



LEE & LOW BOOKS ANNOUNCES THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL NEW VOICES AWARD



LEE & LOW BOOKS, award-winning publisher of children's books, is pleased to announce the sixteenth annual **NEW VOICES AWARD**. The Award will be given for a children's picture book manuscript by a writer of color. The Award winner receives a cash prize of \$1000 and our standard publication contract, including our basic advance and royalties for a first time author. An Honor Award winner will receive a cash prize of \$500.

Established in 2000, the NEW VOICES AWARD encourages writers of color to submit their work to a publisher that takes pride in nurturing new talent. Past NEW VOICES AWARD submissions we have published include *The Blue Roses*, winner of the Paterson Prize for Books for Young People; *Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: The Sammy Lee Story*, a Texas Bluebonnet Masterlist selection; and *It Jes' Happened: When Bill Traylor Started to Draw*, winner of the Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Award Honor.

Eligibility:

1. The contest is open to writers of color who are residents of the United States and who have not previously had a children's picture book published.
2. Writers who have published work in other venues and genres, including children's magazines, young adult, and adult fiction or nonfiction, are eligible. Only unagented submissions will be accepted.
3. Work that has been published in any format, including online and self published, is not eligible.
4. Manuscripts previously submitted for this award or to LEE & LOW BOOKS will not be considered.

Submissions:

1. Manuscripts should address the needs of children of color by providing stories with which they can identify and relate, and which promote a greater understanding of one another. Themes relating to non-traditional family structures, gender identity, or disabilities may also be included.
2. Submissions may be **FICTION**, **NONFICTION**, or **POETRY** for children ages 5 to 12. Stories with anthropomorphic animal characters will not be considered.
3. Manuscripts should be no more than 1500 words in length and accompanied by a cover letter that includes the author's name, address, phone number, email address, brief biographical note, relevant cultural and ethnic information, how the author heard about the award, and publication history, if any.
4. Manuscripts should be typed double-spaced on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. A self-addressed, stamped envelope with sufficient postage must be included if you wish to have the manuscript returned.
5. Up to two submissions per entrant. Each submission should be mailed separately.
6. Submissions should be clearly addressed to:

LEE & LOW BOOKS
95 Madison Avenue, suite 1205
New York, NY 10016
ATTN: NEW VOICES AWARD

7. **Manuscripts may not be submitted to other publishers or to LEE & LOW's general submissions while under consideration for this award.**
8. LEE & LOW BOOKS is not responsible for late, lost, or incorrectly addressed or delivered submissions.

Dates for Submission:

Manuscripts will be accepted from **May 1, 2015**, through **September 30, 2015**, and must be postmarked within that period.

Announcement of the Award:

1. The Award and/or Honor Award winners will be notified no later than December 31, 2015.
2. All entrants who include an SASE will be notified in writing of our decision by January 31, 2016.
3. The judges are the editors of LEE & LOW BOOKS. The decision of the judges is final.
4. At least one Honor Award will be given each year, but LEE & LOW BOOKS reserves the right not to choose an Award winner.
5. For FAQ and previous winners, visit leeandlow.com/writers-illustrators/new-voices-award.

TU BOOKS ANNOUNCES THE THIRD ANNUAL

NEW VISIONS AWARD



TU BOOKS, the middle grade and young adult imprint of LEE & LOW BOOKS, award-winning publisher of children's books, is pleased to announce the third **NEW VISIONS AWARD**. The award will be given for a middle grade or young adult novel by a writer of color. The Award winner receives a cash prize of \$1,000 and our standard publication contract, including our basic advance and royalties for a first time author. An Honor Award winner will receive a cash prize of \$500.

TU BOOKS, launched in 2010, is dedicated to diversity in genre fiction for young people. Titles published include the first winner of the New Visions Award, *Ink and Ashes* by Valynne Maetani; Andre Norton Award finalist and *School Library Journal* Best Books of the Year book *Summer of the Mariposas* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall; and Quick Picks Top Ten title *Killer of Enemies* by Joseph Bruchac. For more information about Tu Books, visit leeandlow.com/imprints/3.

Eligibility:

1. The contest is open to writers of color who are residents of the United States and who have **not** previously had a middle grade or young adult novel published.
2. Writers who have published work in other venues such as children's magazines or picture books, or adult fiction or nonfiction, **are** eligible. Only unagented manuscripts will be accepted.
3. Work that has been published in its entirety in any format (including online and self publishing as well as other countries) is **not** eligible.
4. Manuscripts previously submitted for this award or to TU BOOKS will not be considered.

Submissions:

1. Manuscripts should address the needs of children and teens of color by providing stories with which they can identify and relate, and which promote a greater understanding of one another. Themes relating to LGBTQ+ topics or disabilities may also be included.
2. Submissions may be **any fictional genre** novels for children ages 8 to 12 or young adults ages 12 to 18. We are particularly interested in fantasy and science fiction, but also welcome contemporary, historical, mystery, and suspense. Nonfiction will not be considered.
3. Submissions should include a synopsis of the story plus the first five (5) chapters, accompanied by a cover letter that includes the author's name, address, phone number, email address, brief biographical note, relevant cultural and ethnic information, how the author heard about the award, and publication history, if any. **Do not send the entire manuscript.**
4. Manuscripts should be composed in a clear, 12-point font, double-spaced, in a Word document. Submissions will not be returned.
5. Up to two submissions per entrant. Each submission should be submitted separately.
6. Submissions should be submitted online at tubooks.submittable.com/submit in the **New Visions Award category**. You will receive a confirmation email stating your submission was received.
7. Manuscripts may not be submitted to other publishers or to TU BOOKS general submissions while under consideration for this award.
8. TU BOOKS is not responsible for late, lost, or incorrectly delivered submissions. Be sure you leave enough time to resubmit if technical difficulties occur.

Dates for Submission:

Submissions will be accepted from **June 1, 2015**, through **October 31, 2015**, and must be submitted within that period. The submissions site will be only open from midnight, June 1 to midnight, Oct. 31. Please make sure to give yourself plenty of time to allow uploading.

Announcement of Finalists and Winners:

1. Finalists will be notified and full manuscripts requested no later than January 31, 2016. If your full manuscript is requested, it must be received by TU BOOKS by Feb 19, 2016.
2. Submissions will not be returned. Be sure to retain a copy of your submission.
3. Judges are the editors of TU BOOKS and LEE & LOW BOOKS. The decision of the judges is final.
4. The Award and Honor winners will be selected from among the full manuscripts requested and will be announced no later than April 30, 2015. At least one Honor winner will be chosen each year, but TU BOOKS reserves the right not to choose an Award winner.