NCTA Freeman Book Awards
The Freeman Book Awards - recognizing quality books for children and young adults that contribute meaningfully to an understanding of East and Southeast Asia.

2018 Winners

Moth and Wasp, Soil and Ocean: Remembering Chinese Scientist Pu Zhelong's Work for Sustainable Farming
Children's Literature Winner
by Sigrid Schmalzer, Illustrated by Melanie Linden Chan, Tilbury House Nature Books

Go: A Coming of Age Novel
Young Adult/High School Literature Winner
by Kazuki Kaneshiro, Translated by Takami Nieda, AmazonCrossing

Grenade
Young Adult/Middle School Literature Winner
by Alan Gratz, Scholastic Press

The Astonishing Color of After
Young Adult/High School Literature Winner
by Emily X.R. Pan, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Honorable Mention & Of Note - Children’s Literature

The Turtle Ship
2018 Honorable Mention – Children's Literature
by Helena Ku Rhee, Illustrated by Colleen Kong-Savage, Shen’s Books and Lee & Low Books

Confucius: Great Teacher of China
2018 Honorable Mention – Children’s Literature
by Demi, Lee & Low Books

Thirty Minutes Over Oregon:
A Japanese Pilot’s World War II Story
2018 Honorable Mention – Children’s Literature
by Marc Tyler Nobleman, Illustrated by Melissa Iwai, Clarion Books

My Beijing: Four Stories of Everyday Wonder
2018 Of Note – Children’s Literature
by Nie Jun, Translated by Edward Gauvin, Lerner Books

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Honorable Mentions - Young Adult/Middle School

*Onibi: Diary of a Yokai Ghost Hunter*
2018 Honorable Mention – Young Adult/Middle School Literature
by Atelier Sento, Cecile Brun, Olivier Pichard
Translated by Marie Velde, Tuttle Publishing

*Shadow of the Fox*
2018 Honorable Mention – Young Adult/Middle School Literature
by Julie Kagawa, Harlequin Teen

*Too Young to Escape: A Vietnamese Girl Waits to Be Reunited with Her Family*
2018 Honorable Mention – Young Adult/Middle School Literature
by Van Ho and Marsha Skrypuch, Pajama Press

Honorable Mentions & Of Note - Young Adult/High School

*Girls on the Line*
2018 Honorable Mention – Young Adult/High School Literature
by Jennie Liu, Lerner Publishing Group/Carolrhoda Lab

*A Thousand Beginnings and Endings*
2018 Honorable Mention – Young Adult/High School Literature
Edited by Ellen Oh and Elsie Chapman, HarperCollins/Greenwillow

*The Analects: An Illustrated Edition*
2018 Of Note – Young Adult/High School Literature
by Confucius, Adapted and illustrated by C. C. Tsai, Translated by Brian Bruya with a foreword by Michael Puett, Princeton University Press

*Dragon Ridge Tombs*
2018 Of Note – Young Adult/High School Literature
by Tianxia Bachang, Translated by Jeremy Tiang, Random House Children’s Books, Delacorte Press

About the Awards
The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), the Committee on Teaching about Asia (CTA) of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) and Asia for Educators (AFE) at Columbia University sponsor the annual Freeman Book Awards for new young adult and children’s literature. The awards recognize quality books for children and young adults that contribute meaningfully to an understanding of East and Southeast Asia. Awards are given in two categories: Children’s and Young Adult on the several countries of East and Southeast Asia.

Eligibility
For the 2019 prizes, the committee will consider books that fit criteria that can be found on the website below and have been published during the preceding year (January 1 – December 31, 2019).

Books must be published in English; bi-lingual books will also be considered.

The deadline for submissions is August 31, 2019.

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