

BOLOGNARAGAZZI AWARD: THE WINNERS OF THE 51ND EDITION

One of the most important children's book prizes in the world

Even more space for the latest developments as told to children plus a special section dedicated to DISABILITY

*1448 titles reached Bologna from 43 countries around the world in order to participate in the selection for the **BolognaRagazzi Award (BRAW)**, the prize that has been awarded by the Bologna Children's Book Fair since 1966 to the very best books in children's publishing judged in terms of their graphic-editorial quality, strength of innovation, balance and capacity to speak to young readers. This competition, which each year receives the very best publications from around the world, is **one of the most esteemed awards in the sector and represents an important launch pad on an international level**, thanks to the attention that the winner receives from the media and the thousands of professionals from the sector in attendance at the **Bologna Children's Book Fair**, which will take place this year from the 4th to the 7th April. This year's Fair will conclude with an event that will see BolognaFiere come to life with the **Weekend for Young Readers**, an event open to schools on Friday 8th April and open to the general public on the 9th and 10th April. Each year publishers propose the best works for the award, guaranteeing the exceptional quality of the entrants: over the years the BolognaRagazzi Award has come to represent a precious stimulus for authors, illustrators and editors inspiring them to achieve even greater heights in terms of the art and literature that children's books deserve.*

As is the tradition, a prestigious international jury has selected the winning publications, one title for each of the four categories: **Fiction, Non Fiction, New Horizons** and **First Works**. The jury, which was made up of Silvana Amato (graphic designer, Italy), Claude Combet (specialist journalist, France), Wally De Doncker (President IBBY – International Board on Books for the Young, Belgium), Emiliano Ponzi (illustrator, Italy) and Dolores Prades (editorial consultant, Brazil), has spent the last few days deliberating together at BolognaFiere.

FICTION

Picture books have always represented the richest section of BRAW. **The winner of the Fiction section 2016 is "Mon tout petit », by Germano Zullo / Albertine, published by La Joie de Lire, 2015, Switzerland.**

NON FICTION

Books that are increasingly dealing with themes connected to current affairs have received the attention of the international jury. **The Winner for Non Fiction is the series "Libros para Mañana", published by Media Vaca, 2015, Spain.**

NEW HORIZONS

The section dedicated to countries with an emerging publishing sector received over 100 works originating from Columbia, Indonesia, India and Guatemala, to name just a few. **The winner of the New Horizons Section 2016 is “Tongue Twists (Lisanak Hisanak)”, by Fatima Sharafeddine / Hanane Kai, published by Kalimat, 2016, United Arab Emirates.**

FIRST WORKS

This section was established to shine a spotlight on some excellent debuts by both illustrators and authors. **The Winner of the First Works section 2016 is “Pacho Rada, la légende!”, by Johanna Benz, published by Editions Magnani, 2015, France.**

BOLOGNARAGAZZI AWARD FOR DISABILITY

Also for the 2016 edition, a prize has been dedicated to a special category for the in-depth study of a theme of particular pertinence.

Over the years the theme of disability has made a notable impact on the history of children’s literature and illustrated books have played an important role in this. For this reason, the Bologna Children’s Book Fair has this year established the section **BolognaRagazzi Award for Disability**: a space for books that deal with the theme of disability and its representation and the publications dedicated to children with disabilities. **The winner of this special prize**, chosen by the prestigious international BRAW jury and by a special jury selected for this award – including Roberto Parmeggiani (*Accaparlante*), Silvana Sola (*President IBBY Italy*) and Beatrice Vitali (Fondazione Gualandi) – is **“Mallko y papà”, by Gusti, published by Editorial Océano de México, 2014, Mexico.**

THE INTERNATIONAL JURY FOR BRAW AND DISABILITY:

<http://bolognachildrenbookfair.com/en/the-fair/bologna-ragazzi-award/jury-2016/3637.html>

IMAGES AND WORKS FROM BRAW AND DISABILITY:

<http://bolognachildrenbookfair.com/en/the-fair/bologna-ragazzi-award/winners-2016/2225.html>

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