

# Presenting the 2021 Outstanding International Books List



# USBBY's Outstanding International Books List

USBBY produces an annual list of outstanding international books for children and young adults, grades PreK to 12.

For this list, the term "international book" describes a book published or distributed in the U.S. that originated or was first published in a country other than the U.S.

The list is selected by the Outstanding International Books Committee, which consists of nine members appointed by USBBY.

# The 2021 Outstanding International Books Committee

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**Thank you!**



# OIB Selection criteria

- represent the best of children's literature from other countries
- introduce readers in the U.S. to outstanding artists and writers from other countries
- help children in the U.S. see the world from other points of view
- provide perspectives or address topics otherwise missing from children's literature in the U.S.
- exhibit distinct cultural flavor, help counteract stereotypes, bridge cultural gaps, build connections, and engage and prove accessible to young readers in the U.S.

# OIB Content and presentation considerations

- artistic and literary merit
- originality or creativity of approach
- distinctiveness of topic
- uniqueness of origin
- qualities that engage and appeal to children

**Not every book will meet every criterion equally.**



# The 2021 OIB List!

