

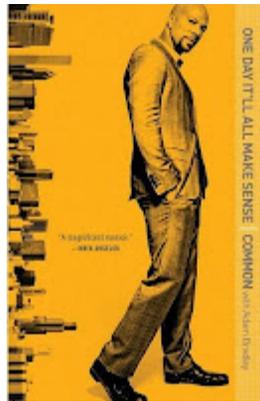
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2012 Street Lit Book Award Medal Winners (2011 publications)



The Street Lit Book Award Medal (SLBAM) is conferred by a group of librarians as a means to aid educators on the trends occurring in the literary genre, Street Literature. The SLBAM committee is proud to announce the award winners for 2011 publications. The following winners are titles based on popularity of books as read by the public in school, academic, and public library settings. Please visit <http://www.streetliterature.com>, for a listing of past year winners.

Adult Non-Fiction: ONE DAY IT'LL ALL MAKE SENSE BY COMMON



SLBAM Feedback:

- "This is a great book about one of few positive rappers that on the scene."
- "Common points out all the highs and lows of the music industry."
- "This book is going to help people."

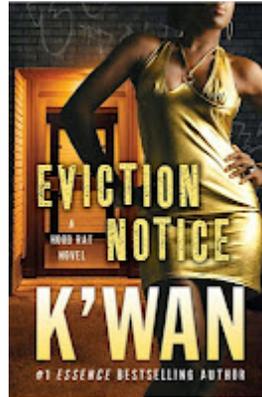
Honorees:

- 1) *Power & Beauty: A Love Story of Life on the Streets* by "Tip" T.I. Harris;
- 2) *Ice: A Memoir of Gangster Life and Redemption ...* by Ice-T; BMF:
- 3) *The Rise and Fall of Big Meech and the Black Family Mafia* -by Mara Shaloup

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Adult Fiction: EVICTION NOTICE BY K'WAN



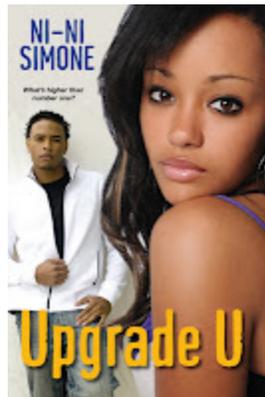
SLBAM Feedback:

- *"Can't keep this book on the shelf."*
- *"A raw tale that will send the reader on a roller coaster ride."*
- *"People just can't get enough of K'wan; readers believe he is telling their stories."*

Honorees:

- 1) *Murderville* by Ashley & JaQuavis Coleman;
- 2) *Lifestyles of the Rich & Shameless*, by Kiki Swinson & Noire

Teen/Young Adult (YA): UPGRADE U BY NI NI SIMONE



SLBAM Feedback:

- *"Simone has captured the drama and humor today's teen."*
- *"My young patrons are crazy about Ni Ni Simone."*
- *"Young readers have made it clear that NiNi Simone where it's at."*

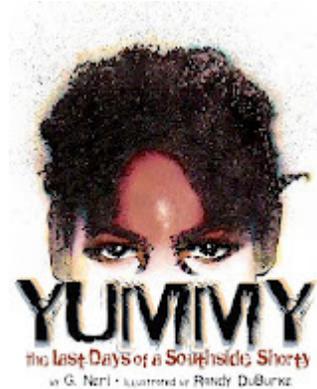
Honorees:

- 1) *So So Hood* by L. Divine;
- 2) *Priceless Inspiration* by Antonia "Toya" Carter

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Special Category: Emerging Classic, YUMMY BY G. NERI



SLBAM Feedback:

- *"An interesting graphic novel presentation of a Chicago youth tragedy."*
- *"I am glad G. Neri's Yummy has been cited for a special award."*
- *"I was very successful using this book with my Teen Book Club!"*

Special Category: Author(s) of the Year, ASHLEY & JAQUAVIS COLEMAN



The SLBAM Committee honors NYT Bestselling author duo, Ashley and JaQuavis Coleman, for their back-to-back publications during 2011, [Murderville](#) and [Murder Mamas](#). Both titles were hugely popular amongst Street Lit readers in libraries and on social media. The Colemans are also noted for their leadership in promoting Street Lit as a viable literary genre. An Ashley & JaQuavis release is always a highly anticipated event. We look forward to more exciting work from them!

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The SLBAM committee members conducted three nomination rounds where they researched and discussed all nominated titles. This year, the committee inaugurated a special category, "Emerging Classic", to recognize a Street Lit -plotted or -themed book that was published before the year of nomination but continues to be in popular demand by the reading public. Another special category, "Author(s) of the Year", was established to recognize an author(s) whose publications were particularly well-received by the reading public during the nomination year. Books eligible for nomination were published between January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011.

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