

Africana Book Awards for Older Readers

2004-2016



The awards are presented annually by the Outreach Council of the African Studies Association. The award honors authors and illustrators of books about Africa published in the United States.

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2016 Award

Black dove white raven by Elizabeth Wein

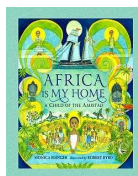
Summary: Having moved to Ethiopia to avoid the prejudices of 1930s America, Emilia Menotti, her black adoptive brother Teo, and their mother Rhoda, a stunt pilot, are devoted to their new country even after war with Italy looms, drawing the teens into the conflict. Age 14 & up (on order)
(no award in 2015)



2014 Award

Africa is my home : a child of the Amistad by Monica Edinger

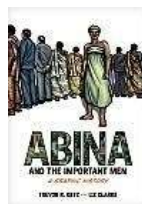
Summary: Presents a tale of a child who arrives in America on the slave ship "Amistad," describing her capture, her witness to a mutiny, and the Supreme Court trial that prompts her return to Africa. Gr. 5—8 (on order)



2013 Award

Abina and the important men : a graphic history by Trevor Getz.

Summary: A graphic novel account based on the 1876 court case involving a West African woman named Abina who was wrongfully enslaved. Age 16 & up
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2012 Award

Stones for my father by Trilby Kent

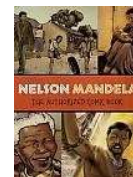
Summary: Corlie Roux's lives with her family on a farm in South Africa, but after her father dies, Corlie is left with her mother, who is as cruel to her as she is kind to Corlie's brothers, and the British have begun their invasion to remove families like hers from the Transvaal. Corlie will come to rely on inner strength and an unexpected alliance with a Canadian soldier. Gr. 5—8 FIC KEN



2010 Award

Nelson Mandela : the authorized comic book by Nelson Mandela Foundation.

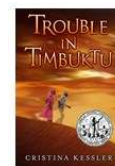
Summary: A graphic novel depiction of the life of Nelson Mandela that details his childhood, education, career as a lawyer, activism, imprisonment, and more. Age 14 & up
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2010 Notable

Trouble in Timbuktu by Christina Kessler

Summary: Ignoring her parents' wishes, as well as the customary place of women in Timbuktu society, twelve-year-old Ayisha joins her twin brother in trying to stop a pair of tourists from stealing an ancient manuscript. Gr. 5—8



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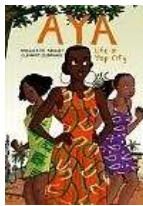
2008 Award

Aya by Marguerite Aboutet.

Summary: A graphic novel about the daily life of a Aya, a nineteen-year-old girl living in Yopougon on Africa's Ivory Coast in 1978, her two best friends Adjoua and Bintou, and their meddling relatives and neighbors.

Age 14 & up

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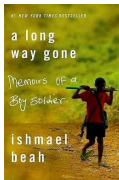
2008 Notable

A long way gone by Ishmael Beah.

Summary: Ishmael Beah describes his experiences after he was driven from his home by war in Sierra Leone and picked up by the government army at the age of thirteen, serving as a soldier for three years before being removed from fighting by UNICEF and eventually moving to the United States.

Age 16 & up

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Note: age or grade recommendations are from independent reviews in professional journals such as *Booklist* and *School Library Journal*

2008 Notable

Rise of the golden cobra by Henry Aubin

Summary: Fourteen-year-old Nebi is the sole survivor of a vicious attack and must find Piankhy, ruler of the African kingdom of Kush, to help him save his kingdom from destruction.

Age 14 & up



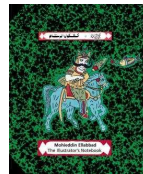
2007 Award

Illustrator's notebook by

Mohieddine Ellabbad

Summary: The author uses both words and illustrations to describe his childhood and the cultural influences that led him to become one of Egypt's finest illustrators. Text in English and Arabic.

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2006 Award

The **Muzungu Boy** by Meja Mwangi .

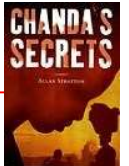
Summary: Kariuki's life in a small village in central Kenya seems to be one grand adventure, and when he meets a young boy from England, he learns the world is full of even more adventures and challenges.



2005 Award

Chanda's secrets by Allan

Stratton. *Summary:* Chanda Kabelo, a sixteen-year-old in a small South African town, faces down shame and stigma in her efforts to help friends and family members who are dying of AIDS. Age 14 & up



2005 Notable

Talking drums: a selection of poems from Africa south of the Sahara edited by Veronique Tadjó.

Summary: Presents traditional and twentieth-century poems from sub-Saharan Africa that reflect the spirit and history of the region, written in or translated into English.

Gr. 5—8



2004 Award

Out of bounds : seven stories of conflict and hope by Beverley Naidoo

Summary: A collection of seven stories by native South African Beverley Naidoo which explore the theme of choice during apartheid.

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