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## Press Release

### LEE & LOW BOOKS ANNOUNCES 2018 NEW VOICES AWARD WINNERS

New York, NY—January 22, 2019—LEE & LOW BOOKS is pleased to announce that SD Youngwolf of Moffat, Colorado is the winner of the company’s nineteenth annual New Voices Award. His picture book manuscript, *The Echo People*, is the story of two children who go on a special journey with their grandfather and, through their different experiences, learn how we create our own realities through the words and actions we give to the world.

SD Youngwolf is a writer and an award-winning artist who is tribally enrolled in the Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee. His creativity is inspired by traditional indigenous stories and history, and by the young people he meets during his storytelling performances. He hopes that *The Echo People* will resonate with readers by giving them a stronger sense of responsibility for the way they lead their lives. Youngwolf will receive a prize of \$2,000 and a publication contract.

LEE & LOW BOOKS is also proud to announce that Patty Cisneros Prevo of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, will receive the New Voices Award Honor for her picture-book manuscript, *Unstoppable: Thirteen Adventures Alongside Athletes with Physical Disabilities*. Prevo introduces readers to a variety of modern-day athletes with physical disabilities who have overcome challenging obstacles to achieve great successes in their lives.

Patty Cisneros Prevo is a two-time Paralympic gold medalist, a first-generation Mexican-American elementary teacher, and a mentor for people with disabilities. She wrote *Unstoppable* to bring people with disabilities to the forefront of children’s literature and inspire all young readers with these athletes’ exciting stories. Prevo will receive a prize of \$1000.

**ABOUT THE AWARD:** Established in 2000, the New Voices Award encourages writers of color to submit their work to Lee & Low Books, which takes pride in nurturing authors new to the world of children’s book publishing. Published past winners include [It Jes’ Happened: When Bill Traylor Started to Draw](#) by Don Tate, winner of the Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Award Honor; [Bird](#) by Zetta Elliott, an ALA Notable Book; [Juna’s Jar](#) by Jane Bahk, a Spring 2015 Junior Library Guild selection; and [Take A Picture of Me, James VanDerZee](#) by Andrea Loney, an NAACP Image Award nominee. For more information, visit our [New Voices Award](#) page.

Authors of color who write for older readers are encouraged to learn about our [New Visions Award](#) for middle grade and young adult manuscripts as well.