



Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature 2001-2024

The Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature promotes Asian/Pacific culture and heritage and is awarded based on literary and artistic merit.



2024: **Picture Book Winner: The Truth About Dragons** written by Julie Leung and illustrated by Hanna Cha

Honor Book

Finding Papa written by Angela Pham Krans and illustrated by Thi Bui

Middle Grade Winner: Ruby Lost and Found written by Christina Li (J Li)

Honor Book

Parachute Kids: A Graphic Novel written and illustrated by Betty C. Tang

Young Adult Winner: I'd Rather Burn Than Bloom written by Shannon C.F. Rogers (YA FICTION Rogers)

Honor Book

In Limbo written by Deb JJ Lee

2023: **Picture Book Winner: From the Tops of the Trees** written by Kao Kalia Yang and illustrated by Rachel Wada (J 362.7 Yan)

Honor Book

Nana, Nenek & Nina written and illustrated by Liza Ferneyhough (JE Ferneyhough)

Middle Grade Winner: Maizy Chen's Last Chance written by Lisa Yee (J Yee)

Honor Book

Troublemaker written by John Cho with Sarah Suk (J Cho)

Young Adult Winner: Himawari House written and illustrated by Harmony Becker (YA GRAPHIC NOVEL Becker)

Honor Book

The Silence that Binds Us written by Joanna Ho (YA FICTION Ho)

2022: **Picture Book Winner: Watercress** written by Andrea Wang and illustrated by Jason Chin (JE Wang)

Honor Book

A Boy Named Isamu: A Story of Isamu Noguchi written by James Yang (JE Yang)

Middle Grade Winner: Amina's Song written by Hena Khan

Honor Book

Finding Junie Kim written by Ellen Oh (J Oh)

Young Adult Winner: Last Night at the Telegraph Club written by Malinda Lo (YA FICTION Lo)

Honor Book

We are Not Free written by Traci Chee (YA FICTION Chee)

2021: **Picture Book Winner: Paper Son: The Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist** written by Julie Leung and illustrated by Chris Sasaki

Honor Book

Danbi Leads the School Parade written and illustrated by Anna Kim (JE Kim)

Middle Grade Winner: When You Trap a Tiger written by Tae Keller (J Keller)

Honor Book

Prairie Lotus written by Linda Sue Park (J Park)

Young Adult Winner: This Light Between Us written by Andrew Fukuda (YA FICTION Fukuda)

Honor Book

Displacement written by Kiku Hughes

- 2020: **Picture Book Winner: Queen of Physics: How Wu Chien Shiung Helped Unlock the Secrets of the Atom**
written by Teresa Robeson and illustrated by Rebecca Huang
Honor Book
Bilal Cooks Daal written by Aisha Saeed and illustrated by Anoosha Syed (JE Saeed)
- Middle Grade Winner: Stargazing** written by Jen Wang (J Keller)
Honor Book
I'm Ok written by Patti Kim (J Kim)
- Young Adult Winner: They Called Us Enemy** written by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, Steven Scott and illustrated by Harmony Becker (Graphic Novel Bio Takei)
Honor Book
Frankly in Love written by David Yoon (YA FICTION Yoon)
- 2019: **Picture Book Winner: Drawn Together** written by Minh Lê and illustrated by Dan Santat (JE Le)
Honor Book
Grandmother's Visit written by Betty Quan and illustrated by Carmen Mok
- Middle Grade Winner: Front Desk** written by Kelly Yang (J Yang)
Honor Book
The House that Lou Built written by Mae Respicio
- Young Adult Winner: Darius the Great is Not Okay** written by Adib Khorram (YA FICTION Khorram)
Honor Book
The Astonishing Color of After written by Emily X.R. Pan
- 2018: **Picture Book Winner: A Different Pond** written by Bao Phi and illustrated by Thi Bui (JE Phi)
Honor Book
The Nian Monster written by Andrea Wang and illustrated by Alina Chau (JE Wang)
- Middle Grade Winner: Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh** written by Uma Krishnaswami
Honor Book
Cilla Lee-Jenkins: Future Author Extraordinaire written by Susan Tan and illustrated by Dana Wulfekotte
- Young Adult Winner: It's Not Like It's a Secret** written by Misa Sugiura
Honor Book
Saints & Misfits written by S.K. Ali
- 2017: **Picture Book Winner: Puddle** written and illustrated by Hyewon Yum (JE Yum)
- Middle Grade Winner: The Land of Forgotten Girls** written by Erin Entrada Kelly
Honor Book
Momotaro Xander and the Lost Island of Monsters written by Margaret Dilloway
- Young Adult Winner: Outrun the Moon** written by Stacey Lee
Honor Book
Watched written by Marina Budhos
- 2016: **Picture Book Winner: Juna's Jar** written and illustrated by Jane Bahk
Honor Book
Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music written by Margarita Engle and illustrated by Rafael Lopez
- Middle Grade Winner: Full Cicada Moon** written by Marilyn Hilton (J Hilton)
Honor Book
Blackbird Fly written by Erin Entrada Kelly
- Young Adult Winner: P.S. I Still Love You** written by Jenny Han (YA FICTION Han)
Honor Book
Ink and Ashes written by Valynne E. Maetani

