



Boston Authors Club

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BAC AWARDS PROGRAM
Wednesday, September 26 from 5PM to 7PM
Boston Public Library
Orientation Room (Dartmouth Street Entrance)

**JOIN US AT THE BPL IN COPLEY SQUARE ON
SEPTEMBER 26 TO MEET AND CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S
HONORED BAC AUTHORS!**

Award Presentations and Author Remarks
Honored Titles for Sale and Author Signing
Reception, Refreshments, Celebration!

This Year's Honored Authors and Titles

FICTION

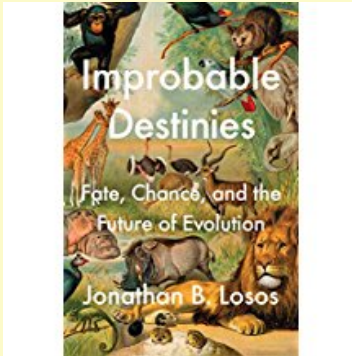
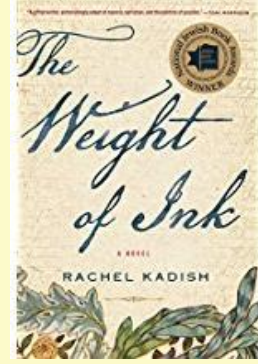
Winner:

Rachel Kadish for *The Weight of Ink*

Finalists:

Gregory Maguire for *Hiddensee*

Celeste Ng for *Little Fires Everywhere*



NONFICTION

Winner:

Jonathon Losos for *Improbable Destinies: Fate, Chance, and the Future of Evolution*

Finalist: Steven Hatch for *Inferno: A Doctor's Ebola Story*

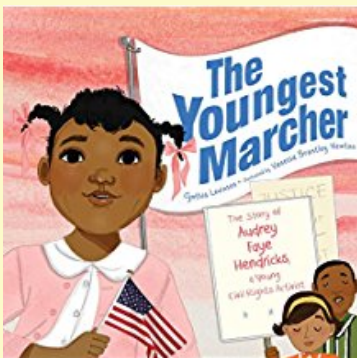
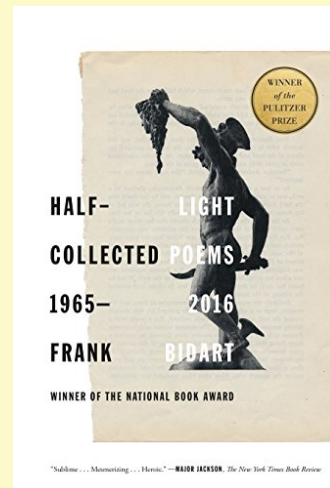
POETRY

Winner:

Frank Bidart for *Half Light: Collected Poems 1965-2016*

Finalist:

Gregory LeStage for *Hope Is a Small Barn*



YOUNG READERS

Winner:

Cynthia Levinson for *The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks*

Finalists:

Mira Bartok for *The Wonderling*

Kimbelly Fusco for *Chasing Augustus*

Lauren Wolk for *Beyond the Bright Sea*



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Call for News About BAC Authors

The BAC newsletter is published the first week of every month, except for a combined June-July Summer Issue. Please send news about your activities, speaking, and new books (along with related pictures) to bostonauthorsclub@gmail.com by August 26 for publication in the September 2018 newsletter.

Yesteryear at the BAC by Scott Guthery



Twenty Years of Honoring Boston Authors

As part of the Boston Authors Club mission to further literary purposes and promote community among Boston-area authors, the BAC has presented annual awards since 1997 to outstanding books written by authors living within 100 miles of Boston. These awards are named after Julia Ward Howe, the Club's first President.

For the first three years of the awards, there was a single Julia Ward Howe Prize awarded for adult books (whether fiction, nonfiction, or poetry). A prize for an author in the Young Readers category was added in 2000. Last year, the BAC Board decided to expand the JWH awards program to recognize exceptional books by Boston area authors with prizes in four separate categories: Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, and the Young Readers.

The first Julia Ward Howe award, that of 1997, went to Igor Lukas for *Czechoslovakia between Stalin and Hitler* published by Oxford University Press. In 1998 the winner was Anita Diamant for *The Red Tent*. The first Young Readers award winner was Deborah Savage for *Summer Hawk* in 2000. From time to time, the BAC has also recognized outstanding authors with a Julia Ward Howe Lifetime Achievement award and occasionally it has added special awards to the annual program. Lifetime Achievement awards were bestowed on Robert Coles (2011), David McCullough (2012), Louis Gluck and Lois Lowry (2013).

See the lead article for this year's honored authors and titles.

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