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Dear Publisher,

The Literary Award Committee of the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA) will be reviewing titles for the upcoming Asia/ Pacific American Award for Literature (APAAL) to be announced at the ALA Midwinter Meeting at Dallas, TX in 2012. This award is to honor and recognize individual work about Asia/Pacific Americans and their heritages based on literary merit and artistic merit. All entries must be received by September 2011.

Winners of the 2010/2011 awards will also be announced on the APALA listserv in 2012 and they will be presented at the American Library Association Annual Conference in June 2012 at Anaheim, CA.

For the list of past winners and honor books, please refer to our website:
<http://www.apalaweb.org/awards/awards.htm>

Please note that we have several changes to the guidelines for the 2011-2012 Award, submission deadline is now moved up to September 30, 2011 . If you would like to submit an entry for consideration, please email the chair of the Literary Award Committee below for submission procedures and guidelines:

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ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN AWARD FOR LITERATURE (APAAL)
GUIDELINES

Goal:

The goal is to honor and recognize individual work about Asian/Pacific Americans and their heritage, based on literary and artistic merit.

Award:

Each award will be announced at the 2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Dallas, TX along with the Youth Literary Award. Winners of the APALA Literature award will be given the award seal during the 2012 APALA Literature Award Ceremony. The Winner of each category will receive a plaque during the 2012 American Library Association Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA. Press release will be sent to various national publications. The Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature is now an annual event.

Eligible Works

1. Works eligible must have had premier publication in 2011 and must have been published for general commercial release in the U.S.
2. Award categories (Five Categories) are:
 - a. Adult (fiction and nonfiction)
 - b. Youth Literature (Fiction)
 - i) Children's Literature
 - ii) Literature for Teens (Young Adults)
 - c. Picture Books
3. Works should be related to *Asian/Pacific Heritage*, not necessarily written by or illustrated by an Asian/Pacific American. The individual must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
4. Works must have been published by a large publishing house, trade or small press/publisher located in the United States or one of its territories. Self-published works and exclusive Internet publications are not eligible.
5. Anthologies or books containing the work of more than one author are not eligible.
6. Works must be originally written in English.
7. Works that have previously won other prizes or recognition are eligible.
8. If no books are found to meet the selection criteria, no award will be given.

Entry of Works

1. Entries may be submitted by an author, publisher, agent, publicist or individual.
2. The Literary Award Committee is not responsible for lost submission.
3. An author, publisher, publicist or agent may submit more than one entry per author, but no more than one entry per work.
4. **Entries must be received by the APALA Literature Award Committee Chair before September 30, 2011 to be eligible for the award. All entries received after October 1, 2011 will not be consider for the 2012 award. This is due to a procedure change of the committee.**
5. **Publisher that wishes to submit any work after October 1, please consult chair for a new committee roster to receive books after October 1.**

Submission of Entry: Please email

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