Nominated Candidates 2019
A GOLD MINE FOR READERS OF ALL AGES
This brochure contains the names of 246 candidates from 64 countries who are nominated for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award 2019. The list is a gold mine for anyone interested in international children’s and young adult literature – and would not be possible without the work of more than a hundred nominating bodies all over the world. We are deeply grateful for their valuable work in providing us with material and information describing the quality of each and every candidate.

THE LAUREATE OF 2019
So far, eighteen laureates have received the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. Who will be the next to join this fantastic group? On Tuesday April 2, 2019, the Chairman of the jury will announce the new laureate(s). The event takes place in Stockholm and will also be broadcast to the Bologna Children’s Book Fair. Welcome to watch the announcement live on alma.se/en

ASTRID LINDGREN MEMORIAL AWARD (ALMA) is the world’s largest award for children’s and young adult literature. The award amounts to SEK 5 million (approx. EUR 490 000) and is given annually to people and organisations working in the spirit of Astrid Lindgren. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is the foundation of our work and the award is designed to promote interest in children's and YA literature. An expert jury selects the laureate(s) from candidates nominated by institutions and organisations all over the world. The award was founded by the Swedish government in 2002 and is administrated by the Swedish Arts Council.

SWEDISH ARTS COUNCIL
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
Joy Lawrence, Promoter of reading

ARGENTINA
Maria Teresa Andruetto, Author
CEDILIJ, Organisation
Jorge Luján, Author
Istvansch Schritter, Author/Illustrator/Promoter of reading

AUSTRALIA
Randa Abdel-Fattah, Author
Ursula Dubosarsky, Author
Mem Fox, Author
Susanne Gervay, Author
Morris Gleitzman, Author
Indigenous Literary Foundation, Organisation
Robert Ingpen, Illustrator
Margo Lanagan, Author
Melina Marchetta, Author
Margaret Wild, Author

AUSTRIA
Renate Welsh-Rabady, Author
Linda Wolfsgruber, Illustrator
Lisbeth Zwerger, Illustrator

AZERBAIJAN
Gasham Isabayli, Author
Sevinj Nurugizi, Author

BELGIUM
Carll Cneut, Illustrator
Anne Herbauts, Author/Illustrator
Bart Moeyaert, Author
Prix Bernard Verseele, Organisation
Marie Wabbes, Author/Illustrator
Klaas Verplancke, Author/Illustrator

BOLIVIA
Biblioteca Thurucapitas, Organisation

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
Šimo Ešić, Author
Fahrudin Kučuk, Author

BRAZIL
Ana Maria Machado, Author
Roger Mello, Author/Illustrator

BULGARIA
Maya Dalgacheva, Author
Viktor Samuilov, Author
Julia Spiridonova, Author
Lyuben Zidarov, Illustrator

CANADA
Deborah Ellis, Author
Sarah Ellis, Author
Marie-Francine Hébert, Author
Troy Kent, Promoter of reading
Jon Klassen, Author/Illustrator

CHINA
Zhang Zhilu, Author

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO/UNITED KINGDOM
Dominique Mwankumi, Author/Illustrator

CROATIA
Andrea Petrlik Huseinović, Illustrator
Read to Me Campaign, Organisation

CYPRUS
Maria Pyliotou, Author
CZECH REPUBLIC
Petr Nikl, Author/Illustrator
Květa Pacovská, Illustrator

DENMARK
Kim Fupz Aakeson, Author
Lilian Brøgger, Illustrator
Louis Jensen, Author
Dorte Karrebæk, Illustrator

ECUADOR
Edna Iturralde, Author

ESTONIA
Piret Raud, Author
Ulla Saar, Illustrator
Leelo Tungal, Author

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

FINLAND
Linda Bondestam, Illustrator
Marika Maijala, Author/Illustrator
Timo Parvela, Author
Laura Ruohonen & Erika Kallasmaa, Author and Illustrator
Salla Savolainen, Author/Illustrator
Maria Turtschaninoff, Author

FRANCE
A.C.C.E.S., Organisation
Benjamin Chaud, Author/Illustrator
Les Doigts qui rêvent, Organisation
Olivier Douzou, Author/Illustrator
Timothée de Fombelle, Author
Bernard Friot, Author
Jean-Claude Mourlevat, Author
Marie-Aude Murail, Author

GEORGIA
Bondo Matsaberidze, Author
Tea Topuria, Author

GERMANY
Aljoscha Blau, Illustrator
Nadia Budde, Author/Illustrator
Cornelia Funke, Author/Illustrator
Nikolaus Heidelbach, Illustrator
International Youth Library, Organisation
Janosch, Author/Illustrator
Labor Ateliergemeinschaft, Organisation
Eva Muggenthaler, Author/Illustrator
Mirjam Pressler, Author
Stiftung Lesen, Organisation

GREECE
Vagelis Iliopoulos, Author/Promoter of reading
Library4all, Organisation
Antonis Papatheodoulou, Author
Yolanda Pateraki, Author
Eugene Trivizas, Author

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

HUNGARY
Istvan Csukas, Author
Hungarian Fairy Tale and Story Museum, Organisation
János Lackfi, Author
Tibor Zalán, Author

ICELAND
Ævar Þór Benediktsson, Promoter of reading
INDIA
A & A Book Trust, Organisation
Katha, Organisation
Pratham Books, Organisation

INDONESIA
Murti Bunanta, Promoter of reading

IRAN
Children’s Book Council, Organisation
Farhad Hassanzadeh, Author
Jamshid Khanian, Author
Mobile Library in Iran, Organisation
Narges Mohammadi, Illustrator
Houshang Moradi Kermani, Author
Read with Me, Organisation
Aliasghar Seidabadi, Promoter of reading

