



Reading the Region 2015-2016: Award Books, Award Programs, and the Latest Winning Titles from Around the PNLA Region

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This bibliography first existed as a panel program at the Pacific Northwest Library Association's Annual Conference in Calgary, AB, in August 2016. Each year at this conference, librarians from around the region perform book talks on their favorite award winners. This helps us all identify the best books that came out in our region in the past year so that we can connect readers with them, build our collections with wonderful content that represents our Pacific Northwest world in all its diversity and beauty, and celebrate the many wonderful writers and award programs we have in the region. Without bibliographies and programs such as this, these awards are not easily identified or tracked, unlike the higher-profile national and international literary prizes that we are more familiar with.

Many thanks are due to the librarians who presented book talks at this year's program. Their devotion to books and reading, their energy, humor, and interest are greatly appreciated. Presenters for this program in Calgary included:

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| Alaska | Mary Jo Joiner , Alaska PNLA Representative, Director, Kenai Community Library, Kenai (mjoiner@ci.kenai.ak.us) |
| Alberta | Sarah Head , Alberta PNLA Representative, Resource Specialist, Lethbridge Public Library (sarahkhead@me.com) & Jocie Wilson , PNLA Young Reader's Choice Award Chair, Client Services Librarian, Yellowhead Regional Library, Spruce Grove (JWilson@yrl.ab.ca) |
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| Montana | Carmen Clark , Montana PNLA Representative, Reference Librarian, Bozeman Public Library (cclark@bozeman.net) & Jan Zauha , Past PNLA President, Outreach, Instruction, and Research Librarian, Montana State University, Bozeman (jzauha@montana.edu) |
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REGIONAL AWARDS

PNLA Young Readers Choice Awards 2016 (www.pnla.org/yrca/)

- Junior Division (4th-6th Grades): *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein
- Intermediate Division (7th-9th Grades): *The 5th Wave* by Rick Yancey
- Senior Division (10th – 12th grades): *This is What Happy Looks Like* by Jennifer Smith

Pacific Northwest Booksellers Awards 2016 (www.pnba.org/2016-book-awards.html)

- *The Game of Love and Death* by Martha Brockenbrough (Seattle)
- *Undermajordomo Minor* by Patrick deWitt (Portland)
- *Children & Other Wild Animals* by Brian Doyle (Portland)
- *The Triumph of Seeds: How Grains, Nuts, Kernels, Pulses, and Pips Conquered the Plant Kingdom and Shaped Human History* by Thor Hanson (San Juan Island, WA)
- *Call Me Home* by Megan Kruse (Seattle)
- *Unicorn On a Roll: Another Phoebe and Her Unicorn Adventure* by Dana Simpson (Auburn, WA)

American Indian Youth Literature from the American Indian Library Association (AILA) Award 2016 Winners (awarded every 2 years) (www.ailanet.org)

- **Picture Book Award:** *Little You* by Richard Van Camp, Julie Flett, illustrator
- **Middle School Award:** *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse* by Joseph Marshall III
- **Young Adult Award:** *House of Purple Cedar* by Tim Tingle



ALASKA

Alaskan Award – Adult Fiction or Non-Fiction (akla.org/newspoke/)

- **2016 Winner:** *So, How Long Have You Been Native?* by Alexis Bunten

Contributions to Literacy in Alaska Award 2016 (www.alaskacenterforthebook.org)

- **2016 Winner:** *Raven's Gift* by Don Rearden



ALBERTA—Sarah Head

Alberta Readers' Choice Award (www.epl.ca/alberta-readers-choice)

- **2016 Finalists:**
 - *Battle of Alberta* by Mark Spector
 - *Birdie* by Tracey Lindberg
 - *Road Trip Rwanda* by Will Ferguson
 - *Rumi and the Red Handbag* by Shawna Lemay
 - *A Wake for the Dreamland* by Laurel Deedrick-Mayne

Book Publishers' Association of Alberta Awards 2015 (www.bookpublishers.ab.ca)

- **Scholarly & Academic Book Award:** *A Historical and Legal Study of Sovereignty in the Canadian North: Terrestrial Sovereignty, 1870-1939* by Gordon W. Smith
- **Trade Fiction Book Award:** *Boundary Problems* by Greg Bechtel

- **Trade Non-Fiction Award:** *Detachment: An Adoption Memoir* by Maurice Mierau
- **Lois Hole Award for Editorial Excellence:** *Detachment: An Adoption Memoir* by Maurice Mierau
- **Robert Kroetsch Poetry Book Award:** *small things left behind* by Ella Zeltserman
- **Speculative Fiction Award:** *Seeing the Light: A Marie Jenner Mystery* by E. C. Bell
- **Alberta Book Design Awards:**
 - **Book Cover:** *Film and the City: The Urban Imaginary in Canadian Cinema* by George Melnyk, designed by Marvin Harder
 - **Book Design:** *Film and the City: The Urban Imaginary in Canadian Cinema* by George Melnyk, designed by Marvin Harder
 - **Book Illustration:** *Pat Martin Bates: Balancing on a Thread* by Patricia Bovey, designed by Neil Petrunia

Rocky Mountain Book Award (grades 4-7) (rmba.lethsd.ab.ca)

- **2016 Winner:** *Rocket Blues* by David Skuy

Writers' Guild of Alberta: Alberta Literary Awards 2016 (www.writersguild.ab.ca)

