

THE AWARDS OF THE BOLOGNA CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR

Eagerly anticipated each year, the awards for global publishing
BolognaRagazzi Award: excellence from around the world in each category

**BOP - Bologna Prize for the Best Children's Publisher of the Year:
the five winning finalists of the Award in collaboration with AIE,
the Italian Association of Publishers**

The second edition of the Strega Ragazze e Ragazzi Prize

BOLOGNARAGAZZI AWARD

Fiction, Non Fiction, New Horizons, Opera Prima (First Works), the new permanent section **Books & Seeds/Libri & Semi** and the special section **Art Books** are the categories of the **BolognaRagazzi Award 2017**, the coveted awards that publishers from all over the world have been competing for since 1966. This year too the participation of publishers has been remarkable: **1354 from 42 countries**. The books have been presented to the international jury composed of **Marwa Obaid Rashid Al Aqroubi** (president UAEBBY, UAE), **Julia Eccleshare** (Children's Books Editor, The Guardian, Great Britain), **Paula Jarrin** (specialized bookseller, Spain), **Guido Scarabottolo** (illustrator, Italy) and **Tomáš Klepoch** (illustrator, Slovakia), which selected the winners and those earning special mentions.

BOLOGNARAGAZZI DIGITAL AWARD

Naturally, a glance towards the digital world for children is a must: the **BolognaRagazzi Digital Award** the prize organized in collaboration with *Children's Technology Review* (USA), aims to encourage excellent and innovative production in the field of ebooks and apps for young people. The initiative, which is in its fifth edition, awards the latest trends and more innovative approaches to develop content through new technology, offering extraordinary opportunities for story telling. Each year a jury of international experts led by Warren Buckleitner, America's leading specialist in the children's digital, selects the winners.

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

In its fifth edition, the **BOP – Bologna Prize for the Best Children's Publishers of the Year**, organized by the Bologna Children's Book Fair in collaboration with AIE, the Italian Publishers' Association, awards a prize for each of the six areas of the world (the five continents but with America divided into North America and Central-South America) to the publishers that have stood out in terms of their creativity, their courage and the quality of their editorial choices over the last year. The award, which confirms the role of the Children's Book Fair as a global platform for children's publishing, is chosen by the publishers, which serve as a jury by voting for the publishers nominated by institutions from all over the world. The BOP prizes originality, professional skill and intellectual quality of the work and will be awarded at the Archiginnasio in Bologna on the 3rd April at 6.30pm.

The list of nominations is available online on the website www.bolognachildrensbookfair.com.

STREGA RAGAZZE E RAGAZZI PRIZE

The **Strega Ragazze e Ragazzi Award**, promoted by the Maria and Goffredo Bellonci Foundation, Strega Alberti Benevento SpA, BolognaFiere - Bologna Children's Book Fair, the Centre for Books and Reading and BPER Banca, is in its second edition. The prize has two categories: the **Category +6**, for readers aged between 6 and 10, and the **Category +11**, for readers aged between 11 and 15.

From the 88 books nominated, 43 in the category +6 for readers aged between 6 and 10, and 45 in the category +11, for readers aged between 11 and 15, the Scientific Committee chose the two sets of five finalists. **60 schools will have the task of selecting the winners of the prize** (to the value of 5,000 euros) for each of the categories of the competition, offered by Strega Alberti. In the case in which the work with the most votes is a translation, a prize of equal value will go to the translator, offered by BolognaFiere (in the first edition the amount was 2,000 euros). Once again the Children's Book Fair has underlined its consideration of the important role of translators, especially those working in children's publishing.

INTERNATIONAL ILLUSTRATION PRIZE

Once again an award dedicated to emerging illustrators: the participants aged under 35 of the Illustrators' Exhibition are each year nominated for the **Bologna Children's Book Fair - Fundación SM International Illustration Award**. In its seventh edition, the competition can boast to have discovered important talents that have gone on to achieve success in the world of children's books: an important prize, which offers the winners 30 thousand dollars and the chance to dedicate their time to the creation of an illustrated book, published and launched on the global market by the Spanish publisher SM. The winning illustrator will also have a dedicated solo show of his/her work at the following year's edition of the Fair.

ARS IN FABULA - GRANT AWARD

Since 2012 Ars in Fabula, the school of illustration active in the field of detailed training and the promotion of children's books, in collaboration with the Bologna Children's Book Fair has been awarding the scholarship **ARS IN FABULA - Grant Award**. The scholarship is awarded each year to a young and unpublished illustrator aged under 30, who has been selected for the Illustrators' Exhibition at the Children's Book Fair. Selecting the winning artist is a jury consisting of teachers from the Masters' course that come together in Bologna for the Fair.

IN ALTRE PAROLE (In other words)

In order to encourage the translation of children's books and to promote the talent of young translators, the Translators' Centre at the Bologna Children's Book Fair is promoting the seventh edition of the translation competition **In Altre Parole**. The translation competition, this year, for the very first time in Catalan language and Spanish, aims to highlight the important role of translators in publishing for children and young people, while also helping publishers to identify the most commendable translators.