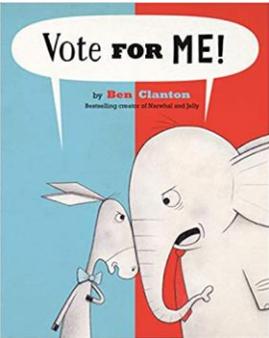


# In the News: Voting and Elections for Kids

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## Picture Books

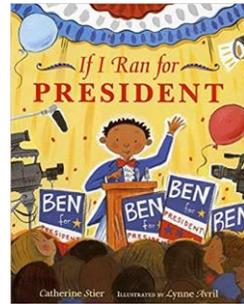


### [Vote for Me! – By Ben Clanton](#)

The donkey wants your vote. So does the elephant. And each will do just about anything to win your support. And what happens when the election results are in? Well, let's just say the donkey and the elephant are in for a little surprise.

### [If I Ran for President – By Catherine Stier](#)

If you ran for president you would have to do a lot of hard work. You would study the nation's problems, tell the American people about your platform, select a running mate, and debate your opponents on live television. Will you be the next president?

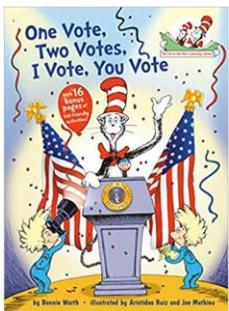
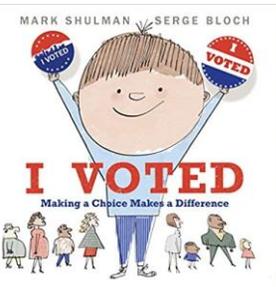
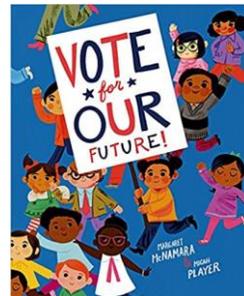


### [I Voted: Making a Choice Makes a Difference- By Mark Shulman](#)

*I Voted* explains the concept of choosing, individually, and as a group, from making a simple choice: "Which do you like better?", to selecting a class pet, to even more complicated decisions, like electing community representatives.

### [Vote for our Future – By Margaret McNamara](#)

Every two years, Stanton Elementary School closes for the day so that it can transform itself into a polling station. People can come from *all* over to vote for the people who will make laws for the country. After all, voting is how this country sees change--and by voting today, we can inspire tomorrow's voters to change the future.

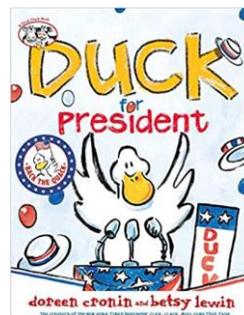


### [One Vote, Two Votes, I Vote, you Vote– By Bonnie Worth](#)

Written in simple rhyme, this Cat in the Hat's Learning Library Book introduces early readers to the concept and practice of voting—with a focus on the American Presidency! Readers will learn the basic principles of democracy; how political parties are made; why Election Day is held in early November; and much more.

### [Duck for President – By Doreen Cronin](#)

Here is a duck who began in a humble pond. Who worked his way to farmer. To governor. And now, perhaps, to the highest office in the land. Some say, if he walks like a duck and talks like a duck, he is a duck. We say he will be the next president.

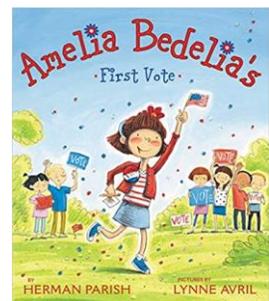
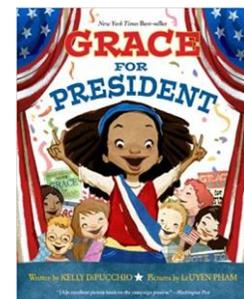


### [Amelia Bedelia's First Vote - by Herman Parish](#)

Amelia Bedelia's class cast their ballots to determine the activities of the day, and learn that voting can be full of silly mix-ups and tons of fun. Hooray for election day!

### [Grace for President – by Kelly DiPucchio](#)

When Grace's teacher reveals that the United States has never had a female president, Grace decides she wants to be the nation's first and immediately jumpstarts her political career by running in her school's mock election! This timely story gives readers a fun introduction to the American electoral system.



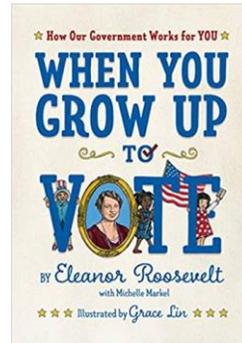
## Middle Grades

### [Vote! – by Eileen Christelow](#)

*Vote!* has everything you need to know about voting and how our democracy works—parties, voter registration, campaigns, rallies, debates, Election Day, even recounts! Topics are presented in a clear, kid-friendly graphic format as the story of a local election unfolds, with hilarious commentary by the candidates' pets.

