



2024 Outstanding International Books

Grades PreK–2

- Aguilera, Claudio. **9 Kilometers**. Tr. from Spanish by Lawrence Schimel. Illus. by Gabriela Lyon. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. (Chile)
- Álvarez, David & David Bowles. **Ancient Night**. Illus. by David Álvarez. Levine Querido. (Mexico)
- Dalvand, Reza. **I Have the Right: An Affirmation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**. Tr. from French by Scribble. Illus. by author. Scribble. (France)
- Fadeeva, Olga Fadeeva. **Wind: Discovering Air in Motion**. Tr. from Russian by Lena Traer. Illus. by author. Eerdmans. (Russia)
- Fontenaille, Élise. **At the Drop of a Cat**. Tr. from French by Karin Snelson and Emile Robert Wong. Illus. by Violeta López. Enchanted Lion Books. (France)
- Gombač, Žiga X. **Adam and His Tuba**. Tr. from Slovenian by Olivia Hellewell. Illus. by Maja Kastelic. North South Books. (Slovenia/Switzerland)
- Herreros, Ana Cristina. **The Amazing and True Story of Tooth Mouse Pérez**. Tr. from Spanish by Sara Lissa Paulson. Illus. by Violeta López. Enchanted Lion Books. (Spain)
- Lee, Suzy. **The Shade Tree**. Tr. from Korean by Helen Mixer. Illus. by author. Greystone Books. (South Korea)
- Maijala, Marika. **Rosie Runs**. Tr. from Finnish by Mia Spangenberg. Illus. by author. Elsewhere Editions. (Finland)
- Narayanan, Priya. **Friend of Numbers: The Life of Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan**. Illus. by Satwik Gade. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. (India)
- Rodari, Gianni. **A Daydreamy Child Takes a Walk**. Tr. from Italian by Antony Shugaar. Illus. by Beatrice Alemagna. Enchanted Lion Books. (Italy)
- Rodríguez, Nelson and Leonardo Agustín Montes. **Colorful Mondays: A Bookmobile Spreads Hope in Honduras**. Tr. from Spanish by Lawrence Schimel. Illus. by Rosana Faría and Carla Tabora. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. (Honduras/Spain)
- Schneider, Noemi. **Ludwig and the Rhinoceros: A Philosophical Bedtime Story**. Tr. from German by Marshall Yarbrough. Illus. by Golden Cosmos. North South Books. (Switzerland)
- Shatokhin, Oleksandr. **Yellow Butterfly: A Story from Ukraine**. Illus. by author. Red Comet Press. (Ukraine)
- Vasco, Irene. **The Young Teacher and the Great Serpent**. Tr. from Spanish by Lawrence Schimel. Illus. by Juan Palomino. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. (Colombia/Spain)
- Yomoto, Kazumi. **The Bear and the Wildcat**. Tr. from Japanese by Cathy Hirano. Illus. by Komako Sakai. Gecko Press. (Japan)

Grades 3–5

- Anisimova, Anna. **The Invisible Elephant**. Tr. from Russian by Ruth Ahmedzai Kemp. Illus. by Yulia Sidneva. Yonder: Restless Books for Young Readers. (Russia)
- Chang-hoon, Jung. **The Moon Tonight: Our Moon's Journey Around Earth**. Tr. from Korean by Paige Morris. Illus. by Jang Ho. Blue Dot Kids Press. (South Korea)
- Colfer, Eoin. **Three Tasks for a Dragon**. Illus. by P. J. Lynch. Candlewick Press. (Ireland)

Grades 3–5, cont.

- Desnitskaya, Anna. **On the Edge of the World**. Tr. from Russian by Lena Traer. Illus. by author. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. (Russia)
- Franck, Ed. **The Moon is a Ball: Stories of Panda & Squirrel**. Tr. from Dutch by David Colmer. Illus. by Thé Tjong-Khing. Gecko Press. (Belgium)
- Friedland, Aaron and Ndileka Mandela. **The Walking School Bus**. Illus. by Andrew Jackson Obol. Greystone Kids. (South Africa/Canada)
- Hillström, Ylva. **The Art and Life of Hilma af Klint**. Tr. from Swedish by B.J. Epstein. Illus. by Karin Eklund. Thames & Hudson. (Sweden)
- Kashiwaba, Sachiko. **The House of the Lost on the Cape**. Tr. from Japanese by Avery Fischer Udagawa. Illus. by Yukiko Fontini. Yonder: Restless Books for Young Readers. (Japan)
- Marcinkevičius, Marius. **The Pebble: An Allegory of the Holocaust**. Tr. from Lithuanian by Jūra Avižienis. Illus. by Inga Dagilė. Thames & Hudson. (Lithuania)
- Nguyen, Trang and Jeet Zdung. **Saving H'non: Chang and the Elephant**. Tr. from Vietnamese by authors. Illus. by Jeet Zdung. Dial Books. (Vietnam)
- Prokhasko, Taras and Marjana Prokhasko. **Who Will Make the Snow?** Tr. from Ukrainian by Boris Dralyuk and Jennifer Croft. Illus. by Marjana Prokhasko. Elsewhere Editions. (Ukraine)
- Vasco, Irene. **Letters in Charcoal**. Tr. from Spanish by Lawrence Schimel. Illus. by Juan Palomino. Lantana Publishing. (Colombia)
- Zarif, Marya. **Dounia and the Magic Seeds**. Tr. from French by Yvette Ghione. Illus. by author. OwlKids Books. (Syria/Canada)
- Zo-O. **Corner**. Tr. from Korean by Ellen Jang. Illus. by author. Owlkids Books. (South Korea)

Grades 6–8

- Bushby, Aisha. **Pocketful of Stars**. Carolrhoda Books. (Kuwait/United Kingdom)
- John-Kehewin, Wanda. **Hopeless in Hope**. Highwater Press. (Cree/Canada)
- Mitchell, Jane. **Run for Your Life**. Little Island. (Ireland)
- Phạm, Thọ and Sandra McTavish. **The Cricket War**. Kids Can Press. (Vietnam/Canada)
- Rundberg, Johan. **The Night Raven**. Tr. from Swedish by A.A. Prime. Amazon Crossing Kids. (Sweden)
- Saleh, Haya. **Wild Poppies**. Tr. from Arabic by Marcia Lynx Qualey. Levine Querido. (Jordan)

Grades 9–12

- Estrela, Joana. **Pardalita**. Tr. from Portuguese by Lyn-Miller Lachmann. Illus. by author. Levine Querido. (Portugal)
- Higa, Susumu. **Okinawa**. Tr. from Japanese by Jocelyne Allen. Illus. by author. Fantagraphics. (Japan)
- Kumagai, Clara. **Catfish Rolling**. Penguin Random House. (Japan/Canada.)
- Sullivan, Deirdre. **Savage Her Reply**. Little Island. (Ireland)
- Wein, Elizabeth. **Stateless**. Tundra/Penguin Random House. (United Kingdom/Canada)

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