

NOMINATED CANDIDATES 2020



A treasure for young readers worldwide

So far, nineteen laureates have received the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. Who will be the next to join this fantastic group? This brochure contains the names of the 237 candidates nominated for the 2020 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. This year they represent 68 countries.

The list of candidates is drawn up by the ALMA jury, but this would not be possible without our nominating bodies all over the world. We are deeply grateful for their valuable work.

On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, the ALMA jury will announce the new laureate. The announcement event is held concurrently in Stockholm and at the Bologna Children's Book Fair. We invite you to follow the announcement live on alma.se/en.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Joy Lawrence, Promoter of reading

ARGENTINA

Maria Teresa Andruetto, Author

CEDILIJ, Organisation

Jorge Luján, Author

María Wernicke, Author/Illustrator

AUSTRALIA

Randa Abdel-Fattah, Author

Jeannie Baker, Illustrator

Bronwyn Bancroft, Illustrator

Ursula Dubosarsky, Author

Susanne Gervay, Author

Morris Gleitzman, Author

Indigenous Literary Foundation, Organisation

Robert Ingpen, Illustrator

Margo Lanagan, Author

Magabala Books, Organisation

Melina Marchetta, Author

The Literature Centre, Organisation

AUSTRIA

Renate Welsh, Author

Lisbeth Zwerger, Illustrator

AZERBAIJAN

Solmaz Amanova, Author

Aynur Mammadova, Illustrator

Sevinj Nurugizi, Author

BELARUS

Piatro Vasiuchenka, Author

BELGIUM

Anne Brouillard, Author/Illustrator

Carl Cneut, Illustrator

Ingrid Godon, Illustrator

Anne Herbauts, Author/Illustrator

Thomas Lavachery, Author

Prix Bernard Versele, Organisation

Klaas Verplancke, Author/Illustrator

BOLIVIA

Biblioteca Thurucapitas, Organisation

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Mirsad Bećirbašić, Author

Šimo Ešić, Author

BRAZIL

Roger Mello, Author/Illustrator

BULGARIA

Maya Dalgacheva, Author

Julia Spiridonova, Author

CAMEROON

Christian Epanya, Author/Illustrator

CANADA

Deborah Ellis, Author

Marie-Francine Hébert, Author

Jon Klassen, Author/Illustrator

Uma Krishnaswami, Author

CANADA/IRAN

Nahid Kazemi, Illustrator

CHILE

Fundación Había Una Vez, Organisation

CHINA

Gao Hongbo, Author

Liang Xiong, Author/Illustrator

Zhang Zhilu, Author

COLOMBIA

Ivar Da Coll, Author/Illustrator
Proyecto Gulliver, Organisation

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO/UNITED KINGDOM

Dominique Mwankumi, Author/Illustrator

CROATIA

Dubravka Kolanović, Illustrator

CYPRUS

Tsangaris Hambis, Illustrator

CZECH REPUBLIC

Petr Nikl, Author/Illustrator
Květa Pacovská, Illustrator

DENMARK

Kim Fupz Aakeson, Author
Biblo.dk, Organisation
Lilian Brøgger, Illustrator
Louis Jensen, Author
Dorte Karrebæk, Illustrator

ECUADOR

Edna Iturralde, Author

EGYPT

Yacoub El-Sharouni, Author/Oral storyteller/
Promoter of reading

ESTONIA

Ulla Saar, Illustrator
Leelo Tungal, Author
Urmas Viik, Illustrator

FAROE ISLANDS

Rakel Helmsdal, Author/Illustrator/Promoter of reading/
Oral storyteller

FINLAND

Linda Bondestam, Illustrator
Marika Maijala, Author/Illustrator
Timo Parvela, Author
Irmelin Sandman Lilius, Author/Illustrator
Maria Turtschaninoff, Author

FRANCE

A.C.C.E.S., Organisation
L'Agence Quand les Livres Relient, Organisation
Benjamin Chaud, Author/Illustrator
Olivier Douzou, Author/Illustrator
Timothée de Fombelle, Author
Bernard Friot, Author
Marie-Aude Murail, Author
Geneviève Patte, Promoter of reading
François Place, Author/Illustrator
François Roca, Illustrator
Jean-Claude Mourlevat, Author

GEORGIA

Giorgi Chachanidze, Illustrator
Bondo Matsaberidze, Author
Tea Topuria, Author
Mariam Tsiklauri, Author

GERMANY

Jutta Bauer, Illustrator
Nadia Budde, Author/Illustrator
Nikolaus Heidelberg, Illustrator
Internationale Jugendbibliothek, Organisation
Janosch, Author/Illustrator
Labor Atelieregemeinschaft, Organisation
Stiftung Lesen, Organisation

GREECE

ECHO Refugee Library, Organisation
Vagelis Iliopoulos, Author
Antonis Papatheodoulou, Author

GREENLAND

Naja Rosing-Asvid, Author/Illustrator
Lene Therkildsen, Promoter of reading

HUNGARY

István Csukás, Author
Tibor Zálan, Author

ICELAND

Sigrún Eldjárn, Author/Illustrator

INDIA

A & A Book Trust, Organisation
Pratham Books, Organisation

IRAN

Children's Book Council, Organisation
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Jamshid Khanian, Author
Mobile Library of Iran, Organisation
Houshang Moradi Kermani, Author
Read with Me, Organisation
Mohammad Reza Shams, Author
Aliasghar Seidabadi, Promoter of reading

IRELAND

PJ Lynch, Illustrator
Sheena Wilkinson, Author

ISRAEL

Rutu Modan, Author/Illustrator

ITALY

Beatrice Alemagna, Author/Illustrator
Chiara Carminati, Author
Lampedusa Library, Organisation
Sarolta Szulyovszky, Illustrator
Linda Wolfsgruber, Illustrator

JAPAN

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JORDAN

Taghrid al-Najjar, Author

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Uk-Bae Lee, Illustrator

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Gundega Muzikante, Illustrator
Gita Treice, Illustrator

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Fatima Sharafeddine, Author

LITHUANIA

Kęstutis Kasparavičius, Author/Illustrator

MOLDOVA

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THE NETHERLANDS

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Thé Tjong-Khing, Illustrator
Marit Törnqvist, Author/Illustrator
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NICARAGUA

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NORWAY

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SERBIA

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Ljubivoje Ršumović, Author

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Cecilia Torudd, Author/Illustrator
Jakob Wegelius, Author/Illustrator
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SWITZERLAND

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TAIWAN

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Aidan & Nancy Chambers, Promoters of reading
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Daniel Hahn, Promoter of reading
Frances Hardinge, Author
Shirley Hughes, Author/Illustrator
Elizabeth Laird, Author
Margaret Meek Spencer, Promoter of reading

Patrick Ness, Author
Luke Pearson, Author/Illustrator
Jan Pienkowski, Illustrator
Katherine Rundell, Author
Marcus Sedgwick, Author
John Shelley, Illustrator
David Wood, Author

UNITED STATES

Laurie Halse Anderson, Author
Eric Carle, Author/Illustrator
Kate DiCamillo, Author
Margarita Engle, Author
Maira Kalman, Author/Illustrator
Stephen Krashen, Promoter of reading
Christopher Myers, Author/Illustrator
Jerry Pinkney, Illustrator
Javaka Steptoe, Illustrator
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