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THE 61ST BOLOGNA CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR: THE AWARDS

Promoting new and established talents, seeking out quality, new trends, innovation and providing ample space for international awards

BOP - BOLOGNA PRIZE FOR THE BEST CHILDREN'S PUBLISHERS OF THE YEAR

Organised by the Bologna Children's Book Fair and the Italian Publishers Association (AIE) in collaboration with the International Publishers Association (IPA) and awarded to **the best publishers in each of the six areas of the world** (Europe; Africa; Asia; Oceania; Central, South America and the Caribbean; North America), the Bologna Prize for the Best Children's Publishers of the Year is now in its 11th edition. The prize, created on the occasion of BCBF's 50th anniversary with the aim of recognising the publishers that have excelled for the creative character and quality of their publishing choices over the past year, brings value to the publishing project, highlights professional skills and promotes the reciprocal exchange of knowledge and ideas between different countries and cultures. The prize is awarded by the publishers taking part in the Fair.

THE BOLOGNARAGAZZI AWARDS AND THE BOLOGNARAGAZZI CROSSMEDIA AWARD

The **BolognaRagazzi Awards** represent one of the most prestigious accolades for children's publishing and an important business opportunity for the winning publishers. The international juries award prizes in five main categories: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Opera Prima (for first-time authors and illustrators), Comics (for comics and graphic novels) and Toddler (a new permanent category), as well as New Horizons, a prize for works of particular artistic innovation. Finally, a special category features each year alongside the established awards: for the 2024 edition the special category is dedicated to **The Sea**.

Complementing these categories is the **BolognaRagazzi CrossMedia Award**, organised as part of **Aldus Up**. Confirming the life-giving role that books continue to play in contemporary storytelling, CrossMedia acknowledges those stories that have been able to migrate, intersect or expand convincingly from traditional publishing to other forms of media.

THE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

In addition to organising important accolades that influence and guide the sector of publishing for children and young adults, the Bologna Children's Book Fair is also the stage for the international book world's leading awards. The **Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award**, the **Hans Christian Andersen Award** and the **IBBY Reading Promotions Awards** are all announced during the Fair.



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THE STREGA PRIZE RAGAZZE E RAGAZZI

Created in 2022 to underline the relationship between Bologna Children's Book Fair and the **Strega Prize**, the **Strega Prize Ragazze e Ragazzi Best Picture Book** category returns to the Fair. The books submitted by publishers for the 6+, 8+, 11+ and Best Debut Book categories will also be announced. The Strega Prize Ragazze e Ragazzi is promoted by the **Fondazione Maria e Goffredo Bellonci and Strega Alberti Benevento**, organisers of the **Strega Prize**, with the **Centro per il libro e la lettura** (Centre for books and reading) and **BolognaFiere-Bologna Children's Book Fair**, in collaboration with **BPER**, **Feltrinelli bookshops** and the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation - Sistema della Formazione Italiana nel Mondo**, and the technical sponsor SYGLA.

THE BOLOGNA CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR – FUNDACIÓN SM INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR ILLUSTRATION

Established in 2009 by the Bologna Children's Book Fair and the Fundación SM, active in the field of education and the promotion of children's books, the award aims to unearth, encourage and support new talents in the field of illustration. Open to artists aged under 35 who have already been selected for the *Illustrators Exhibition*, the award offers the winner a scholarship with the intention of ensuring the winner the peace of mind to create, over the course of the year, an illustrated book that will be published and launched on the world market by the Spanish publishing house SM. The originals of the book's illustrations are then presented in a solo exhibition at the following year's edition of the Bologna Children's Book Fair.

THE ARS IN FABULA - GRANT AWARD

The **ARS IN FABULA - Grant Award** returns for its thirteenth edition. The award was established in 2012 by ARS IN FABULA - Master of Illustration in collaboration with Bologna Children's Book Fair in order to support new talents in illustration through a higher education course. In fact, the prize is awarded each year to a young unpublished illustrator, aged under 30, chosen from those selected for the *Illustrators Exhibition* by a jury made up of teachers from the Master's course who meet in Bologna during the Fair. The winner is given the opportunity to attend the ARS IN FABULA – Master's Course in Illustration for Publishing free of charge, working on a book project assigned to the winner by one of the course's partner publishers.

THE BOLOGNABOOKPLUS AWARD: INDIE AUTHORS BOOK JACKET

BolognaBookPlus, as part of its initiatives dedicated to self-publishing, is launching the **Indie Authors Book Jacket Award**, with the aim of giving visibility to the best book covers by self-published authors, highlighting a lively yet relatively unexplored sector and helping unearth new talents, and the **Talking Pictures** award, dedicated to the best visual books of Ukraine, curated by the Hamelin Association and Steven Guarnaccia. Last, **Book Jacket Design: Celebrating the Best of the Best** is an international award and an exhibition focused on the design of book covers.



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THE BOLOGNA LICENSING AWARDS

Also taking place during the Fair is the award ceremony for the **7th edition of the Bologna Licensing Awards**, the only industry award in Italy for international licensors/agencies, licensees and retailers, concerning the development of intellectual property and brands. The prizes award the best projects in the following categories: Best Preschool Licensing Project, Best Kids Licensing Project, Best Teen Licensing Project, Best Young Adult Licensing Project, Best Retail Project, Best Fashion Project, Best Licensed Publishing Project, Best Licensed Toy Project, Best Promotion/Loyalty campaign, Promotion: Best Licensed Kiosk Product, Best Licensed Sustainable Project, Best Property of the Year.

THE PUBLISHER AWARDS

PublisHer is launching the **PublisHer Excellence Awards** to honour female publishing professionals who have made a difference in the industry. Divided into three categories, the awards celebrate, elevate and encourage women who have made a mark through their ingenuity, resilience and vision: the **Lifetime Achievement Award** (for a doyenne of publishing – at least 20 years into her career – who has made a significant and lasting impact on the industry), the **Emerging Leader Award** (for a rising star in publishing, aged under 30, who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, vision and the power to drive positive change) and the **Innovation Award** (for any woman who has made an innovative contribution to any aspect of the publishing industry). A jury of industry experts will select the winners, whose names will be announced at BCBF in April.

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