IRELAND
Chris Judge, Author
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

IVORY COAST
Fato Keita, Author/Promoter of reading

JAPAN
Kyoko Matsuoka, Promoter of reading

JORDAN
Taghrid al-Najjar, Author

REPUBLIC OF KOREA
Heena Baek, Illustrator
Lee Juyoung, Promoter of reading
Lee Uk-Bae, Illustrator

LATVIA
Gundega Muzikante, Illustrator
Inese Zandere, Author

LEBANON/BELGIUM
Fatima Sharafeddine, Author

LITHUANIA
Kęstutis Kasparavičius, Author/Illustrator

MEXICO
Silvia Dobovoy, Author

NETHERLANDS
De Schrijverscentrale, Organisation
Joke van Leeuwen, Author/Illustrator
Gideon Samson, Author
Toon Tellegen, Author
Thé Tjong-Khing, Illustrator
Marit Törnqvist, Author/Illustrator
Edward van de Vendel, Author
Sylvia Weve, Illustrator

NEW ZEALAND
Joy Cowley, Author/Promoter of reading

NICARAGUA
German Nicaraguan Library and the Bibliobús Bertold Brecht, Organisation
NORWAY
Lene Ask, Illustrator
Rune Belsvik, Author
Gro Dahle, Author
Harald Rosenløw Eeg, Author
Fam Ekman, Author/Illustrator
Anna Fiske, Author/Illustrator
Foreningen Iles, Organisation
Stian Hole, Author/Illustrator
Marit Kaldhol, Author
Gry Moursund, Author/Illustrator
Svein Nyhus, Author/Illustrator
Maria Parr, Author
Bjørn Rørvik, Author
Øyvind Torseter, Illustrator

PALESTINE
Sonia Nimr, Author

PHILIPPINES
Virgilio Senadren Almario, Author
Neni Sta. Romana Cruz, Promoter of reading

POLAND
All of Poland Reads to Kids, Organisation
Ola Cieślak, Illustrator
Małgorzata Musierowicz, Author
Paweł Pawlak, Illustrator
Marcin Szczygielski, Author
Józef Wilkoń, Illustrator

PORTUGAL
Andante, Organisation
Bernardo P. Carvalho, Illustrator
María Teresa Maia Gonzales, Author
Luísa Ducla Soares, Author
Catarina Sobral, Illustrator

ROMANIA
Silviu Baias, Illustrator
Andrea Kürti, Illustrator
Cristiana Radu, Illustrator

RUSSIAN FEDERATION
Anastasia Arkhipova, Illustrator
Nina Dashevskaya, Author
Russian State Children’s Library, Organisation
Alexander Traugot, Illustrator
Mikhail Yasnov, Author

SERBIA
Ljubivoje Ršumović, Author

SLOVENIA
Slavko Pregl, Author
Anja Štefan, Author

SOUTH AFRICA
Biblionef, Organisation
The Bookery, Organisation
Niki Daly, Author/Illustrator
Gcina Mhlope, Author/Oral storyteller/Promoter of reading
Beverley Naidoo, Author

SPAIN
Fundació Jordi Sierra i Fabra, Organisation
Alfredo Gómez Cerdá, Author
Elena Odriozola, Illustrator

SWEDEN
Eva Eriksson, Illustrator
Joanna Hellgren, Illustrator
Olof Landström, Illustrator
Pija Lindenbaum, Author/Illustrator
Eva Lindström, Author/Illustrator
Frida Nilsson, Author
Anna-Clara Tidholm, Illustrator
Thomas Tidholm, Author
Cecilia Torudd, Author/Illustrator
Jakob Wegelius, Author/Illustrator
Ilon Wikland, Illustrator
Monica Zak, Author

SWITZERLAND
Albertine, Illustrator
Franz Hohler, Author

TAIWAN
Jimmy Liao, Author/Illustrator

TURKEY
Çocuk Vakfı (Children’s Foundation), Organisation
Fatih Erdoğan, Author/Promoter of reading

UKRAINE
Kost Lavro, Illustrator
Zirka Menzatiuk, Author

UNITED KINGDOM
Allan Ahlberg, Author
David Almond, Author
Malorie Blackman, Author
Quentin Blake, Illustrator
Book Aid International, Organisation
Aidan Chambers, Author
Aidan & Nancy Chambers, Promoters of reading
Michael Foreman, Author/Illustrator
Daniel Hahn, Promoter of reading
Shirley Hughes, Author/Illustrator
Oliver Jeffers, Author/Illustrator
Elizabeth Laird, Author
Michelle Magorian, Author
Margaret Meek Spencer, Promoter of reading
Daniel Morden, Author/Oral storyteller
Michael Morpurgo, Author
Patrick Ness, Author

LUKE PEARSON, Author/Illustrator
Jan Pieńkowski, Illustrator
Chris Riddell, Illustrator
Katherine Rundell, Author
Marcus Sedgwick, Author
John Shelley, Illustrator
David Wood, Author

UNITED STATES
Laurie Halse Anderson, Author
Judy Blume, Author
LeVar Burton, Promoter of reading
Eric Carle, Author/Illustrator
Children’s Literature New England, Organisation
Kate DiCamillo, Author
Margarita Engle, Author
Maira Kalman, Author/Illustrator
Stephen Krashen, Promoter of reading
Gregory Maguire, Author/Promoter of reading
Christopher Myers, Author/Illustrator
Neighborhood Bridges, Organisation
Peter Sís, Illustrator
Tim Tingle, Oral storyteller
Mildred Taylor, Author
Jack Zipes, Author/Promoter of reading

ZAMBIA
Lubuto Library Partners, Organisation