

**The American Indian Library Association is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016 American Indian Youth Literature Awards**

The awards recognize excellence in books by American Indian authors. By identifying and honoring outstanding writing and illustrations in the field of children's literature, the American Indian Library Association encourages authors, illustrators, editors, publishers, and tribal entities to create materials that "present Native Americans in the fullness of their humanity in the present and past contexts."

**American Indian Library Association Youth Literature Award Jury**

Naomi Bishop (Akimel O'dham) Chair  
Grace Slaughter (Cheyenne of Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma)  
Jolena Tillequots (Yakama)  
Linda Wynne (Tlingit/Haida)  
Melanie S. Toledo (Navajo Nation)  
Sunny Real Bird (Apsaalooke Crow Tribe)  
Angela Thorton (Cherokee Nation)

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**Previous AIYLA Winners**

**Picture Book Award**

2014 Caribou Song Atihko Nikamon by Tomson Highway, Illustrated by John Rombough  
2012 My Christmas Coat: Memories of My Sioux Childhood by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve, illustrated by Ellen Beier  
2010 A Coyote Solstice Tale by Thomas King, Illustrated by Gary Clement  
2008 Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship & Freedom by Tim Tingle, illustrated by Jeanne Rorex Bridges  
2006 Beaver Steals Fire: A Salish Coyote Story by the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribe; told by Jonny Arlee, Illustrated by Sam Sandoval

**Middle School Award**

2014 How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story by Tim Tingle  
2012 Free Throw & Triple Threat by Jacqueline Guest  
2010 Meet Christopher: An Osage Boy from Oklahoma by Genevieve Simermeyer  
2008 Counting Coup: Becoming a Crow Chief on the Reservation and Beyond by Joseph Medicine Crow  
2006 The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich

**Young Adult Award**

2014 Killer of Enemies by Joseph Bruchac  
2012 Pipestone: My Life in an Indian Boarding School by Adam Fortunate Eagle  
2010 Between the Deep Blue Sea and Me by Lurline Wailana McGregor  
2008 The Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexi  
2006 Hidden Roots by Joseph Bruchac

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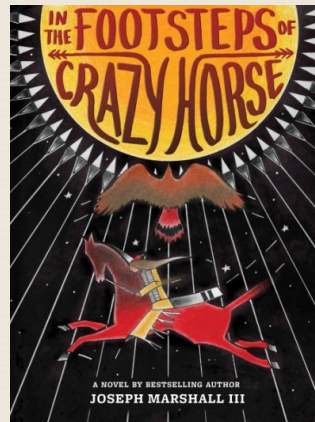


**2016 Picture Book Award  
Winner**



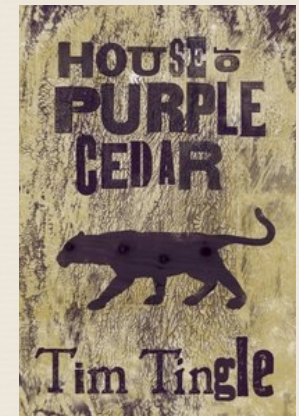
**Little You**  
Richard Van Camp, author  
Julie Flett, illustrator  
Orca Book Publishers, 2013

**2016 Middle School Winner**



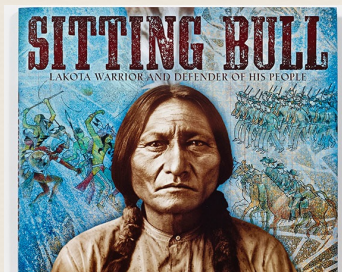
**In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse**  
Joseph Marshall III, author  
Amulet Books, 2015

**2016 Young Adult Winner**



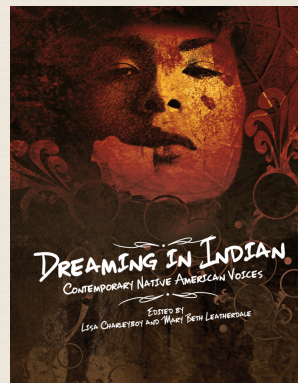
**House of Purple Cedar**  
Tim Tingle, author  
Cinco Puntos Press, 2013

**Picture Book Honor**



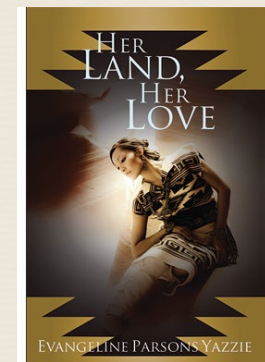
**Sitting Bull Lakota Warrior And  
Defender of his People**  
S.D. Nelson, author  
Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2015

**Middle School Honor Book**



**Dreaming in Indian Contemporary Native Voices**  
Edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth  
Leatherdale  
Annick Press, 2014

**Young Adult Honor Book**



**Her Land, Her Love**  
Evangeline Parsons Yazzie  
Salina Bookshelf Inc., 2016