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BCALA Announces the 2016 Literary Awards Winners

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Inc. (BCALA) announces the winners of the 2016 BCALA Literary Awards during the Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association in Boston, MA. The awards recognize excellence in adult fiction and nonfiction by African American authors published in 2015, including an award for Best Poetry and a citation for Outstanding Contribution to Publishing. The recipients will receive the awards during the 2016 Annual Conference of the American Library Association in Orlando, FL.

The winner of the 1st Novelist Award is ***The Turner House*** by Angela Flournoy (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt).

The Fiction category winner is ***God Help the Child*** by Toni Morrison (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group).

The Honor Books for Fiction are ***The Star Side of Bird Hill*** by Naomi Jackson (Penguin Publishing Group) and ***Driving the King: A Novel*** by Ravi Howard (HarperCollins Publishers).

The winner in the Nonfiction category is ***Spectacle: The Astonishing Life of Ota Benga*** by Pamela Newkirk (HarperCollins Publishers).

Honor Books for Nonfiction are ***Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination that Changed America*** by Wil Haygood (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group) and ***I Am Charlie Wilson*** by Charlie Wilson with Denene Millner (Atria/37Ink).

The winner for BCALA's Best Poetry Award is ***Wild Hundreds*** by Nate Marshall (University of Pittsburgh Press).

The BCALA Literary Awards Committee presents the Outstanding Contribution to Publishing Citation to ***The Jemima Code: Two Centuries of African American Cookbooks*** by Toni Tipton-Martin (University of Texas Press).

Members of the BCALA Literary Awards Jury are: Gladys Smiley Bell (Chair), Hampton University; Tracy Crawford, Queens Library's Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center; Tiffany A. Duck, Jefferson-Madison Regional Library; LeRoy LaFleur, Tufts University; Ritchie A. Momon, Kansas City Public Library; John Page, Washington, D.C.; and Apryl Price, Florida State University.

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