

Astrid Lindgren Award

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The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (a.k.a. The ALMA) is the largest children's and young adult literature award in the world, granting an amount of 5 million SEK (Swedish Krona) to the winner(s).

Every year, the nominees of this award are announced at the Frankfurt Book Fair in October. This past October 15th when the new 2016 nominees were announced, I was there.

[ALMA Peeps](#): the deciders. (From left to right, back row: Lennart Eng, Anna Höglund, Stefan Casta, Annika Edlund, Mats Kempe, Henry Ascher, Lena Kåreland. Front, from left: Maria Lassén-Seger, Katarina Kieri, Chairman Boel Westin, Johan Palmberg, and Elina Druker.)

The list of nominees is extensive (I've listed them below, with links where possible), with 215 people and organizations on the list, from 59 different countries. This singular fact I think suits Lindgren's legacy well, especially once you've investigated those who have made the list.

It's inclusive, international and impressive.

This award is particularly interesting because it doesn't serve to recognize just one type of skill, as most awards do (i.e. writers, *or* illustrators, etc.). [The Astrid Lindgren Award](#), which was first organized by the Swedish government in 2003 (one year after Lindgren's death), acknowledges:

- writers,
- illustrators,
- organizations,
- librarians,

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- storytellers
 - anyone and any organization committed to literacy of the young.

The award is presented by H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden and the Swedish Minister for Culture in Stockholm. In 2016, the event will happen April 5th, during the Bologna Children's Book Fair (where it will also be announced).

Astrid Lindgren is most known for her Pippi Longstocking stories, but she's written many other stories that are beloved. She wrote what she wanted to read, often drawing from her childhood memories and fantasies and the Swedish landscape.

Lindgren is the third most translated children's book author, beaten only by Hans Christian Andersen and the Grimm Brothers. From the official ALMA website:

Astrid Lindgren is one of Sweden's most important authors [Unquestionably!]. Her works have been translated into more than 90 languages [WOW!]. She renewed children's literature and combined artistic integrity with commitment to the rights of children and young people. [I'd like someone to say that about me some day.]

Astrid Lindgren died in 2002 at the age of 94, but her stories will live forever. To honour her memory and to promote interest in children's and young adult literature around the world, the Swedish government founded an international award in her name, the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. [This is really cool.]

Below is the 2016 list of nominated candidates. I grabbed this list directly from the ALMA website, [here](#). For anyone wanting to find out what all is happening in the world of literacy worldwide, this is your list.

I think you'll find these potential laureates very inspiring. I do!

[A & A Book Trust](#)

Organisation

India

[Abuelas Cuentacuentos: the Storytelling Grandmothers](#)

Organisation

Argentina

[A.C.C.E.S.](#)

Organisation

France

[Aakeson, Kim Fupz](#)

Author

Denmark

Abdagi? Kike, Mirsad

Author

Bosnia and Herzegovina

[AÇEV \(Anne Çocuk Eğitim Vakfı\)](#)

Organisation

Turkey

[Ahlberg, Allan](#)

Author

United Kingdom

Al Musallam, Abdulaziz

Author

United Arab Emirates

[Albertine](#)

Illustrator

Switzerland

[Alemagna, Beatrice](#)

Author/illustrator

Italy

[All of Poland Reads to Kids](#)

Organisation

Poland

[Almond, David](#)

Author

United Kingdom

[Anveshi Research Centre for Women's Studies](#)

Organisation

India

[Arkipova, Anastasia](#)

Illustrator

Russian Federation

Azzopardi, Andreas

Author

Malta

[Baek, Heena](#)

Illustrator

Republic of Korea

[Baniasadi, Mohammed Ali](#)

Illustrator

Iran

[Bányai, István](#)

Illustrator

United States

[Berner, Rotraut Susanne](#)

Illustrator

Germany

[BiblioneF](#)

Organisation

South Africa

[Blake, Quentin](#)

Illustrator

United Kingdom

[Blau, Aljoscha](#)

Author/illustrator

Germany

Bo, Jin

Author

China

[Bond, Ruskin](#)

Author

India

[Book Aid International](#)

Organisation

United Kingdom

Book Art Center (BAC)

Organisation

Georgia

[Briggs, Raymond](#)

Author/illustrator

United Kingdom

[Bringsværd, Tor Åge](#)

Author

Norway

[Brøgger, Lilian](#)

Illustrator

Denmark

[Bunanta, Murti/Kelompok Pecinta Bacaan Anak \(KPBA\)](#)

Oral storyteller/Organisation

Indonesia

[Canadian Children's Book Centre](#)

Organisation

Canada

[Carle, Eric](#)

Author/illustrator

United States

[Chambers, Aidan](#)

Author

United Kingdom

[Chambers, Aidan & Nancy](#)