### [When you Grow up to Vote – by Eleanor Roosevelt](#)

In the voice of one of the most iconic political figures of the twentieth century comes a book on citizenship for the future voters of the twenty-first century. Eleanor Roosevelt published the original edition in 1932, the same year her husband was elected president. The new edition has updated information as well as fresh, bold art. Beginning with government workers like firefighters and garbage collectors, and moving up through local government to the national stage, this book explains that the people in government work for the voter.



### [What's the Big Deal About Elections - by Ruby Shamir](#)

Did you know that we have more than ninety thousand state and local governments in the US? Or that Election Day celebrations two hundred years ago featured marching bands and bonfires? Elections allow adult citizens the chance to choose how our cities, states, and country are run. Our elections can seem complicated, but at their core they're all about having a say in our own lives and future. Readers learn just how important being an active participant in our democracy can be through one simple message: Elections matter, and we can all play our part.

### [Elections in the United States – by David Heath](#)

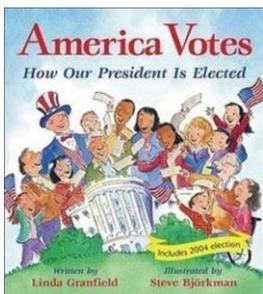
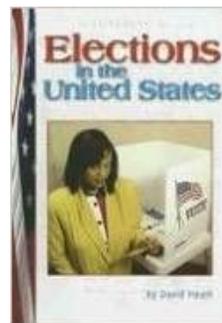
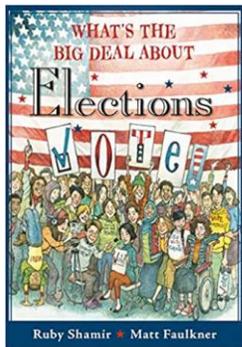
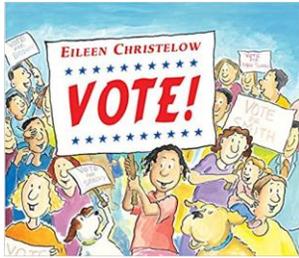
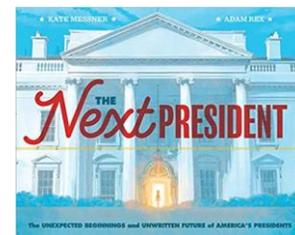
Discusses national, state, and local elections, as well as political parties and the electoral college.

### [America Votes: How our President is Elected- by Linda Granfield](#)

America votes entertains young readers with true stories about elections from US history and informs them about voters' rights, campaign slogans, the party symbols, and what the president's job entails.

### [The Next President – by Kate Messner](#)

Who will be the NEXT president? Could it be you? When George Washington became the first president of the United States, there were nine future presidents already alive in America. When JFK became the thirty-fifth president, there were 10 future presidents already alive in America. And right now—today!—there are at least 10 future presidents alive in America. They could be playing basketball, like Barack Obama, or helping in the garden, like Dwight D. Eisenhower. They could be solving math problems or reading books. They could be making art—or already making change.



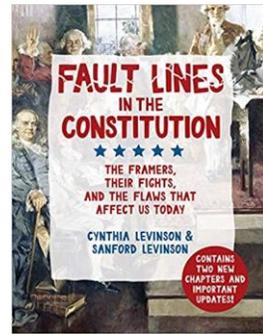


### [Voting in an Election – by John Hamilton](#)

Explains how voting defines what democracy is and what the voting process is in America, giving some examples of when votes alone did not decide who became president.

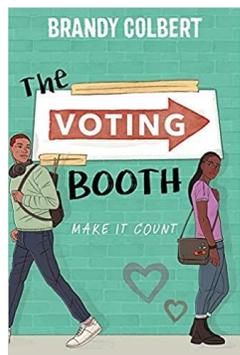
### [Fault Lines in the Constitution – by Cynthia Levinson](#)

Many of the political issues we struggle with today have their roots in the U.S. Constitution. Cynthia and Sanford Levinson take readers back to the creation of this historic document and discuss how contemporary problems were first introduced—then offer possible solutions. Think Electoral College, gerrymandering, even the Senate. Many of us take these features in our system for granted. But they came about through haggling in an overheated room in 1787, and we're still experiencing the ramifications.



## Teen

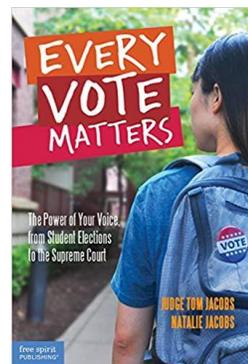
### [The Voting Booth – by Brandy Colbert](#)



Marva Sheridan was born ready for this day. She's always been driven to make a difference in the world, and what better way than to vote in her first election? Duke Crenshaw is so done with this election. He just wants to get voting over with so he can prepare for his band's first paying gig tonight. When Marva sees Duke turned away from their polling place, she takes it upon herself to make sure his vote is counted. She hasn't spent months doorbelling and registering voters just to see someone denied their right. And that's how their whirlwind day begins, rushing from precinct to precinct, cutting school, waiting in endless lines, turned away time and again, trying to do one simple thing: vote.

