

A blurred photograph of a busy classroom or workshop. In the foreground, a person wearing a bright yellow shirt is captured in motion, moving from left to right. In the background, several students are seated at long white tables, some working on projects or writing. A woman with long dark hair is leaning over a table, interacting with a student. The room is dimly lit, with desk lamps providing light. The overall atmosphere is one of active learning and collaboration.

# Nominated Candidates 2015

## **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](http://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.

**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-Andrutsopolou, 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**

Cielēna, 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**

Biblioneef 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*

Zak, Monica *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*

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