



## THE STREGA PRIZE FOR CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

The **Strega Prize for Children's Literature** will be awarded to narrative children's books, including translations, published in Italy from the period beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> April of the previous year until the 31<sup>st</sup> March of the current year. The prize is promoted by the **Maria and Goffredo Bellonci Foundation** and by **Strega Alberti Benevento Spa** – the organisers of the Strega Prize together with the **Centre for Books and Reading**, the independent institute of the Italian Ministry of Culture, established in 2007 with the aim of spreading the culture of books and reading in Italy, the **Bologna Children's Book Fair**, the international event for the world of children's literature, and with the support of **BPER Bank**.

**There are two categories in the competition:** one dedicated to books for **readers aged between 6 and 10 years** and one for **readers aged between 11 and 15**. Thanks to the collaboration with a network of primary and secondary schools across all of Italy, identified in collaboration with the Centre for Books and Reading, the young readers themselves are the ones who will vote for the winners in the two categories.

The **Prize Committee**, coordinated by the President of the Bellonci Foundation, **Tullio De Mauro** and made up of **Giuseppe Bartorilla, Emma Beseghi, Pino Boero, Ermanno Detti, Silvana Loiero, Carla Ida Salviati** and **Maria Romana Tetamo**, will select five finalists from the 55 titles submitted by the publishers.

This new literary award, which has been established almost seventy years after the first prize was awarded by a group of friends that met on Sundays, will accompany the Strega Youth Prize, established in 2014, to confirm the spirit of the original prize in acknowledging **the commitment to spreading and encouraging the pleasure of narrative for readers of all ages**, in the hope that the future will continue to be rich in stories, emotions and knowledge.