Promoters of reading

United Kingdom

[Children's Literature New England \(CLNE\) & The Examined Life \(EXL\)](#)

Organisations

United States

Cielena, Mara

Author

Latvia

[Cieślak, Ola](#)

Illustrator

Poland

[Cneut, Carll](#)

Illustrator

Belgium

[Colfer, Eoin](#)

Author

Ireland

[Cooperativa Culturale Giannino Stoppani](#)

Organisation

Italy

[Cowley, Joy](#)

Promoter of reading

New Zealand

Csukás, István

Author

Hungary

[Da Coll, Ivar](#)

Author/illustrator

Colombia

[Dahle, Gro](#)

Author

Norway

[Daly, Niki](#)

Illustrator

South Africa

[Davitashvili, Natalie](#)

Author

Georgia

[Dematons, Charlotte](#)

Illustrator

Netherlands

[Dezsö, Andrea](#)

Illustrator

United States

[Dodd, Lynley](#)

Author/illustrator

New Zealand

[Douzou, Olivier](#)

Author/illustrator

France

[Dubosarsky, Ursula](#)

Author

Australia

[Eeg, Harald Rosenløw](#)

Author

Norway

[Ekman, Fam](#)

Author/illustrator

Norway

[Ellis, Sarah](#)

Author

Canada

[Erdogan, Fatih](#)

Author

Turkey

[Eriksson, Eva](#)

Illustrator

Sweden

[Erlbruch, Wolf](#)

Illustrator

Germany

[Fanelli, Sara](#)

Author/illustrator

Italy

[Fernández Paz, Agustín](#)

Author

Spain

[Fombelle, Timothée de](#)

Author

France

[Foreman, Michael](#)

Author/illustrator

United Kingdom

[**Foreningen !les**](#)

Organisation

Norway

[Friends of African Village Libraries \(FAVL\)](#)

Organisation

United States

[Future Library](#)

Organisation

Greece

[Gaiman, Neil](#)

Author

United Kingdom/United States

[The German Nicaraguan Library and the Bibliobús Bertolt Brecht](#)

Organisation

Nicaragua

[Geelen, Harrie](#)

Author/illustrator

Netherlands

[Gestel, Peter van](#)

Author

Netherlands

[Givargizov, Arthur](#)

Author

Russian Federation

[Gleeson, Libby](#)

Author

Australia

[Gleitzman, Morris](#)

Author

Australia/United Kingdom

[Godon, Ingrid](#)

Illustrator

Belgium

[Gonzalez, Maria Teresa Maia](#)

Author

Portugal

[Grobler, Piet](#)

Illustrator

South Africa

[Gunnarsdóttir, Kristín Helga](#)

Author

Iceland

Gwang, So Yong

Promoter of reading/oral storyteller

D.P.R. Korea

Hallworth, Grace

Author/oral storyteller

United Kingdom

[Havukainen, Aino & Sami Toivonen](#)

Author/illustrator

Finland

[Hébert, Marie-Francine](#)

Author

Canada

[Hellgren, Joanna](#)

Author/illustrator

Sweden

[Helsing, Lennart](#)

Author

Sweden

[Herbauts, Anne](#)

Author/illustrator

Belgium

Hole, Stian

Author/illustrator

Norway

[Hughes, Shirley](#)

Author/illustrator

United Kingdom

[International Youth Library](#)

Organisation

Germany

[Jeffers, Oliver](#)

Author/illustrator

United Kingdom

[Jensen, Louis](#)

Author

Denmark

[Jonge, Harm de](#)

Author

Netherlands

[Jónsdóttir, Áslaug](#)

Author/illustrator

Iceland

[Kaldhol, Marit](#)

Author

Norway

Kalman, Maira

Author/illustrator

United States

[Karrebæk, Dorte](#)

Illustrator

Denmark

[Kasparavicius, Kestutis](#)

Author/illustrator

Lithuania

[Katha](#)

Organisation

India

Kivirähk, Andrus

Author

Estonia

[Komagata, Katsumi](#)

Author/illustrator

Japan

Kršenkovi? Brkovi?, Dragana

Author

Montenegro

[Kunnas, Mauri](#)

Author/illustrator
Finland

Kwon, Yoon-duck

Illustrator
Republic of Korea

[Labor Atelieregemeinschaft](#)

Organisation
Germany

[Lambrelli, Lily](#)

Author/oral storyteller
Greece

[Lampedusa Library/Silent Books](#)

Organisation
Italy

Lapeña-Bonifacio, Amelia

Author
Philippines

[Lavachery, Thomas](#)

Author
Belgium

[Leeuwen, Joke van](#)

Author/illustrator
Netherlands

[Le Guin, Ursula](#)

Author
United States

[Lester, Alison](#)

Author
Australia

[Letterbox Club](#)

