

LEE & LOW BOOKS EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL

# NEW VOICES AWARD

## WRITING CONTEST

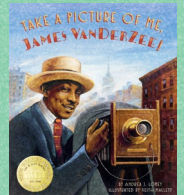
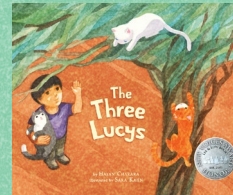
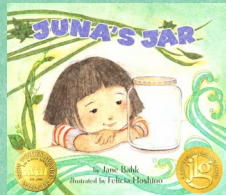
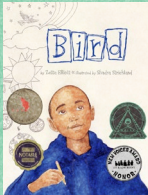
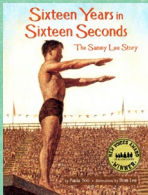


LEE & LOW BOOKS, award-winning publisher of diverse children's books, is pleased to announce the eighteenth annual New Voices Award Contest. The New Voices Award encourages writers of color to submit their manuscripts to a publisher that takes pride in nurturing new talent.



**\* The WINNER of the award receives a cash prize of \$1,000 AND a Lee & Low Books standard publishing contract! \***  
**An HONOR Award winner will receive a cash prize of \$500!**

### PAST WINNERS



## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Manuscripts may be FICTION, NON-FICTION, or POETRY for children ages 5–12. Folktales or stories with anthropomorphic animal characters will not be considered.
2. Manuscripts should address the needs of children of color or Native children by providing stories they can identify with and which promote greater understanding of one another. Themes relating to non-traditional family structures, gender identity, or disabilities are also of interest.
3. Manuscripts should be no more than 1500 words in length, typed, 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. Participants may submit up to two manuscripts. Each manuscript should be mailed separately to:  
**LEE & LOW BOOKS  
95 Madison Ave, Suite 1205  
New York, NY 10016  
ATTN: NEW VOICES AWARD**
5. Manuscripts may not be submitted to other publishers, agents, mentorship contests, writing contests, or to Lee & Low's general submissions while under consideration for this award.
6. All submissions must be post-marked between May 1, 2017, and September 30, 2017.

## ELIGIBILITY

Contestants must meet all of the following criteria to be considered:

1. Self-identify as a person of color or a Native/indigenous person.
2. Be at least 18 years old at the time of entry.
3. Be a resident of the United States.
4. Not have had a children's picture book published. Writers who have had work published in other genres are eligible. Please visit our website for details.

The winners will be notified no later than December 31, 2017.

For more information and FAQ, please visit [leeandlow.com/writers-illustrators/new-voices-award](http://leeandlow.com/writers-illustrators/new-voices-award)



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