2018 American Indian Youth Literature Awards

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Naomi Bishop, Chair
(Akimel O’odham/ Pima)
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(Apsaalooke Crow Tribe)
Linda Wynne (Tlingit/Haida)
Ofelia Zepeda (Tohono O’odham)
Janice Kowemy (Laguna Pueblo)
Janet Mumford
Laura Aase

The American Indian Library Association is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2018 American Indian Youth Literature Awards. These awards recognize excellence in books by American Indians and Alaska Natives. 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.

2018 Picture Book Honors:
All Around Us (2017), written by Xelena González and illustrated by Adriana M. García, Cinco Puntos Press
Black Bear Red Fox (2017), written and illustrated by Julie Flett, Native Northwest
Fall in Line, Holden! (2017), written and illustrated by Daniel W. Vandever, Salina Bookshelf, Inc.
I’m Dreaming Of...Animals of the Native Northwest (2017), written by Melaney Gleeson-Lyall and illustrated by First Nations Artists, Native Northwest

2018 Middle Grade Honor Book:

2018 Young Adult Honor Books:
Marrow Thieves (2017) written by Cherie Dimaline, DCB
Fire Starters (2016) written by Jen Storm; illustrated by Scott B. Henderson, and color artist Donovan Yaciuk, HighWater Press
2018 Best Picture Book Award Winner

Shanyaak'utlaax: Salmon Boy
edited by Tlingit speakers
Johnny Marks, Hans Chester, David Katzeek, Nora Dauenhauer, and Tlingit linguist Richard Dauenhauer.
Illustrated by Tlingit artist
Michaela Goade
Sealaska Heritage Institute
2017

2018 Best Middle School Book Award Winner

Tales of the Mighty Code Talkers, volume 1
Edited by Arigon Starr and featuring the work of: Theo Tso, Jonathan Nelson, Kristina Bad Hand, Roy Boney Jr., Lee Francis IV, Johnnie Diacon, Weshoyot Alvitre, Renee Nejo, & Michael Sheyahshe
Native Realities
2017

2018 Best Young Adult Book Award Winner

#NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women
Edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale
Annick Press, 2017