



**2020 USBBY
Outstanding International Books**

GRADES PreK-2

- Abadia, Ximo. **The Farmer**. Trans. by Grace Maccarone & Kelly Loughman. Illus. by the author. Holiday House Publishing. (Switzerland)
- Avingaq, Susan & Vsetula, Maren. **The Pencil**. Illus. by Charlene Chua. Inhabit Media. (Canada)
- Basil, Krystia. **A Sky Without Lines**. Illus. by Laura Borràs. minedition. (Hong Kong/set along US/Mexico border)
- Chernysheva, Natalia. **The Return**. Illus. by the author. Groundwood Books. (Portugal)
- Dekko, Espen. **Paws+Edward**. Trans. by Kids Can Press. Illus. by Mari Kanstad Johnsen. Kids Can Press. (Norway)
- Flett, Julie. **Birdsong**. Illus. by the author. Greystone Kids. (Canada)
- Iglesias, Juan Pablo. **Daniel and Ismail**. Trans. by Ilan Stavans, Eliezer Nowodworski, Frieda Press-Danieli, and Randa Sayegh. Illus. by Alex Peris. Yonder. (Chile)
- Lee, Hyeon-Ju. **The Happiest Tree: A Story of Growing Up**. Illus. by the author. Feiwel and Friends. (Korea)
- Meddour, Wendy. **Lubna and Pebble**. Illus. by Daniel Egnéus. Dial Books for Young Readers. (UK)
- Ram, Praba & Preuit, Sheela. **Thukpa for All**. Illus. by Shilpa Ranade. Karadi Tales Company. (India)
- Read, Kate. **One Fox: A Counting Book Thriller**. Illus. by the author. Peachtree Publishing Company. (UK)
- Tanco, Miguel. **Count on Me**. Illus. by the author. Tundra Books. (Canada)
- Vermette, Katherena. **The Girl and the Wolf**. Illus. by Julie Flett. Theytus Books. (Canada)
- Vilela, Fernando. **Along the Tapajós**. Trans. by Daniel Hahn. Illus. by the author. Amazon Crossing Kids. (Brazil)
- Yoshitake, Shinsuke. **The Boring Book**. Ed. by Naomi Kirsten from translation. Illus. by the author. Chronicle Books. (Japan)

GRADES 3-5

- Abela, Deborah. **The Most Marvelous International Spelling Bee**. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky. (Australia)
- Alvarez, Lorena. **Hicotea: A Nightlights Story**. Illus. by the author. Nobrow. (UK)
- Blackcrane, Gerelchimeg. **The Moose of Ewenki**. Trans. by Helen Mixer. Illus. by Jiu Er. Greystone Kids. (China)
- Dahle, Gro. **Angryman**. Trans. by Tara Chace. Illus. by Svein Nyhus. NorthSouth Books. (Norway)
- Huson, Brett D. **The Grizzly Mother**. Illus. by Natasha Donovan. HighWater Press. (Canada)
- Hutchinson, Michael. **The Case of Windy Lake**. Second Story Press. (Canada)
- Ørbeck-Nilssen, Constance. **Vanishing Colors**. Trans. by Kari Dickson. Illus. by Akin Duzakin. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. (Norway)
- Rundell, Katherine. **The Good Thieves**. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. (UK/set in US)

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- Smith, Heather. **The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden.** Illus. by Rachel Wada. Orca Book Publishers. (Canada/set in Japan)
- Taylor, Sean & the Khayaal Theatre. **Riding a Donkey Backwards: Wise and Foolish Tales of Mulla Nasruddin.** Illus. by Shirin Adl. Candlewick Press. (UK)
- Vafaeian, Marjan. **The Parrot and the Merchant: A Tale by Rumi.** Trans. by Azita Rassi. Illus. by the author. Tiny Owl Publishing. (Iran)

GRADES 6–8

- Argueta, Jorge. **Caravan to the North: Misael's Long Walk.** Trans. by Elizabeth Bell. Illus. by Manuel Monroy. Groundwood Books. (Canada/set in Central America)
- Gourlay, Candy. **Bone Talk.** Scholastic. (UK/set in the Philippines)
- Kadariusman, Michelle. **Girl of the Southern Sea.** Pajama Press. (Canada/set in Indonesia)
- Litvina, Alexandra. **The Apartment: A Century of Russian History.** Trans. by Antonina W. Bouis. Illus. by Anna Desnitskaya. Abrams Books for Young Readers. (Russia)
- Mello, Roger. **Charcoal Boys.** Trans. by Daniel Hahn. Illus. by the author. Elsewhere Editions. (Brazil)
- Polak, Monique. **The Taste of Rain.** Orca Book Publishers. (Canada/set in China)
- Ross, Alisa. **The Girl Who Rode a Shark: And Other Stories of Daring Women.** Illus. by Amy Blackwell. Pajama Press. (Canada)
- Strange, Lucy. **Our Castle by the Sea.** Chicken House. (UK)
- Vecchini, Silvia. **The Red Zone: An Earthquake Story.** Trans. by Anna Barton. Illus. by Sualzo. Amulet Books. (Italy)

GRADES 9–12

- Adams, K. C. **Perception: A Photo Series.** Illus. by the author. HighWater Press. (Canada)
- Fried, Hédi. **Questions I Am Asked About the Holocaust.** Trans. by Alice E. Olsson. Scribe Publications. (Sweden)
- Kwaymullina Ambelin & Kwaymullina, Ezekiel. **The Things She's Seen.** Alfred A. Knopf. (Australia)
- Magnason, Andri Snær. **The Casket of Time.** Trans. by Björg Árnadóttir & Andrew Cauthery. Yonder. (Iceland)
- Petrecu, Guilherme. **Ye.** Trans. by Andrea Rosenberg. Illus. by the author. Top Shelf Productions. (Brazil)
- Sedgwick, Marcus & Sedgwick, Julian. **Voyages in the Underworld of Orpheus Black.** Illus. by Alexis Deacon. Walker Books. (UK)
- Various authors. **This Place: 150 Years Retold.** Illus. by various artists. HighWater Press. (Canada)

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