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**BolognaRagazzi Award - 2021 special Poetry category
Winners and mentions awarded by the International Jury**

Bologna Children's Book Fair's **BolognaRagazzi Award - BRAW** - acknowledges the best, most innovative illustrated books published worldwide. Excellence of graphic design, innovation, and the ability to resonate with young readers are the main criteria followed by the prestigious International Jury. One of the most coveted awards in the children's publishing world, the BRAW is also a great business opportunity for the winning publishers, enhancing international copyright sales and turning the spotlight on the publishers, authors and illustrators - thanks also to BCBF's wide promotional coverage of the winners both at the trade show and online.

Poetry is the **2021 edition's** special category, its winners and mentions announced before those of the permanent categories. This choice is a tribute to the wealth of splendid poetry books for children and young adults being produced around the world in recent years. An art form stimulating thought and communication, poetry opens young minds, prompts curiosity, and encourages reflection.

The jury - made up of **Chiara Basile**, founder of the Lèggere Leggére bookshop and organiser of the Junior Poetry Festival (Italy); **Denis Beznosov**, deputy director of the Russian State Children's Library (Russia); **Caterina Ramonda**, author, translator, expert in print and digital children's publishing (Italy); **Morag Styles**, Professor of Children's Poetry at Cambridge University and Emeritus Fellow, Homerton College (UK) - met online to assess the books submitted and decide on the winner and four special mentions.

A total of **210 books from 28 countries** were evaluated by the Jury. The jurors considered the titles as a whole, taking into account their graphic design, text and images but especially how the printed word related to the illustrations and whether the texts spoke to the emotions, stimulating wider reflection.

The Winner and Special Mentions are listed below. Click on the link to read what the Jury said:
<https://www.bolognachildrensbookfair.com/en/highlights/awards/poetry-2021-special-category/10912.html>

WINNER

Cajita de fósforos. Antología de poemas sin rima

Edited by Adolfo Córdova

Illustrations by Juan Palomino

Ediciones Ekaré, Venezuela, 2020

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright!

Edited by Fiona Waters

Illustrations by Britta Teckentrup



Nosy Crow, United Kingdom, 2020

Niños

Poems by María José Ferrada
Illustrations by María Elena Valdez
Alboroto ediciones, Mexico, 2020

Love Letter

Poems and illustrations by Animo Chen
Locus Publishing, Taiwan, 2020

The Girl Who Became a Tree. A Story Told in Poems

Poems by Joseph Coelho
Illustrations by Kate Milner
Otter-Barry Books, United Kingdom, 2020

Milan, 26 May 2021

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