

2022 USBBY Outstanding International Books

GRADES PreK-2

- Atinuke. **Too Small Tola**. Illus. by Onyinye Iwu. Candlewick Press. (Nigeria)
- Baek, Heena. **Moon Pops.** Trans. from Korean by Jieun Kiaer. Illus. by author. Owlkids Books. (South Korea)
- Flett, Julie. We All Play/ Kimêtawânaw. Trans. by The Cree Literacy Network. Illus. by author. Greystone Kids. (Canada)
- Kontoleon, Anna and Kontoleon, Manos. Comings and Goings. Illus. by Fontini Tikkou. Star Bright Books. (Greece)
- Lam, Thao. **Thao**. Illus. by author. Owlkids Books. (Vietnam/Canada)
- Larsen, Marit. **Agnes's Place.** Trans. from Norwegian by Kari Dickson. Illus. by Jenny Løvlie. Amazon Crossing Kids. (Norway)
- Luby, Brittany. Mii Maanda Ezhi-Gkendmaanh: This Is How I Know. Trans. from Anishinaabemowin by Alvin Ted Corbiere and Alan Corbiere. Illus. by Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley. Groundwood Books. (Canada: Anishinaabewaking)
- Morgan, Sally. **Little Bird's Day.** Illus. by Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr. Blue Dot Kids Press. (Australia)
- Motum, Markus. **Ducks Overboard! A True Story of Plastic in Our Oceans.** Illus. by author. Candlewick Press. (UK: England)
- Pearson, Debora. **My Words Flew Away Like Birds.** Illus. by Shrija Jain. Kids Can Press. (Canada)
- Perrin, Clotilde. **Inside the Suitcase**. Trans. from French by Daniel Hahn. Illus. by author. Gecko Press. (France)
- Robert, Nadine. **On the Other Side of the Forest.** Trans. from French by Paula Ayer. Illus. by Gérard Dubois. Greystone Kids. (Canada)
- Soundar, Chitra. Sona Sharma, Very Best Big Sister? Illus. by Jen Khatun. Candlewick Press. (India)

GRADES 3 - 5

- Abery, Julie. Sakamoto's Swim Club: How a Teacher Led an Unlikely Team to Victory. Illus. by Chris Sasaki. Kids Can Press. (Canada)
- Ahn, Angela. Peter Lee's Notes from the Field. Illus. by Julie Kwon. Tundra Books. (Canada)
- Atinuke. Africa, Amazing Africa: Country by Country. Illus. by Mouni Feddag. Candlewick Press. (African Continent)
- Birkjær, Betina. **Coffee, Rabbit, Snowdrop, Lost**. Trans. from Danish by Sinéad Quirke Køngerskov. Illus. by Anna Margrethe Kjærgaard. Enchanted Lion. (Denmark)
- Böge, Dieter. **189 Canaries**. Trans. from German by Laura Watkinson. Illus. by Elsa Klever. Eerdmans Books For Young Readers. (Germany)
- Boivin, Lisa. **We Dream Medicine Dreams**. Illus. by author. Highwater Press. (Canada: Northwest Territories)
- Buitrago, Jairo. **Wounded Falcons.** Trans. from Spanish by Elisa Amado. Illus. by Rafael Yockteng. Groundwood Books. (Mexico)
- Carmona, Hannah. **Anita and the Dragons**. Illus. by Anna Cunha. Lantana. (Dominican Republic)

GRADES 3 - 5 Continued

- Fried, Hédi. **The Story of Bodri**. Trans. from Swedish by Linda Schenck. Illus. by Stina Wirsén. Eerdmans Books For Young Readers. (Sweden)
- Fontaine, Valérie. **The Big Bad Wolf in my House**. Trans. from French by Shelley Tanaka. Illus. by Nathalie Dion. Groundwood Books. (Canada)
- Hrab, Naseem. **The Sour Cherry Tree**. Illus. by Nahid Kazemi. Owlkids Books. (Canada)
- Manrique, María Eugenia. **The Caiman**. Trans. From Spanish by Amy Brill. Illus. by Ramón París. Amazon Crossing Kids. (Venezuela)
- Morstad, Julie. **Time is a Flower**. Illus. by author. Tundra Books. (Canada)
- Pang, Hannah. **Seasons: A Year in Nature** . Illus. by Clover Robin. Tiger Tales/360 Degrees. (UK)
- Raúf, Onjali Q. **The Star Outside my Window**. Illus. by Pippa Curnick. Delacorte Press. (UK: England)
- Osada, Hiroshi. Almost Nothing, yet Everything: A Book about Water. Trans. from Japanese by David Boyd. Illus. by Ryōji Arai. Enchanted Lion. (Japan)
- Waters, Fiona. **Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright! An Animal Poem for Each Day of the Year**. Illus. by Britta Teckentrup. Candlewick Press/Nosy Crow. (UK)

GRADES 6 - 8

- Cheng, Eugenia. Molly and the Mathematical Mysteries: Ten Interactive Adventures in Mathematical Wonderland. Illus. by Aleksandra Artymowska. Candlewick Press/Big Picture Press. (UK)
- Fung, Rosena. Living with Viola. Illus. by author. Annick Press. (Canada)
- Kuzki, Shaw. **Soul Lanterns**. Trans. from Japanese by Emily Balistrieri. Delacorte Press. (Japan)
- Mckay, Hilary. **The Swallows' Flight**. Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry Books. (England/Germany)
- Poulin, Andrée. Burying the Moon. Illus. by Sonali Zohra. Groundwood Books. (India)
- Romanyshyn, Romana and Lesiv, Andriy. How War Changed Rondo. Trans. from Ukrainian by Oksana Lushchevska. Illus. by authors. Enchanted Lion. (Ukraine)

GRADES 9 - 12

- Aisato, Lisa. **All the Colors of Life**. Trans. from Norwegian by Olivia Lasky. Illus. by author. W1-Media/Arctis Books. (Norway).
- Boulerice, Simon. **Carry On: Poetry by Young Immigrants**. Trans. from French by Susan Ouriou. Illus. by Rogé. Owlkids Books. (Canada)
- Chim, Wai. Freedom Swimmer. Scholastic Press. (China)
- Kessler, Liz. When the World Was Ours. Simon & Schuster/Aladdin. (Austria/Poland/England)
- Kinew, Wab. Walking in Two Worlds. Penguin Teens. (Canada) Letria, José Jorge. War. Trans. from Portuguese by Elisa Amado. Illus. by André Letria. Greystone Kids. (Portugal)

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