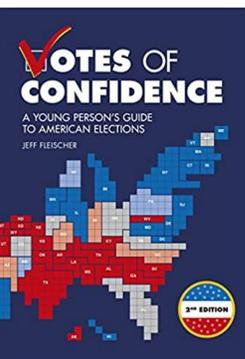
### [Every Vote Matters: The Power of Your Voice, from Student Elections to the Supreme Court – by Thomas Jacobs](#)

Encourage teens to recognize the importance of voting and making their voices heard in the democratic process with this timely book focused on Supreme Court decisions that came down to a single vote. Chapters examine key Supreme Court rulings and explore how these cases have affected the lives and rights of U.S. citizens—especially teens. Using a straightforward, impartial tone, the authors take a close look at often controversial cases and at the history of voting in the United States. The emphasis is involvement in local and national elections as well as other ways to be an engaged citizen.



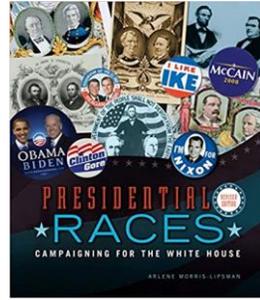
### [Votes of Confidence: A Young Person's Guide to American Elections – by Jeff Fleischer](#)

Every two years, media coverage of American elections turns into a horse-race story about who's leading the polls and who said what when. Give young adult readers clear explanations about how our election process actually works, why it matters, and how they can become involved. Using real-world examples and anecdotes, this book provides readers with thorough, nonpartisan explanations about primaries, the electoral college, checks and balances, polls, fundraising, and more.



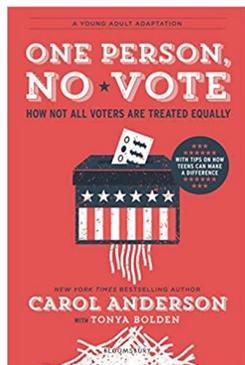
## [Presidential Races: Campaigning for the White House – by Arlene Morris-Lipsman](#)

American presidents have come from all walks of life. Some have had a lot of experience campaigning for office, while others have had almost none. Now, campaigning for the United States' highest office takes years to plan, years to carry out, and a lot of money. Candidates must engage their competition—and the American voter—in vigorous debate 24/7, using robust advertising, strategic appearances, and social media messaging. Follow the changes in presidential campaign strategies from the nation's early leaders to twenty-first century contenders. Learn how strategies to pick candidates, raise money, run campaigns, sway voters, and elect leaders have evolved. And see if you can predict what lies ahead for Americans in upcoming presidential elections.



## [One Person, No Vote: How not all Voters are Treated Equally \(YA Edition\) – by Carol Anderson](#)

This young adult adaptation brings to light the truth about how not every voter is treated equally. After the 2008 election a rollback of voting rights occurred, punctuated by a 2013 Supreme Court decision that undid the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Known as the Shelby ruling, this decision allowed districts with a history of racial discrimination to change voting requirements without approval from the Department of Justice. This book follows the stunning aftermath of that ruling and explains how voter suppression works, from photo ID requirements to gerrymandering to poll closures. It also explores the resistance: the organizing, activism, and court battles to restore the basic right to vote to all Americans. Complete with a discussion guide, photographs, and information about getting involved with elections in teens' own community, this is an essential explanation of the history of voting rights—and a call to action for a better future.



## [True or False: A CIA Analyst's Guide to Spotting Fake News – by Cindy L Otis](#)

"Fake news" is a term you've probably heard a lot in the last few years, but it's not a new phenomenon. From the ancient Egyptians to the French Revolution to Jack the Ripper and the founding fathers, fake news has been around as long as human civilization. But that doesn't mean that we should just give up on the idea of finding the truth. Former CIA analyst Cindy Otis shares lessons learned in over a decade working for the CIA, including actionable tips on how to spot fake news and how to understand and see past our own information biases, so that we can think critically about important issues and put events happening around us into context.



## [You Call This Democracy?: How to Fix our Government and Deliver Power to the People – by Elizabeth Rusch](#)

The political landscape has never been so tumultuous: issues with the electoral college, gerrymandering, voter suppression, and a lack of representation in the polls and in our leadership have led to Americans of all ages asking, *How did we get here?* The power to change lies with the citizens—especially teens! *You Call This Democracy?* looks at flaws in the system. Each chapter breaks down a different problem plaguing American democracy, exploring how it's undemocratic, offering possible solutions (with examples of real-life teens who have already started working toward them), and suggesting ways to effect change—starting NOW!