Organisation
United Kingdom

Liao, Jimmy

Author/illustrator

Taiwan

[Lieshout, Ted van](#)

Author

Netherlands

[Lindström, Eva](#)

Author/illustrator

Sweden

[Lowry, Lois](#)

Author

United States

Lubaev, Sergey

Illustrator

Russian Federation

[Lubuto Library Partners](#)

Organisation

Zambia

[Luján, Jorge](#)

Author

Argentina

[Lukk-Toompere, Regina](#)

Illustrator

Estonia

[Magallanes, Alejandro](#)

Author/illustrator

Mexico

[Marchetta, Melina](#)

Author

Australia

Marek, Veronika

Author/illustrator

Hungary

Masini, Beatrice

Author

Italy

[Matsuoka, Kyoko](#)

Promoter of reading

Japan

Meek Spencer, Margaret

Promoter of reading

United Kingdom

Mello, Roger

Author/illustrator

Brazil

[Mesghali, Farshid](#)

Illustrator

Iran

[Mezemuseum \(The Hungarian Fairy Tale and Story Museum\)](#)

Organisation

Hungary

Mirhadi, Touran

Promoter of reading

Iran

Modan, Rutu

Author/illustrator

Israel

[Moeyaert, Bart](#)

Author

Belgium

Moradi Kermani, Houshang

Author

Iran

[Morpurgo, Michael](#)

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United Kingdom

[Mourlevat, Jean-Claude](#)

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France

[Moursund, Gry](#)

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Norway

Muggenthaler, Eva

Author/illustrator

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[Murail, Marie-Aude](#)

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[Nadja \(Nadja Fejto\)](#)

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France

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Author

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[Negrin, Fabian](#)

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Italy

[Ness, Patrick](#)

Author

United Kingdom

[Nikl, Petr](#)

Author/illustrator

Czech Republic

Nimr, Sonia

Author

Palestine

Nopola, Sinikka & Tiina

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Author/illustrator

Norway

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Spain

Oluji?, Grozdana

Author

Serbia

Ottley-Mitchell, Carol

Author

Saint Kitts and Nevis

[Pacheco, Gabriel](#)

Illustrator

Mexico

[Paegle, Anita](#)

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Latvia

Paljetak, Luko

Author

Croatia

[Pardi, Charlotte](#)

Illustrator

Denmark

[Parvela, Timo](#)

Author

Finland

Pateraki, Giolanda

Author

Greece

Patte, Geneviève

Promoter of reading

France

Pellowski, Anne

Oral storyteller

United States

[Petersons, Reinis](#)

Illustrator

Latvia

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Illustrator

United Kingdom/Poland

[Place, Francois](#)

Illustrator

France

Prado, Miguelanxo

Illustrator

Spain

[Pratham Books](#)

Organisation

India

[Pressler, Mirjam](#)

Author

Germany

[Rahimizadeh, Pejman](#)

Illustrator

Iran

[Rahmandoust, Mostafa](#)

Author

Iran

Rascal

Oral storyteller

Belgium

[Raud, Piret](#)

Author

Estonia

[Richter, Jutta](#)

Author

Germany

[Riff, Hélène](#)

Illustrator

France

Room to Read

Organisation

United States

[Rosoff, Meg](#)

Author

United Kingdom

Rozman Roza, Andrej

Author/oral storyteller/promoter of reading

Slovenia

[Ršumovi?, Ljubivoje](#)

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Serbia

[Rueda, Claudia](#)

Author/illustrator

Colombia

[Rungulis, M?ris](#)

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Šari?, Muhidin

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France/Iran

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United Kingdom

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Spain

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Illustrator

United States

[Škerl, Peter](#)

Illustrator

Slovenia

[Solberg, Lisa Aisato N'jie](#)

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Norway

Sta Romana-Cruz, Neni

Author/Promoter of reading

Philippines

[Stark, Ulf](#)

Author

Sweden

Stoutt, Elmore

Oral storyteller

British Virgin Islands

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Illustrator

Denmark

[Tara Books](#)

Organisation

India

[Teller, Janne](#)

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Tiainen, Marja-Leena

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[Tidholm, Thomas](#)

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Topuria, Tea

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Trivizas, Eugene

Author

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Author

Moldova

[Wegelius, Jakob](#)

Author/illustrator

Sweden

[Welsh-Rabady, Renate](#)

Author

Austria

[Verplancke, Klaas](#)

Illustrator

Belgium

[Wiesner, David](#)

Illustrator

United States

[Wikland, Ilon](#)

Illustrator

Sweden

[Wilson, Jacqueline](#)

Author

United Kingdom

[Zak, Monica](#)

Author/Oral storyteller/Promoter of reading

Sweden

Zexin, Chen

Illustrator

China

[Zusak, Markus](#)

Author

Australia

[Zwerger, Lisbeth](#)

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