



# 2025 Outstanding International Books

## Grades PreK–2

- Benet, Nuria Gómez. **Montezuma's Tantrum**. tr. from Spanish by Elisa Amado. illus. by Santiago Solís Montes de Oca. Aldana Libros/Greystone Books. (Spain/Mexico)
- Chirif, Micaela. **A Sleepless Night**. tr. from Spanish by Jordan Landsman. illus. by Joaquín Camp. Transit Children's Editions. (Argentina)
- DeBhairduin, Oein. **The Slug and the Snail**. illus. by Olya Anima. Little Island. (Ireland)
- Gomi, Taro. **Taro Gomi's Big Book of Words**. tr. from Japanese by KAISEI-SHA Publishing Co, Taro Gomi, and Naomi Kirsten. illus. by author. Chronicle Books. (Japan)
- Krishnaswami, Uma. **Look! Look!** illus. by Uma Krishnaswamy. Groundwood Books. (Canada/India)
- Lebourg, Claire. **A Day with Mousse**. tr. from French by Sophie Lewis. illus. by author. Transit Children's Editions. (France)
- Lee, Gee Eun. **The Legend of Tiger and Tail-Flower**. tr. from Korean by Aerin Park. illus. by author. Levine Querido. (South Korea)
- Miyakoshi, Akiko. **Little Shrew**. tr. from Japanese by KAISEI-SHA Publishing Co. and Kids Can Press. illus. by author. Kids Can Press. (Japan)
- Mohammadi, Hadi. **Amu Nowruz and His Violets**. tr. from Persian by Sara Khalili. illus. by Nooshin Safakhoo. Elsewhere Editions. (Iran)
- Nicholson, Caitlin Dale with Leona Morin-Neilson. **ninitohtênân / We Listen**. tr. from English to Cree by Leona Morin-Neilson. illus. by Caitlin Dale Nicholson. Groundwood Books. (Canada)
- Pawis-Steckley, Mangeshig. **Boozhoo! Hello!** tr. from English to Anishinaabemowin by Mary Ann Corbiere. illus. by author. Groundwood Books. (Canada)
- Rocha, Ruth. **Marcelo, Martello, Marshmallow**. tr. from Portuguese by Tal Goldfajn. illus. by Ana Matsusaki. Tapioca Stories. (Brazil)
- Santos, Victor D.O. **What Makes Us Human**. tr. from Portuguese by Victor D.O. Santos. illus. by Anna Forlati. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. (Brazil)
- Wei, Tang. **Grandma's Roof Garden**. tr. from Chinese by Kelly Zhang. illus. by author. Levine Querido. (China)

## Grades 3–5

- Atinuke. **Too Small Tola Makes It Count**. illus. by Onyinye Iwu. Candlewick. (United Kingdom/Nigeria)
- Fadeeva, Olga. **Water: Discovering the Precious Resource All Around Us**. tr. from Russian by Lena Traer. illus. by author. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. (Russia)
- Flygenring, Rán. **Vigdís: A Book About the World's First Female President**. tr. from Icelandic by Jonas Moody. illus. by author. HELVETIQ. (Iceland)
- Goupil, Mylène. **Taming Papa**. tr. from French by Shelley Tanaka. Groundwood Books. (Canada)
- Isol. **Loose Threads**. tr. from Spanish by Lawrence Schimel. illus. by author. Enchanted Lion. (Argentina)
- Krishnaswami, Uma. **Birds on the Brain**. illus. by Julianna Swaney. Groundwood Books. (Canada/India)
- Mello, Roger. **Griso: The One and Only**. tr. from Portuguese by Daniel Hahn. illus. by author. Elsewhere Editions. (Brazil)

## Grades 3–5, cont.

- Oliveira, Inês Viegas. **The Duel: A Story about Peace.** tr. from Portuguese by Rosa Churcher Clarke. illus. by author. Triangle Square Books/Seven Stories Press. (Portugal)
- Saramago, José. **An Unexpected Light.** tr. from Portuguese by Margaret Jull Costa. illus. by Armando Fonseca. Triangle Square Books/Seven Stories Press. (Portugal)
- Triinu, Laan. **John the Skeleton.** tr. from Estonian by Adam Cullen. illus. by Marja-Liisa Plats. Restless Books/Yonder. (Estonia)
- van de Vendel, Edward & Anoush Elman. **Mishka.** tr. from Dutch by Nancy Forest-Flier. illus. by Annet Schaap. Levine Querido. (Netherlands)
- Zei, Alki. **The Wildcat Behind Glass.** tr. from Greek by Karen Emmerich. Restless Books/Yonder. (Greece)

## Grades 6–8

- Dåsnes, Nora. **Save Our Forest!** tr. from Norwegian by Lise Lærdal Bryn. illus. by author. Hippo Park/Astra Books for Young Readers. (Norway)
- Escobar, Melba. **Johnny, the Sea, and Me.** tr. from Spanish by Sara Lissa Paulson. illus. by Elizabeth Builes. Enchanted Lion. (Colombia)
- Hardinge, Frances. **Island of Whispers.** illus. by Emily Gravett. Amulet/Abrams Books. (United Kingdom)
- Kurimoto, Kengo. **Wildful.** illus. by author. Groundwood Books. (Canada)
- Lim, Rebecca & Kate Gordon. **The Mailbox Tree.** Walker Books. (Australia)
- Maruno, Jennifer. **The Go-Between.** Red Deer Press. (Canada)
- Ondjaki. **Our Beautiful Darkness.** tr. from Portuguese by Lyn Miller-Lachmann. illus. by António Jorge Gonçalves. Unruly/Enchanted Lion. (Brazil/Angola)
- Rundberg, Johan. **The Queen of Thieves: The Moonwind Mysteries.** tr. from Swedish by A. A. Prime. Amazon Crossing Kids. (Sweden)
- Shah, Wali & Eric Walters. **Call Me Al.** Orca Books. (Canada)
- Stridsberg, Sara. **We Go to the Park.** tr. from Swedish by B. J. Woodstein. illus. by Beatrice Alemagna. Unruly/Enchanted Lion. (Sweden)

## Grades 9–12

- Butler, George. **Ukraine: Remember Also Me: Testimonies from the War.** illus. by author. Candlewick Studio. (United Kingdom/Ukraine)
- Cercignano, Anna, Elenora Antonioni, Maurizia Rubino, Francesca Torre, La Tram, Lucia Biagi, Vega Guerrieri, Caterina Ferrante, Laure Guglielmo, Davide Costa, ElisA2B, Carmen Guasco, Marta Macolino, & Alessia De Sio. **Loud: Stories to Make Your Voice Heard.** tr. from Italian by Anna Barton. illus. by authors. Dark Horse Comics. (Italy)
- Chávez Castañeda, Ricardo. **The Book of Denial.** tr. from Spanish by Lawrence Schimel. illus. by Alejandro Magallanes. Unruly/Enchanted Lion. (Mexico)
- Li, Charmaine Anne. **Crash Landing.** Annick Press. (Canada)

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