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’odham) Chair
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Previous AIYLA Winners

**Picture Book Award**
2014 Caribou Song Athiho 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 Boke 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 Alexie
2006 Hidden Roots by Joseph Bruchac

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Little You
Richard Van Camp, author
Julie Felt, 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