- **Georges Bugnet Award for Novel:** *Fishbowl* by Bradley Somer
- **Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry:** *The Pemmican Eaters* by Marilyn Dumont
- **Wilfrid Eggleston Award for Non-Fiction:** *Slick Water* by Andrew Nikiforuk
- **R. Ross Annett Award for Children's Literature:** *Winterkill* by Kate Boorman



BRITISH COLUMBIA

Red Cedar Book Award 2015/2016 (grades 4-7) (www.redcedaraward.ca)

- **Information Book Award:** *If...A Mind-Bending New Way of Looking at New Ideas and Numbers* by David J. Smith, illustrated by Steve Adams
- **Fiction:** *Finding Grace* by Becky Citra

BC Book Prizes 2016 (www.bcbookprizes.ca)

- **Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize:** *All True Not a Lie in It* by Alix Hawley
- **Roderick Haig-Brown Regional Prize:** *The Real Thing: The Natural History of Ian McTaggart Cowan* by Briony Penn
- **Hubert Evans Non-Fiction Prize:** *Tuco: The Parrot, the Others, and a Scattershot World* by Brian Brett
- **Bill Duthie Booksellers' Choice Award:** *A Taste of Haida Gwaii: Food Gathering and Feasting at the Edge of the World* by Susan Musgrave
- **Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize:** *Transmitter and Receiver* by Raoul Fernandes
- **Christie Harris Illustrated Children's Literature Prize:** *Peace is an Offering* by Annette LeBox, illustrated by Stephanie Graegin
- **Sheila Egoff Children's Prize:** *The Truth Commission* by Susan Juby

Chocolate Lily Awards 2015-2016 (www.chocolatelilyawards.com)

- **Best Picture Book:** *If You Happen to Have a Dinosaur* by Linda Bailey, illustrated by Colin Jack
- **Chapter Book:** It's a tie!
 - *Kung Pow Chicken: Let's Get Cracking* by Cyndi Marko
 - *Jasper John Dooley: Not in Love* by Caroline Adderson
- **Best Novel:** *A Year in the Life of a Total and Complete Genius* by Stacey Matson



IDAHO

Idaho Library Assoc. Book Award (www.idaholibraries.org/awards/idaho-bookaward)

- **2014 Winners (most recent):**
 - **Winner:** *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr
 - **Honorable Mention:** *Idaho's Place: A New History of the Gem State* edited by Adam M. Sowards



MONTANA

Montana Book Award 2015 (www.montanabookaward.org)

- **Winner:** *Lentil Underground: Renegade Farmers and the Future of Food in America* by Liz Carlisle

High Plains Book Awards 2015 (www.highplainsbookawards.org)

- **Best Nonfiction Book Award Winner:** *Badluck Way: A Year on the Ragged Edge of the West* by Bryce Andrews
- **Best Fiction Book Award Winner:** *Stars Go Blue* by Laura Pritchett
- **Best First Book Award Winner:** *Badluck Way: A Year on the Ragged Edge of the West* by Bryce Andrews
- **Zonta Award for Best Woman Writer:** *The Home Place* by Carrie La Seur
- **Best Poetry Book:** *Balefire* by Shann Ray
- **Art & Photography: Charles M. Russell:** *Photographing the Legend* by Larry Len Peterson
- **Short Stories:** *The Widow Smalls and Other Stories* by Jamie Lisa Forbes
- **Children's:** *Back to Batoche* by Cheryl Chad
- **Young Adult:** *Camp Outlook* by Brenda Baker
- **Culinary:** *A Taste of Montana: Favorite Recipes from Big Sky Country* by Seabring Davis

Treasure State Award (K-12 picture) (libguides.msun.edu/treasureaward)

- **2016:** *Too Much Glue* by Jason Lefebvre, illustrated by Zac Retz



WASHINGTON

Children's Choice Picture Book Award (childrenschoiceaward.wikispaces.com)

- **2016 Winner:** *The Secret Life of Squirrels* by Nancy Rose

Evergreen Teen Book Award (www.evergreenbookaward.org/)

- **2016 Winner:** *The 5th Wave* by Rick Yancey

Sasquatch Reading Award (sites.google.com/a/wlma.org/wlma/sasquatch-award)

- **2016 Winner:** *Star Wars: Jedi Academy* by Jeffrey Brown

Towner Award (WLMA) (towneraward.wikispaces.com)

- **2016 Winner:** *Neighborhood Sharks* by Katherine Roy

Washington State Book Awards 2015 (www.spl.org/audiences/adults/washington-state-book-awards/washington-state-book-award-winners)

- **Fiction:** *The Hour of Lead* by Bruce Holbert
- **Poetry:**
 - *Bugle* by Tod Marshall
 - *The Mountain Poems of Stonehouse* translation and commentary by Red Pine
- **History/General Nonfiction:** *Trying Home: The Rise and Fall of an Anarchist Utopia on Puget Sound* by Justin Wadland
- **Biography/Memoir:** *Loitering: New and Collected Essays* by Charles D'Ambrosio
- **Scandiuzzi Children's Book Award Winners:**
 - **Picture Book:** *Two Speckled Eggs* written and illustrated by Jennifer K. Mann
 - **Book for Middle Readers:** *Phoebe and Her Unicorn: A Heavenly Nostrils Chronicle* by Dana Simpson
 - **Book for Young Adults:** *The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender* by Leslye Walton