

#### ASTRID LINDGREN MEMORIAL AWARD 2015

The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA) is an international reading promotion project for children and young adults. Authors, illustrators, oral storytellers and promoters of reading are eligible for the award. An expert jury selects the laureate(s) from the list of nominated candidates. Organisations from countries all over the world are invited to nominate, thereby promoting literature for young readers and stimulating reading promotion. These nominating bodies represent extensive and in-depth knowledge of children's and young adult literature. Therefore the nominated candidates give a good overview of contemporary literature for the young and reading promotion activities globally. The nominating bodies for the 2015 award are presented on www.alma.se.

For the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award 2015, 197 candidates from 61 countries are nominated. The laureate or laureates will be announced in Stockholm and at Bologna Children's Book Fair on March 31, 2015 at 1:00 pm.

Children have the right to good, entertaining, innovative, provocative and complex literature. The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award is the world's largest award for children's and young adult literature and our work is based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, this year celebrating its 25th anniversary. The award is presented to people and organisations safeguarding democratic values.

The award amounts to SEK 5 million and is given annually to a single laureate or to several. The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award was founded by the Swedish government in 2002 and is administrated by the Swedish Arts Council.



#### NOMINATED CANDIDATES FOR 2015

## Argentina

Luján, Jorge Author

Abuelas Cuentacuentos: the Storytelling Grandmothers Organisation

#### Australia

Dubosarsky, Ursula Author Fox, Mem Author Gleeson, Libby Author Gleitzman, Morris Author

### **Belarus**

Lipsky, Vladimir Author

## Belgium

Cneut, Carll Illustrator
Godon, Ingrid Illustrator
Herbauts, Anne Author/Illustrator
Lavachery, Thomas Author
Moeyaert, Bart Author
Rascal Oral storyteller
Wabbes, Marie Author/Illustrator
Verplancke, Klaas Illustrator

## Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dubočanin, Alija Hasagić *Author* Iličić, Jagoda *Author* 

#### Brazil

Mello, Roger Illustrator

## British Virgin Islands

Stoutt, Elmore Oral storyteller

#### Canada

Canadian Children's Book Centre *Organisation*Ellis, Sarah *Author*Hébert, Marie-Francine *Author* 

#### Colombia

Da Coll, Ivar Author/Illustrator

#### Croatia

Paljetak, Luko Author

## Czech Republic

Nikl, Petr Author/Illustrator

### Denmark

Aakeson, Kim Fupz Author Karrebæk, Dorte Illustrator Pardi, Charlotte Illustrator Strid, Jakob Martin Illustrator

#### Estonia

Raud, Piret *Author* Zarip, Catherine *Illustrator* 

#### Faroe Islands

Helmsdal, Rakel Author

### Finland

Kunnas, Mauri Author/Illustrator Nopola, Sinikka & Tiina Authors Parvela, Timo Author Rönns, Christel Illustrator Sandman Lilius, Irmelin Author/Illustrator Tiainen, Marja-Leena Author Vuori, Julia Illustrator

#### France

A.C.C.E.S. Organisation
Douzou, Olivier Author/Illustrator
Mourlevat, Jean-Claude Author
Murail, Marie-Aude Author
Patte, Geneviève Promoter of reading
Place, François Illustrator
Satrapi, Marjane Author/Illustrator
Ungerer, Tomi Author/Illustrator

## Georgia

Kintsurashvili, Sophia *Illustrator* Pkhakadze, Tamar *Author* Topuria, Tea *Author* 

## Germany

Berner, Rotraut Susanne Illustrator
Blau, Aljoscha Author/Illustrator
Erlbruch, Wolf Illustrator
International Youth Library Organisation
Muggenthaler, Eva Author/Illustrator
Pressler, Mirjam Author
Richter, Jutta Author
Schroeder, Binette Illustrator

### Greece

Pateraki, Giolanda Author Petrovits-Andrutsopulou, Loty Author Trivizas, Eugene Author Voulgari, Sassa Oral storyteller Zei, Alki Author

### Greenland

Godtfredsen, Nuka *Author* Rex, Christian F. *Illustrator* 

#### Haiti

Papillon, Margaret Author/Illustrator

## Hungary

Csukás, István *Author* Marék, Veronika *Author/Illustrator* Tasnádi. István *Author* 

#### Iceland

Áslaug Jónsdóttir *Author/Illustrator* Kristín Helga Gunnarsdóttir *Author* 

#### India

A & A Book Trust Organisation Katha Organisation Pratham Books Organisation Tara Books Organisation Tulika Publishers Organisation

#### Indonesia

Bunanta, Murti Promoter of reading/Oral storyteller (with KPBA)

Kelompok Pencinta Bacaan Anak (KPBA) Organisation

#### Iran

Ahmadi, Ahmad Reza Author
Baniasadi, Mohammed Ali Illustrator
Donya Children's Research Institute Organisation
Goldouzian, Ali Reza Illustrator
Mesghali, Farshid Illustrator
Mirhadi, Touran Promoter of reading
Rahmandoost, Mostafa Author

