



American Indian Library Association

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Dear Publisher,

The American Indian Library Association (AILA) is evaluating recent books published for children and young adults about American Indians and First Nations of the United States and Canada, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

The AILA *American Indian Youth Literature Awards (AIYLA)* recognize excellence in books by and about American Indians. By identifying and honoring outstanding writing and illustrations in the field of children's literature, AILA encourages authors, illustrators, editors, publishers, and tribal entities to create materials that present Native Americans in the fullness of their humanity in present and past contexts.

The Awards Jury is soliciting review copies of recent books, published in 2009, 2010 or 2011 for the 2012 *American Indian Youth Literature Awards*. The winners will be announced at the 2012 ALA Midwinter Conference.

Three awards may be given, one for each picture book, middle school title, and young adult title. The Awards Jury requires **ten copies** of each title submitted for consideration. **All titles must be submitted by October 1, 2011.**

Please contact Jury Chair Lisa Mitten for instructions on submitting books. Submission criteria appear in an attachment to this email.

Thank you for your consideration, participation, and support of the **American Indian Youth Literature Award**.

AILA American Indian Youth Literature Award Jury

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