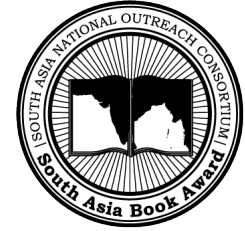




# South Asia Book Award

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## ***Submissions Being Accepted for the 2017 South Asia Book Award***

### **Award Rationale**

In recent years an increasing number of high-quality children’s and young adult books are published that portray South Asia or South Asians living abroad. To encourage and commend authors and publishers who produce such books, and to provide librarians and teachers with recommendations for educational use, the South Asia National Outreach Consortium (SANOC) will offer a yearly book award to call attention to outstanding works on South Asia.

### **Criteria**

The committee will review published works, from early childhood to secondary reading levels, published in English, which accurately and skillfully portray South Asia or South Asians in the diasporas, that is the experience of individuals living in South Asia, or of South Asians living in other parts of the world. The culture, people, or heritage of South Asia should be the primary focus of the story. The countries and islands that make up South Asia are: Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the region of Tibet. We will also consider stories that take place in the Caribbean Islands that focus on a South Asian subject. In determining the award, books will be judged for: 1) quality of story; 2) cultural authenticity; and 3) potential for classroom use.

### **Eligibility**

The committee will consider books that fit the SABA criteria (see above) and have been published during the preceding year (January 1 – December 31, 2016). This means that the book has a publication date in 2016, was available for purchase in 2016 and has a copyright date no later than 2016. If a book is published prior to its year of copyright as listed in the book, it shall be considered in its year of copyright as indicated in the book. Consideration will be given to the ease with which school teachers and librarians in the United States would be able to order multiple copies.

### **Submission Process**

To nominate a title, publishers are invited to submit review copies to the award committee. Submission deadline is January 31, 2017. Please send eight copies of the nominated book (one each) to the South Asia Book Award Committee:

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**The 2017 winner, honor books and highly commended books will be announced by May 2017.**

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