- 2015: **Picture Book Winner: Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin** written by Chieri Uegaki and Qin Leng (JE Uegaki)
Honor Book
Father's Chinese Opera written by Betty Quan and illustrated by Rich Lo
Middle Grade Winner: Gaijin: American Prisoner of War written by Matt Faulkner
Honor Book
Ting Ting written by Kristie Hammond
Young Adult Winner: Tiger Girl written by May-lee Chai
Honor Book
Shadow Hero written by Gene Luen Yang and illustrated by Sonny Liew (YA GRAPHIC NOVEL Yang)
- 2014: **Picture Book Winner: Red Kite, Blue Kite** written and illustrated by Ji-li Jiang
Honor Book
Barbed Wire Baseball written by Marissa Moss and illustrated by Yuko Shimizu (J 796.357 Mos)
Middle Grade Winner: The Thing About Luck written by Cynthia Kadohata and illustrated by Julia Kuo (J Kadohata)
Honor Book
The Vine Basket written by Josanne La Valley
Young Adult Winner: Jet Black and the Ninja Wind written by Leza Lowitz and Shogo Oketani
Honor Book
Gadget Girl: The art of Being Invisible written by Suzanne Kamata
- 2013: **Picture Book Winner: Good Fortune Wrapped in a Cloth** written by Joan Schoettler and illustrated by Jessica Lanan
Honor Book
A Path of Stars written and illustrated by Anne O'Brien Sibley
Middle Grade Winner: Chengli and the Silk Road Caravan written by Hildi Kang
Honor Book
Shark King written by R. Kikuo Johnson
Young Adult Winner: Tina's Mouth: An Existential Comic Diary written by Keshni Kashyap
Honor Book
Ichiro written by Ryan Inzana
- 2012: **Picture Book Winner: The House Baba Built: An Artist's Childhood in China** written and illustrated by Ed Young
Honor Book
Hot Hot Roti for Kaka-ji written by F. Zia and illustrated by Ken Min
Middle Grade Winner: The Great Wall of Lucy Wu written by Wendy Wan-Long Shang (J Shang)
Honor Book
Vanished written by Sheela Chari
Young Adult Winner: Orchards written by Holly Thompson (YA FICTION Thompson)
Honor Book
Level Up written by Gene Luen Yang
- 2011: **Picture Book Winner: Yasmin's Hammer** written by Ann Malaspina and illustrated by Doug Chayka
Honor Book
Fly Free written by Roseanne Thong and illustrated by Eujin Kim Neilan (JE Thong)
Middle Grade Winner: Heart of a Samurai written by Margi Preus (J Preus)
Honor Book
Bamboo People written by Mitali Perkins (J Perkins)
Young Adult Winner: Shooting Kabul written by N.H. Senzai
Honor Book
A Boy of Heart Mountain written by Barbara Bazaldua

- 2010: **Picture Book Winner: Cora Cooks Pancit** written by Dorina K. Lazo Gilmore and illustrated by Kristi Valiant
Honor Book
Tan to Tamarind written by Malathi Michelle Iyengar and illustrated by Jamel Akib
Youth Literature Winner: Everything Asian written by Sung Woo (FICTION Woo)
Honor Book
Tofu Quilt written by Ching Yeung Russell (J Russell)
- 2009: **Picture Book Winner: Wabi Sabi** written by Mark Reibstein and illustrated by Ed Young (JE Reibstein)
Honor Book
Monsoon Afternoon written by Kashmira Sheth and illustrated by Yoshiko Jaeggi (JE Sheth)
Youth Literature Winner: Roots and Wings written by Many Ly
Honor Books
1001 Cranes written by Naomi Hirahara (J Hirahara)
Good Enough written by Paula Yoo
- 2008: **Picture Book Winner: Surfer of the Century** written by Ellie Crowe and illustrated by Richard Waldrep
Honor Book
Hiromi's Hands written and illustrated by Lynne Barasch
Youth Literature Winner: Hiroshima Dreams written by Kelly Easton
Honor Book
Keeping Corner written by Kashmira Sheth (YA FICTION Sheth)
- 2007: **Picture Book Winner: The Legend of Hong Kil Dong: The Robin Hood of Korea** written and illustrated by Anne Sibley O'Brien
Honor Book
Brothers written by Yin and illustrated by Chris Soentpiet
Youth Literature Winner: Nothing But the Truth written by Justina Chen Headley
Honor Book
Year of the Dog written by Grace Lin (J Lin)
- 2006: **Picture Book Winner: The Firekeeper's Son** written by Linda Sue Park and illustrated by Julie Downing
Honor Books
Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: The Sammy Lee Story written by Paula Yoo and illustrated by Dom Lee
Bread Song written by Frederick Lipp and illustrated by Jason Gaillard
Youth Literature Winner: Kira-Kira written by Cynthia Kadohata (YA FICTION Kadohata)
Honor Books
Shanghai Messenger written by Andrea Cheng
Project Mulberry written by Linda Sue Park (J Park)
- 2003: **Picture Book Winner: Apple Pie 4 July** written by Janet S. Wong and illustrated by Margaret Chodos-Irvine
Honor Books
Tanuki's Gift written by Tim Myer and illustrated by Robert Roth
Coolies written by Yin and illustrated by Chris Soentpiet (JE Yin)
Youth Literature Winner: A Step from Heaven written by An Na (YA FICTION Na)
Honor Books
Born Confused written by Tanuja Desai Hidier
Beacon Hill Boys written by Ken Mochizuki
A Single Shard written by Linda Sue Park (J Park)
- 2001: **Children and Youth Literature Winner: The Trip Back Home** written by Janet S. Wong and illustrated by Bo Jia