



## 2023 USBY Outstanding International Books

### GRADES PreK-2

- Howden, Sarah. **The Tunnel**. Illus. by Erika Rodriguez Medina. Owlkids. (Canada)
- Jihyun, Kim. **The Depth of the Lake and the Height of the Sky**. Trans. from Korean by S.B. Rights Agency. Illus. by author. Floris Books. (South Korea)
- LEE, Gee-Eun. **My GrandMom**. Trans. from Korean by Sophie Bowman. Illus. by author. Amazon Crossing Kids. (South Korea)
- Mahiout, Anouk. **A Place for Pauline**. Trans. from French by Greenwood. Illus. by Marjolaine Perreten. Greenwood Books. (Canada)
- Moahloli, Refiloe. **I am You: A Book about Ubuntu**. Illus. by Zinelda McDonald. Amazon Crossing Kids. (South Africa)
- Nainy, Mamta. **Rainbow Hands**. Illus. by Jo Loring-Fisher. Lantana. (India/United Kingdom)
- Parappukaran, Sandhya. **The Boy Who Tried to Shrink His Name**. Illus. by Michelle Pereira. Abrams Books for Young Readers. (Australia)
- Ray, Achintyarup. **Jhupli's Honey Box**. Trans. from Bengali by author. Illus. by Shivam Choudhary. Tulika Publishers. (India)
- Rodari, Gianni. **Telling Stories Wrong**. Trans. from Italian by Antony Shugaar. Illus. by Beatrice Alemagna. Enchanted Lion Books. (Italy)
- Skomsvold, Kjersti Annesdatter. **Bedtime for Bo**. Trans. from Norwegian by Kari Dickson. Illus. by Mari Kanstad Johnsen. Enchanted Lion Books. (Norway)
- Togo, Narisa. **When the Sakura Bloom**. Trans. from Japanese by Michael Sedunary. Berbay Publishing. (Japan)
- Yage, Wang. **Playing with Lanterns**. Trans. from Simplified Chinese by Helen Wang. Illus. by Zhu Chengliang. Amazon Crossing Kids. (China)

### GRADES 3 - 5

- Atinuke. **Too Small Tola and the Three Fine Girls**. Illus. by Onyinye Iwu. Candlewick. (Nigeria)
- Ávila, Pilar López. **With a Butterfly's Wings**. Trans. from Spanish by Jon Brokenbrow. Illus. by Zuzanna Celej. Cuento de Luz. (Spain)
- Dumas, William. **The Gift of the Little People**. Illus. by Rhian Brynjolson. HighWater Press. (Rocky Cree/Canada)
- Earle, Phil. **When the Sky Falls**. Bloomsbury Children's Books. (England)
- Guridi, Raúl Nieto. **it's so difficult**. Trans. from Spanish by Lawrence Schimel. Illus. by author. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. (Spain)
- Montañés, Mónica. **Different: A Story of the Spanish Civil War**. Trans. from Spanish by Lawrence Schimel. Illus. by Eva Sánchez Gómez. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. (Spain)
- Mountford, Karl James. **The Circles in the Sky**. Illus. by author. Candlewick Studio. (UK)
- Oziewicz, Tina. **What Feelings Do When No One's Looking**. tr from Polish by Jennifer Croft. Illus. by Aleksandra Zajac. elsewhere editions. (Poland)
- Sardà, Júlia. **The Queen in the Cave**. Illus. by author. Candlewick Press. (United Kingdom)
- Stridsberg, Sara. **The Summer of Diving**. Trans. from Swedish by B. J. Woodstein. Illus. by Sara Lundberg. Seven Stories Press/Triangle Square Books for Young Readers. (Sweden)

## GRADES 3 - 5 Continued

- Sunar, Özge Bahar. **My Grandma's Photos**. Illus. By Senta Urgan. trans. by Amy Marie Spangler. Amazon Crossing Kids. (Turkey)
- Thompson, Sam. **Wolfstongue**. Illus. by Anna Tromop. Little Island Books. (Ireland)
- White, Paula. **The Baker by the Sea**. Illus. by author. Templar Books. (England)
- Widmark, Martin. **Dreams of Near and Far**. Trans. from Swedish by Polly Lawson. Illus. by Emilia Dziubak. Floris Books. (Sweden)
- Wright, Felicity. **A Kunwinjku Counting Book**. Illus. by Gabriel Maralngurra. Enchanted Lion Books. (Bininj/Australia)

## GRADES 6 - 8

- Cley, Amanda. **The Pack**. Trans. from Italian by Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. Illus. by Cecilia Ferri. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. (Italy)
- Giménez, Regina. **Geo-graphics**. Trans. from Catalan by Alexis Romay and Valerie Block. Illus. by author. Levine Querido. (Spain)
- Nannestad, Katrina. **We Are Wolves**. Illus. by Martina Heiduczek. Atheneum. (Prussia/Australia)
- Neruda, Pablo. **Book of Questions: Selections/Libros de las preguntas: Selecciones**. Trans. from Spanish by Sara Lissa Paulson. Illus. by Paloma Valdivia. Enchanted Lion Books. (Chile)
- Newman, Carey & Kirstie Hudson. **The Witness Blanket: Truth, Art and Reconciliation**. Orca Book Publishers. (Canada)
- Richardson, Bill. **Last Week**. Illus. by Emilie Leduc. Groundwood Books. (Canada)
- Spencer, Kim. **Weird Rules to Follow**. Orca Book Publishers. (Ts'msyen Nation/Canada)
- Wolo, Mamle. **The Kaya Girl**. Little, Brown and Company. (Ghana)

## GRADES 9 - 12

- Canizales. **Amazona**. Trans. from Spanish by Sofía Huitrón Martínez. Illus. by author. Lerner/Graphic Universe. (Columbia)
- Conyngham, Richard. **All Rise: Resistance and Rebellion in South Africa 1910 – 1948 – A Graphic History**. Illus. by Saaid Rahbeeni, The Trantraal Brothers, Liz Clarke, Dada Khanyisa, Tumi Mamabolo, & Mark Modimola. Catalyst Press. (South Africa)
- Martins, Vitor. **This is Our Place**. Trans. from Brazilian Portuguese by Larissa Helena. Scholastic/PUSH. (Brazil)
- Miyazaki, Hayao. **Shuna's Journey**. Trans. from Japanese by Alex Dudok de Wit. Illus. by the author. FirstSecond. (Japan)
- Van Rijckeghem, Jean-Claude. **Ironhead or, Once a Young Lady**. Trans. from French by Kristen Gehrman. Levine Querido. (Belgium)

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