

Charlotte Award Criteria updates

Current criteria

To encourage children to read and appreciate fine literature

Select books of multi-culture nature

Consider male and female protagonists

Balance and variety of genres: Non-fiction, Contemporary, Historical Fiction, Biography, Adventure, Science Fiction, Poetry, Humor, etc.

Illustrations

Appeal to children

Consider picture books as well as novels for intermediate, and young adult categories

Consider books written by New York authors

Updated version 2014 ballot

In choosing books for the NYSRA Charlotte Award, we consider:

Books that will encourage children and youth to read and appreciate fine literature. We choose books for the ballot with high quality text and illustrations.

Books that represent the diversity of our state. We choose books for the ballot that reflect male and female viewpoints as well as books that reflect the cultural and racial diversity of our readers.

Books that demonstrate different genres and formats. We choose books from a variety of genres and formats, including picture books, novels, or graphic novels for all age levels.

Books that are written by NY authors are given special consideration as we like to highlight our state's authors, but we also look beyond our NYS borders for great literature.

Most importantly, we choose books that that appeal to children and youth as well as appeal to their teachers. Most of our books are read in school and library settings so we aim to choose books that will be read and enjoyed by everyone.