, with input from 55 additional teachers, librarians, and other book lovers.

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Books for Young Children

Curious Critters: Marine by David FitzSimmons.

The Farmer's Away! Baa! Neigh! by Anne Vittur Kennedy.

Henry Finds His Word by Lindsay Ward.

I Wanna Go Home by David Catrow (illustrator), written by Karen Kaufman Orloff.

Wind Flyers by Angela Johnson (author) & Loren Long (illustrator).

Books for Tweens/Middle Grades

Eliza Bing Is (Not) a Big Fat Quitter by Carmella Van Vleet.

Moonpenny Island by Tricia Springstubb, illustrated by Gilbert Ford.

The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall.

Winterfrost by Michelle Houts.

The Year of the Book by Andrea Cheng, illustrated by Abigail Halpin.



Books for Teens

East by Edith Pattou.

Fat Angie by e. E. Charlton Trujillo.

There Will Be Bears by Ryan Gebhart.

The Vigilante Poets of Selwyn Academy by Kate Hattemer.

Voices from the March on Washington by J. Patrick Lewis & George Ella Lyon.

Books for Adults

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

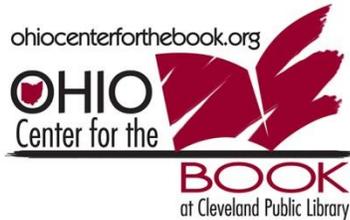
The Bluebird Effect: Uncommon Bonds with Common Birds by Julie Zickefoose.

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng.

The Story Hour by Thrity Umrigar.

Super Boys: The Amazing Adventures of Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, The Creators of Superman
by Brad Ricca.

Each CTRO book features a downloadable toolkit available at no cost. The toolkits are packed with ideas and resources, including an author biography, discussion questions, activities, book jacket and author photos, and links for further exploration of the book's themes, topics, or setting. Toolkits for all 75 CTRO titles to date are available at <http://library.ohio.gov/ctro>. Toolkits for the 2017 & 2018 titles will be created and added during summer-fall 2016.



The following people served as electors for the 2017 & 2018 CTRO booklist. They graciously offered their time, support, and expertise to CTRO by reading and assessing many nominated books of interest to one or more age groups. The CTRO Advisory Board and partners are indebted to these librarians and educators for their generous participation:

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