

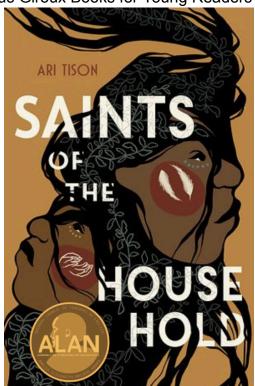
## 2024 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Book Award Winner and Finalists Announced

The Assembly on Literature for Adolescents (ALAN) of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) is pleased and proud to announce the 2024 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Book Award for Young Adult Fiction finalists. Established in 2008 to honor the wishes of young adult author Amelia Elizabeth Walden, the award allows for a cash prize 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.

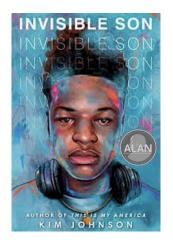
The 2024 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award winner is:

## Saints of the Household by Ari Tison

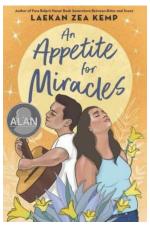
(Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers / Macmillan)



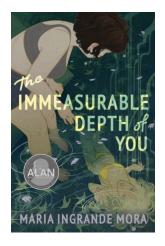
The 2024 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award finalists are:



Invisible Son by Kim Johnson (Random House Books for Young Readers / Penguin Random House)



An Appetite for Miracles by Laekan Zea Kemp (Little, Brown and Company / Hachette)



The Immeasurable Depth of You by Maria Ingrande Mora

(Peachtree Teen / Peachtree)



## The Next New Syrian Girl by Ream Shukairy (Little, Brown and Company / Hachette)

The winning title and finalists will be honored at the 2024 ALAN Workshop on Monday, November 25, 2024, and the authors will be invited to participate in a panel discussion.

The 2024 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 many publishers who submitted titles for consideration.

The 2024 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award Committee considered over 300 young adult titles throughout the process. The committee was comprised of ten members representing the university, K-12 school, and library communities. They are:

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