

About the Book Awards

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Children's and Young Adults' Book Awards are intended for newly published authors who show unusual promise in the children's and young adults' book fields. Awards are given for fiction and nonfiction in each of three categories: Primary, Intermediate, and Young Adult. Books from all countries and published in English for the first time during the 2020 calendar year will be considered.

The annual Children's and Young Adults' Book Awards will be presented and publicized in May 2021.

Submission guidelines

Children's and Young Adults' Book Awards books shall be the author's/authors' first or second book.

To submit your titles, please [complete the online application form](#). If you have trouble with the application, please contact ILAAwards@reading.org.

Submissions must be received by January 8, 2021.

Eligibility

- The book must be published in English and the year of first copyright must be 2020. A book will be considered only one time.
- A book may be submitted by either its publisher or author.
- Both fiction and nonfiction books are eligible.

- The book should provide believable and intriguing characters and be truthful and authentic in its presentation of information and attitudes as they existed at the time and place in which the story reflects.
- If a picture book (Primary category) is selected as an award winner, the author and illustrator share the award. In all other cases, the author will receive the full award.

Shipping your books

The list of shipping addresses with additional instructions for participating publishers will be sent to each publisher; publishers should begin to ship submitted titles ***as soon as they receive the addresses***. Please provide one copy of each book submitted to all committee members.

For a more detailed list of eligibility requirements, please visit the [ILA Children's and Young Adults' Book Awards website](#) or contact ILAAwards@reading.org with any questions.

We look forward to your submissions!