

Shall the Committee Split the Award?

Name	Yes	Comments	No	Comments
Kristi			✓	Not enough books, would make a lot more work and ensure that the prizes would not be given to the best book
Diane	✓	I do think there should be more categories: fiction, non-fiction, and children's		
Jim			✓	Breaking things out into more categories would only diminish the award, in my view.
Sheila			✓	Previous committees have considered this...we came to the conclusion that if we broke the award up into smaller categories it would really take away its thunder.
Cheri			✓	I do not support multiple awards...what would they be and how many, if we went that road? Some genre will get left out. Special awards, when warranted, seem to work.
Ruth			✓	Multiple awards would dilute the impact of the award. Committee members are perfectly capable of addressing unusual or worthy circumstances if they arise.
Ann			✓	Keep it like it is.
Romana	✓	I certainly do like the idea of providing more than one award. In fact, I like Tim's suggestion that one award be given as a novel award,		

		and the other as a historical award.		
MaryAnn			✓	
Jane			✓	I will admit that I felt it was difficult to compare the fiction and the non-fiction, but also feel like having two awards would somewhat diminish the accolade. After all, it is the ILA Book Award, singular.
Karen			✓	I can see the desire to break up the award into one for fiction, one for nonfiction, and one for children (perhaps). On the other hand, though...it isn't terribly exclusive to give awards to 25% of our nominees.
Ellen			✓	Idaho does not (yet, anyway) generate a high enough volume of works to warrant slicing and dicing the award. The "honorable mention" category suffices for me.
Kathy			✓	There are not enough entries to merit dividing the award. The mission statement reads in part: "The purpose of the award is to recognize and honor one book, selected from among all the books published in any one calendar year, which has made an outstanding contribution to the body of printed materials about Idaho." Change the focus as well as the mission statement?

Totals

Yes 2

No 11