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!