

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Children's and Young Adult Book Awards recognize newly published authors of both fiction and nonfiction who show exceptional promise in the field of children's and young adult literature. Awards are given in each of three (3) categories: Primary, Intermediate, and Young Adult.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Authors are honored on the basis of the fiction or nonfiction title submitted. To be eligible, the title must be the first or second book published by the author or author team. First- or second-time author-illustrators are also eligible but will be evaluated on writing solely.

Titles must be submitted for one of three categories: Primary (ages preschool–8), Intermediate (ages 9–13), or Young Adult (ages 14–17).

To be considered, a title must have been published in English during the 2023 calendar year. First-time English translations published in the 2023 calendar year are also eligible. At this time, self-published books are not eligible for consideration.

Books may be entered for consideration by the publisher or by the author(s). (If the author is submitting their book, the book must not have been self-published.) One copy of each title submitted must reach the ILA Children's and Young Adult Book Awards Committee chair and all of the designated subcommittee members **within 10 business days** of the publisher receiving the addresses for shipping. The cost of providing these titles, as well as any associated shipping costs, are the responsibility of the publisher or the author(s).

SUBMISSION PROCESS

All nominations must be submitted through an online application. Up to six (6) titles can be submitted per form; to submit more than six (6) titles, an additional form will need to be completed.

Please be sure to review all the requirements on the form, including

- Requested information for submitter
- Title of book(s)
- Category (Fiction or Nonfiction) and age level group (Primary, Intermediate, or Young Adult) for each book submitted (Please be sure to double check these choices. Books submitted in the wrong category could be disqualified.)
- Name of author(s) and illustrator(s) if applicable
- Cover image of each book (front only; 300 dpi or higher)

Each author's eligibility will be confirmed upon submission. Once confirmed, a shipping list with committee members will be sent to the submitter. The submitter must then send one copy of each title to every member on the list. All costs will be assumed by the submitting publisher or author(s).

Please note the expectation that the submitter will distribute *print* copies of each book and that audio or electronic versions will not be accepted without prior approval. Exceptions to this policy will be made when an alternative format is requested by a committee member for accessibility and/or when a committee member's shipping address is in a different country from that of the submitter; in those cases, the submitter may request permission to send an electronic copy instead.

The required number of copies for each title must be distributed to and received by committee members no later than **10 business days** after the distribution list is provided.

SUBMISSION TIMELINE

- Open Date: **August 1, 2023**
- Submission Deadline: **November 1, 2023**
- Applicants are notified of the results via email by **early June 2024**.

Please direct any questions to ILAAwards@reading.org.