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THE 59th BOLOGNA CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR — 21-24 MARCH 2022

THE BOLOGNA CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR - FUNDACIÓN SM INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR ILLUSTRATION

Mexico's Andrés López is the winner of the 2022 BCBF- Fundación SM International Award for Illustration

The Bologna Children's Book Fair and Fundación SM, both active in the field of education and the promotion of children's books, set up the **Bologna Children's Book Fair – Fundación SM International Award for Illustration** in 2009 with the aim of unearthing, nurturing and supporting new talents in illustration.

Open to artists aged under 35 whose work has been selected for the Illustrators Exhibition, the prize for the winner is a cheque for 15 thousand euros which is intended to provide the winning illustrator with the peace of mind to create, over the course of one year, an illustrated book that will be published and launched on the global market by the Spanish publisher SM. The original illustrations will then be presented at a solo exhibition at the following year's edition of the Bologna Children's Book Fair. This year's winner was announced on Wednesday 23 March 2022 at the Illustrators Café during the 59th edition of the Bologna Children's Book Fair.

The jury, which was composed of **Gusti Rosemfet** (illustrator, Argentina), **Alessandro Sanna** (illustrator, Italy) and **Pablo Núñez** (Corporate Art Manager at SM, Spain), decided unanimously to award the prize to **Andrés López** for the reasons outlined below.

"For the quality of the composition, the evocative representation of nature with a strong pictorial storyline, a traditional style with a meticulous approach to detail and a capacity to create a world that is precise, credible and engaging that ensures the reader imagines this world beyond the illustrations and wants to enter into it."

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