

CL/R SIG Newsletter

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MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Danielle Hartsfield, Assistant Professor at the University of North Georgia, co-authored *Cooperative Discussions for Critical Thinking: Protocols for the Pre-Service Classroom* with colleagues Nicole Maxwell, Jennie Jones, and Danielle Hilaski. The chapter appears in [*Handbook of Research on Critical Thinking Strategies in Pre-Service Learning Environments*](#).

Susan Knell, Professor at Pittsburg State University, has organized the first annual [Gorilla Literacy Conference](#). The conference theme is “creating joyful writing experiences for students and teachers” and features author and consultant Ralph Fletcher.

A Suitcase of Seaweed & More by **Janet Wong** (YUZU/Pomelo Books), to be published in March 2019, is a reissue of *A Suitcase of Seaweed*, published originally in 1996 by Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster. This edition includes 50 new pages of content—prose pieces and writing prompts that turn each poem into a mini-lesson on diversity, inclusion, and identity.

2019 NOTABLE BOOKS FOR A GLOBAL SOCIETY

Each year, the Notable Books for a Global Society Committee selects 25 titles that support students in understanding the diversity of people and cultures from around the globe. The 2019 list of NBGS titles is now available! Please visit www.clrsig.org for additional information and a [printable list](#) of the winners.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Notable Books for a Global Society Committee was started in 1995 as a way to identify outstanding tradebooks that promote understanding across lines of culture, race, sexual orientation, values, and ethnicity.

Each year, a committee of 10 people reads the book submissions and selects 25 outstanding books for the award. We seek 3 new members for a 3-year term on the committee.

In order to be a member of this committee, you must be:

- a member of the Children’s Literature Special Interest Group
- willing to attend the International Literacy Association annual meeting and the National Council of Teachers of English annual meeting each year you are on the committee

- willing to read and discuss over 300 books for K-12 that are typically sent to committee members each year as submissions for the award

Please contact Suzii Parsons (sue.parsons@okstate.edu) and Fran Wilson (fwilson@madeiracityschools.org) if you are interested in applying to be a new member of the committee. The deadline for applications is **February 22, 2019**.

CALL FOR REVIEWERS

The CL/R SIG produces a weekly blog reviewing children's and young adult books on ILA's *Literacy Daily*. You can read the [new column](#) each Monday as well as archived weekly blogs. Members of the CL/R SIG interested in contributing reviews should contact Carolyn Angus (cangus114@gmail.com).

SURVEY INVITATION

The Children's Literature Assembly is seeking to understand the ways in which preservice teachers are being prepared in the area of children's literature in initial certification programs. Toward this end, we are seeking professors/instructors of children's literature courses in Education departments, English departments, and library science departments to complete a survey.

If you are a professor/instructor of children's literature in an initial certification program, please complete the survey. If someone else in your department/college/university teaches children's literature, please ask them to complete the survey. You can locate the survey [here](#).

