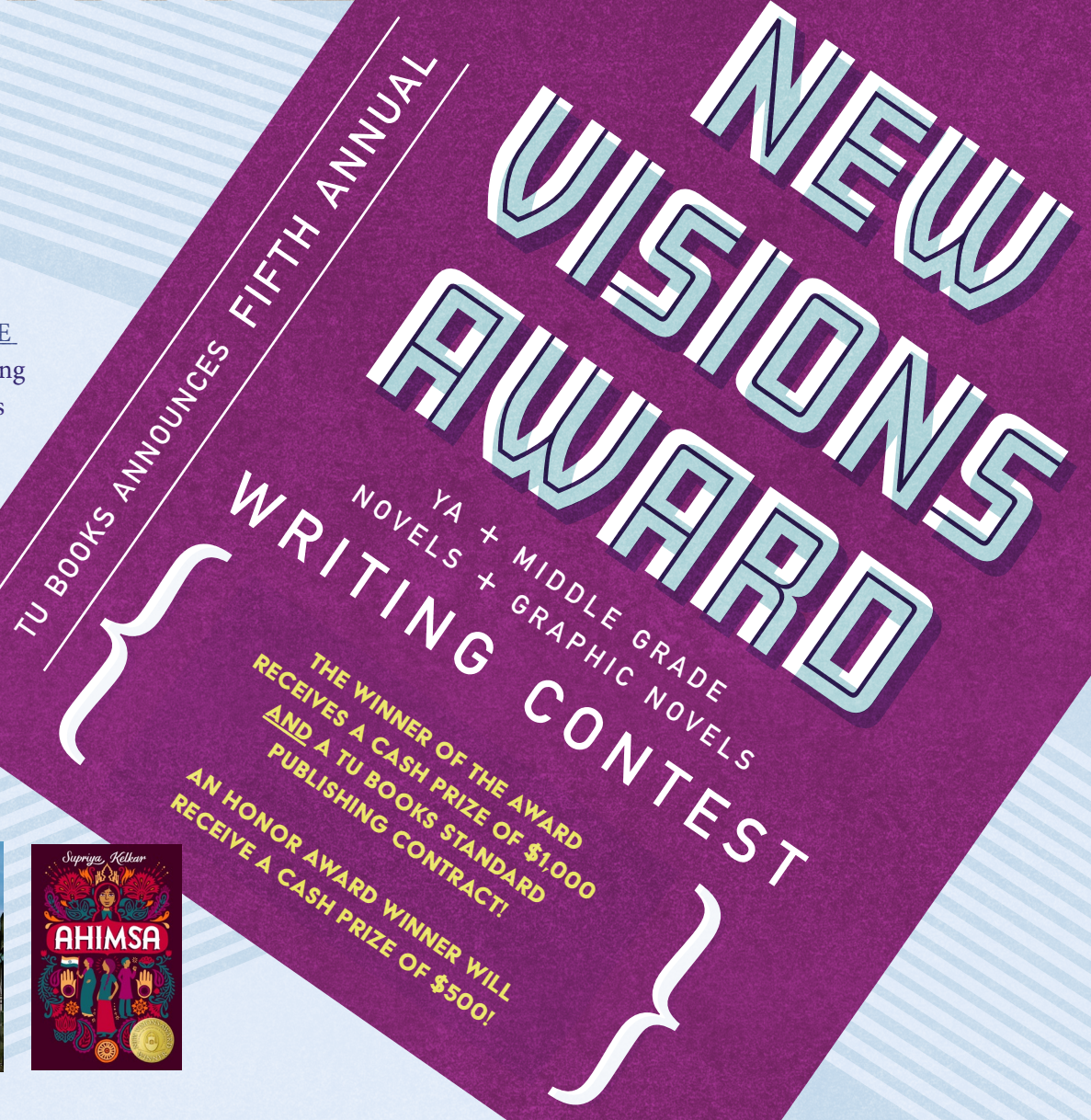
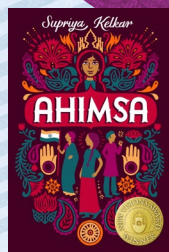
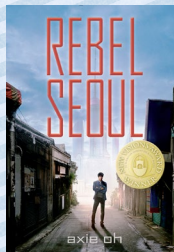
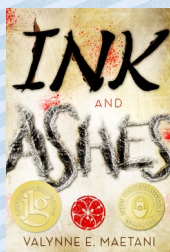




Tu Books

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 fifth annual NEW VISIONS AWARD. The award will be given for a middle grade or young adult novel by a writer of color.

PAST WINNERS:



SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Manuscripts may be novels or graphic novels in any fictional genre for children ages 8 to 12 or young adults ages 12 to 18. Picture books and short stories will not be accepted.
2. 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.
3. Submissions should be **full, unagented manuscripts or graphic novel scripts plus synopsis**. Manuscripts/scripts should be composed in a clear 12-point font, double-spaced, saved as a Word document, 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.
 - a. **Middle grade novels** are not to exceed 75,000 words in length; **young adult novels** are not to exceed 95,000 words in length.
 - b. **Graphic novels** should not exceed 150 scripted pages. Include 6-10 pages of final art samples and optional character sketches in PDF format *only* if you are an author/illustrator.
4. 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.
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 submitted electronically between June 1, 2017 and October 31, 2017. Allow plenty of time before the deadline to account for technical difficulties.**

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 middle grade or young adult novel published. Writers who have had work published in other age categories are eligible. Please visit our website for details.

The winners will be notified no later than April 30, 2018.

For more information and FAQ, please visit leeandlow.com/writing-contests



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