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INTERNATIONAL LITERACY ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES TOP CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT TITLES AT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

AUSTIN, Texas (July 26, 2018) —The International Literacy Association (ILA) announced the winners of the ILA Children's and Young Adults' Book Awards on Monday at the ILA 2018 Conference in Austin, TX.

The books on this year's list comprise a wide range of genres and styles, transport readers around the world to places such as Cuba and Iran and explore edifying themes, including mental illness, family life and tradition and racial prejudice and police brutality.

In its 43rd year, the awards program recognizes newly published authors who show exceptional promise in the children's and young adult book fields. Awards were presented for fiction and nonfiction in each of three categories: primary, intermediate and young adult.

"Notable authors like Laurence Yep (winner of the formerly named Laura Ingalls Wilder Award), Christopher Paul Curtis (three-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Book Award) and Lois Lowry (winner of two Newberry Medals for *Number the Stars* and *The Giver*) were recognized with this award early in their illustrious careers," said teaching and learning specialist and past ILA Board member Julie Scullen, who presented the awards.

The 2018 award winners are:

Primary Fiction

Winner: *The Book of Mistakes*. Corinna Luyken. 2017. Dial.

Honor: *Little Fox in the Forest*. Stephanie Graegin. 2017. Schwartz & Wade.

Primary Nonfiction

Winner: *This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids From Around the World*. Matt Lamothe. 2017. Chronicle.

Intermediate Fiction

Winner: *Train I Ride*. Paul Mosier. 2017. HarperCollins.

Honor: *The Notations of Cooper Cameron*. Jane O'Reilly. 2017. Carolrhoda.

Intermediate Nonfiction

Winner: *Marti's Song for Freedom*. Emma Otheguy. 2017. Lee & Low.

Young Adult Fiction

Winner: *Words on Bathroom Walls*. Julia Walton. 2017. Random House.

Honor: *The Hate U Give*. Angie Thomas. 2017. HarperCollins.

Young Adult Nonfiction

Winner: *Obsessed: A Memoir of My Life With OCD*. Allison Britz. 2017. Simon & Schuster.

“Congratulations to all of our award winners,” said Scullen. “I’m excited to get all of these books into the hands of young readers.”

Additional information on ILA’s awards can be found [here](#).

About the International Literacy Association

The International Literacy Association (ILA) is a global advocacy and membership organization dedicated to advancing literacy for all through its network of more than 300,000 literacy educators, researchers and experts across 146 countries. With over 60 years of experience, ILA has set the standard for how literacy is defined, taught and evaluated. ILA’s Standards for the Preparation of Literacy Professionals 2017 provides an evidence-based benchmark for the development and evaluation of literacy professional preparation programs. ILA collaborates with partners across the world to develop, gather and disseminate high-quality resources, best practices and cutting-edge research to empower educators, inspire students and inform policymakers. ILA publishes *The Reading Teacher*, *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy* and *Reading Research Quarterly*, which are peer reviewed and edited by leaders in the field. For more information, visit literacyworldwide.org.

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