#### Ireland

Colfer, Eoin Author

#### Israel

Modan, Rutu Author/Illustrator

## Italy

Alemagna, Beatrice Author/Illustrator Cooperativa Culturale Giannino Stoppani Organisation

Fanelli. Sara Author/Illustrator

Hamelin Associazione Culturale Organisation

Lampedusa Library Organisation
Masini, Beatrice Author

Negrin, Fabian Illustrator

Tullio Altan, Fransesco Illustrator

## Japan

Komagata, Katsumi *Author/Illustrator* Matsuoka, Kyoko *Promoter of reading* 

## Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Gwang, So Yong Promoter of reading/Oral storyteller

## Republic of Korea

Baek, Heena Illustrator

#### Latvia

Cielena, Māra Author

Petersons, Reinis Illustrator

#### Lebanon

Touma, Nadine Author

#### Lithuania

Kasparavičius, Kestutis Author/Illustrator

#### Malta

Azzopardi, Andreas Author

## Mexico

Magallanes, Alejandro *Author/Illustrator*National Reading Rooms Program *Organisation* 

### Moldova

Vangheli, Spiridon Author

## Montenegro

Kršenković Brković, Dragana Author

#### The Netherlands

Dematons, Charlotte Illustrator
Geelen, Harrie Author/Illustrator
Gestel, Peter van Author
Jonge, Harm de Author
Lieshout, Ted van Author
Törnqvist, Marit Illustrator

Valckx, Catharina Author/Illustrator

#### New Zealand

Cowley, Joy Promoter of reading Dodd, Lynley Author/Illustrator

### Norway

Bringsværd, Tor Åge Author
Dahle, Gro Author (with Nyhus, Svein)
Eeg, Harald Rosenløw Author
Ekman, Fam Author/Illustrator
Kaldhol, Marit Author
Moursund, Gry Illustrator
Nyhus, Svein Illustrator (with Dahle, Gro)
Solberg, Lisa Aisato N'jie Author/Illustrator
Torseter, Øyvind Illustrator

#### Peru

Caballero de Cueto, Lilly Promoter of reading

## The Philippines

Lapeña-Bonifacio, Amelia Author Sta. Romana-Cruz, Neni Author/Promoter of reading

#### Poland

All of Poland Reads to Kids (ABCXXI) Organisation Piekarska, Małgorzata Karolina Author Pienkowski, Jan Illustrator

## Portugal

Botelho, Margarida *Promoter of reading*Mota, António *Author* 

## Russian Federation

Bumper Children's Book Bus *Organisation* Givargizov, Arthur *Author* Lubaev, Sergey *Illustrator* 

Oleinikov, Igor *Illustrator* 

#### Saint Kitts and Nevis

Ottley-Mitchell, Carol Author

## Serbia

Olujić, Grozdana *Author* Ršumović, Ljubivoje *Author* 

## Slovenia

Stepančič, Damijan *Illustrator* Vidmar, Janja *Author* 

#### South Africa

Biblionef SA Organisation Daly, Niki Illustrator Grobler, Piet Illustrator Naidoo, Beverley Author PRAESA Organisation

## Spain

Centro Internacional del Libro Infantil y Juvenil (CILIJ) Organisation Municipi Lector Organisation Odriozola, Elena Illustrator

Sierra i Fabra, Jordi *Author* Zabala, Javier *Illustrator* 

#### Sweden

Eriksson, Eva *Illustrator* Grähs, Gunna *Illustrator* 

Hellsing, Lennart Author

Lindström, Eva Author/Illustrator

Lööf, Jan *Illustrator* 

Stark, Ulf Author

Tidholm, Anna-Clara Author/Illustrator

Tidholm, Thomas Author

Wikland, Ilon *Illustrator* 

 ${\it Zak, Monica} \ {\it Author/Oral storyteller/Promoter of reading}$ 

## Switzerland

Albertine *Illustrator* 

#### Taiwan

Liao, Jimmy Author/Illustrator

#### Thailand

Tai Wisdom Association Organisation

#### Tunisia

Karray, Raouf Illustrator

## Turkey

AÇEV (Mother and Child Education Foundation)

Organisation Göknil, Can Author

# **United Kingdom**

Ahlberg, Allan Author

Almond, David Author

Briggs, Raymond Author/Illustrator

Burgess, Melvin Author

Chambers, Aidan Author Chambers, Aidan & Nancy Promoters of reading

Cooper, Susan Author

Foreman, Michael Author/Illustrator

Gaiman, Neil Author

Hallworth, Grace Author/Oral storyteller

Hughes, Shirley Author/Illustrator

Letterbox Library Organisation

Meek Spencer, Margaret Promoter of reading Morpurgo, Michael Author Ness, Patrick Author Rosen, Michael Author Rosoff, Meg Author

## USA

Banyai, Istvan *Illustrator*Carle, Eric *Author/Illustrator*Children's Literature New England (CLNE)
& The Examined Life (EXL) *Organisations* 

Kalman, Maira Author/Illustrator Le Guin, Ursula Author Pellowski, Anne Oral storyteller Sís, Peter Illustrator Wiesner, David Illustrator Yep, Laurence Author

## Zambia

Lubuto Library Project Organisation



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