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Lee & Low Books, the nation's largest publisher of multicultural titles for children and young adults, welcomes submissions to our two annual writing contests.



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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 postmarked between April 1, 2018, and August 31, 2018.

The winners will be notified no later than
December 31, 2018.

We will announce the winners on **January 22, 2019.**



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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 or of native nations 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**. Manuscripts/scripts should be composed in a clear 12-point font, double-spaced, saved as a Word document, 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.
 - 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 April 1st, 2018 and August 31, 2018. Allow plenty of time before the deadline to account for technical difficulties.

The winners will be notified no later than
March 1, 2019.

We will announce the winners on **April 1, 2019.**

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 (for the New Voices Award), or have had a middle grade or young adult novel published (for the New Visions Award). Writers who have had work published in other age categories are eligible.

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