

School Library Journal Series Made Simple FAQ

What is Series Made Simple?

Series Made Simple is the bi-annual supplemental that exclusively reviews nonfiction series titles. SMS publishes in the Spring (typically tied to the April or May issue) and in the Fall (tied to the November issue). We do not mail SMS books to consumers or librarians or facilitate purchase orders.

Can I submit a fiction series?

No. SMS only covers nonfiction. Fiction is not eligible and will not be considered.

Can I submit titles in a continuing series?

Yes. However, we **strongly encourage** that you do not submit single titles. It is highly unlikely we will review a new, single title in a continuing series.

Can I submit titles that are from last year or the year before?

SMS is meant to cover that season's offerings. Please do not submit titles that are not within the current season or are old titles that didn't get selected for the previous SMS.

How do I submit metadata and PDFs of the books I want to be considered?

Submit PDFs/metadata through *School Library Journal's* Virtual Book Room. [This link](#) will take you to instructions for creating an account (if your organization does not already have one), a quick-start guide, and detailed instructions for submitting.

Some SMS specific instructions not included in the documentation:

- Choose "Series Made Simple" from the dropdown menu in the Format/Category column
- Fill out the Series Name column for EACH TITLE you submit, making sure the series name is identical for each entry in a particular series

Should I mail physical books I want to be considered to the SLJ office?

No, do not send any physical copies. Upload PDFs of the books you want considered to the Virtual Book Room along with the metadata.

Do I need to submit cover art?

Please do not submit cover art until it is specifically requested.

What if I want to submit a series that is past the given deadline?

Deadlines are in place to ensure proper and timely production. Please do not submit series after the given deadlines, as they will not be considered. If you have a special circumstance, please email me.