

## 2014 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Book Award Winner & Finalist Announced

The Assembly on Literature for Adolescents (ALAN) of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) is pleased and proud to announce the finalists for the 2014 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Book Award for Young Adult Fiction. Established in 2008 to honor the wishes of young adult author Amelia Elizabeth Walden, the award allows for the sum of \$5,000 to be presented annually to the author of a young adult title selected by the ALAN Amelia Elizabeth Walden Book Award Committee as demonstrating a positive approach to life, widespread teen appeal, and literary merit.

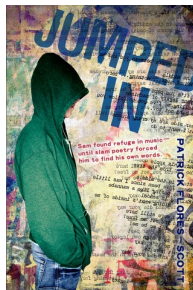
The 2014 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award Winner is:

***Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell  
(St. Martin's Griffin)**

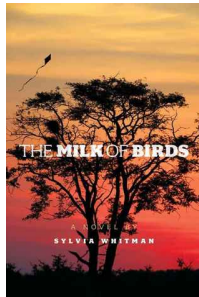


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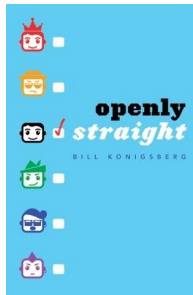
***Jumped In* by Patrick Flores-Scott  
(Henry Holt / Christy Ottaviano Books)**



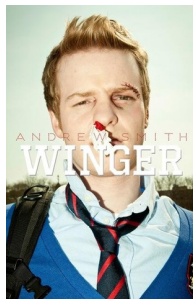
***The Milk of Birds* by Sylvia Whitman  
(Atheneum Books for Young Readers)**



***Openly Straight* by Bill Konigsberg  
(Arthur A. Levine Books)**



***Winger* by Andrew Smith  
(Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)**



All Walden Award titles will be identified by an award sticker—gold for the winner and silver for the four finalists. The winning title and finalists will be honored on at the 2014 ALAN Workshop on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:25pm in Washington, D.C. and will be invited to participate in a panel discussion.

The 2014 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award Committee would like to thank: the Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award Foundation, the ALAN Executive Council, the ALAN Board of Directors, NCTE, and the thirty-six publishers who submitted titles for consideration.

The 2014 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award Committee considered nearly 300 young adult titles throughout the process. The committee was comprised of eleven members representing the university, K-12 school, and library communities. They are:

Kellee Moye, Committee Chair  
Teacher/Reading Coach  
Hunter's Creek Middle School, Orlando, FL

Lois Buckman, Past Committee Chair  
Assistant Librarian  
Anderson County Public Library, Anderson, SC

Jonatha Basye  
Teacher/Librarian  
Bryan Elementary, Hampton, VA

Ernest Cox  
Librarian  
Prairie Creek Intermediate School, Cedar Rapids, IA

Paul Hankins  
English Language & Composition Teacher  
Silver Creek High School, Sellersburg, IN

Nancy Johnson  
Professor, Children's/Young Adult Literature & English/Language Arts Education  
Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

Sara Kajder  
English Teacher  
Shady Side Academy, Pittsburgh, PA

Mark Letcher  
Assistant Professor English Education  
Purdue University Calumet, Hammond, IN

Suzanne Metcalfe  
Librarian  
Dimond High School, Anchorage, Alaska

Mindi Rench  
Reading Coach/Literacy Coach  
Northbrook Junior High School, Northbrook, IL

Lois Stover  
Dean – School of Education and Human Services  
Marymount University, Arlington, VA

For more information on the award, please visit **ALAN Online: The Official Site of the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents** <http://www.alan-ya.org/>