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FOR YA/MIDDLE GRADE
NOVELS & GRAPHIC NOVELS

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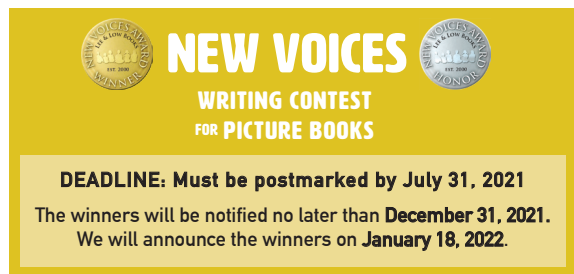


Lee & Low Books, the nation's largest publisher of multicultural titles for children and young adults, welcomes submissions to our two annual writing contests.

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

- ELIGIBILITY**
1. Identify as a person of color or an Indigenous/Native person.
 2. Be at least 18 years old at the time of entry.
 3. Be a resident of the United States.
 4. Be a debut author in the category in which you're applying. This means you cannot have had a picture book traditionally published if you're applying for the New Voices Award, or a middle-grade or YA novel traditionally published for the New Visions Award. Writers who have had work published in other age categories are eligible (e.g., a YA or adult author may apply for the New Voices Award). Authors with self-published books are also eligible, but you should submit a new manuscript, not a project that has been previously self-published.

Contestants must meet all of the following criteria to be considered:



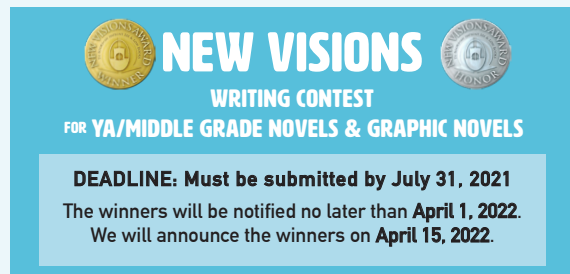
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WRITING CONTEST
FOR PICTURE BOOKS

DEADLINE: Must be postmarked by July 31, 2021
The winners will be notified no later than **December 31, 2021**.
We will announce the winners on **January 18, 2022**.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Manuscripts should address the needs of children of color or of Native Nations 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.
2. Manuscripts may be FICTION, NONFICTION, or POETRY for children ages 5–12. **Only stories with human protagonists will be considered.**
3. Manuscripts should be no more than 1500 words in length 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. Manuscripts should be typed double-spaced.
5. Up to two submissions per entrant. Each submission should be submitted separately.
6. The manuscript you submit to the New Voices contest 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.
7. LEE & LOW BOOKS is not responsible for late, lost, or incorrectly submitted manuscripts.
8. To submit a manuscript to the New Voices writing contest, please visit www.leeandlow.com/writers-illustrators/new-voices-award to access and complete the New Voices Award Submission Form. You will receive a confirmation email once you have successfully submitted your manuscript to the contest.
9. **All submissions must be submitted between May 1, 2021, and July 31, 2021 11:59 p.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Time). Allow plenty of time before the deadline to account for technical difficulties.**

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NEW VISIONS
WRITING CONTEST
FOR YA/MIDDLE GRADE NOVELS & GRAPHIC NOVELS

DEADLINE: Must be submitted by July 31, 2021
The winners will be notified no later than **April 1, 2022**.
We will announce the winners on **April 15, 2022**.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. 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.
2. Manuscripts may be fiction or narrative nonfiction for children ages 8 to 12 or young adults ages 12 to 18. Graphic novels and novels in verse are welcome. Picture books and short stories will not be accepted.
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 separate synopsis and cover letter in their own documents. The cover letter should include 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.
 - c. **Nonfiction** may be either in prose manuscript or graphic-novel form, following the word/page guidelines above. We seek narrative nonfiction projects with strong educational appeal, centered around a person or people from marginalized groups. Instructional or reference nonfiction (e.g. cookbooks, encyclopedias, etc.) will **not** be considered. Please include a preliminary bibliography and an explanation of how you came to write the book with your manuscript.
4. To submit a manuscript to the New Visions writing contest, please visit www.leeandlow.com/writers-illustrators/new-visions-award to access and complete the New Visions Award Submission Form. You will receive a confirmation email once you have successfully submitted your manuscript to the contest.
5. The manuscript you submit to the New Visions contest may not be submitted to other publishers, agents, mentorship contests, writing contests, or to Tu Books's general submissions while under consideration for this award.
6. **All submissions must be submitted electronically between May 1, 2021 and July 31, 2021 11:59 p.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Time). Allow plenty of time before the deadline to account for technical difficulties.**

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