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# 2019 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award to be announced April 2

**Are you hoping for a familiar favorite or a total surprise? The countdown has begun for the announcement of this year’s ALMA laureate. On Tuesday, April 2, the ALMA jury will name the person or persons who will receive the world’s most prestigious award in children’s and YA literature and the prize sum of SEK 5 million.**

**Time:** Tuesday, April 2 at 1 p.m. Doors will open at approximately 12:45. The press conference will be led by Johar Bendjelloul with a welcome by Swedish Arts Council chair Ulrika Stuart Hamilton. ALMA jury chair **Boel Westin will announce the decision of the jury. A full presentation of the laureate will follow.**  
  
**Place:** Bio Viktor, Filmhuset , Borgvägen 1 in Stockholm. The event will be streamed live on alma.se, on social media, and at the international Children’s Book Fair in Bologna.

The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA) is awarded this year for the seventeenth time. It honors achievements in children’s and YA literature in the broadest sense of that term. The jury does not consider previous awards or sales figures, but awards the prize sfor work of the utmost excellence to a laureate who shares the humanist values embodied in the life and work of Astrid Lindgren. Last year’s laureate was the American author Jacqueline Woodson. This year there are 246 candidates for the prize from 64 countries. The list of this year’s candidates is here.   
  
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Earlier ALMA Laureates

2017 Wolf Erlbruch, Germany

2016 Meg Rosoff, United Kingdom/United States

2015 PRAESA, South Africa

2014 Barbro Lindgren, Sweden

2013 Isol, Argentina

2012 Guus Kuijer, Netherlands

2011 Shaun Tan, Australia

2010 Kitty Crowther, Belgium

2009 Tamer Institute, Palestine

2008 Sonya Hartnett, Australia

2007 Banco del Libro, Venezuela

2006 Katherine Paterson, United States

2005 Ryôji Arai, Japan and Philip Pullman, United Kingdom

2004 Lygia Bojunga, Brazil

2003 Christine Nöstlinger, Austria and Maurice Sendak, United States

About the award

The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA) is the world's largest prize for children's and young adult literature. The award, which amounts to SEK 5 million, is awarded annually to a single recipient or to several. Authors, illustrators, oral storytellers and those active in reading promotion may be rewarded. The award is designed to promote interest in children's and young adult literature, and in children's rights, globally. An expert jury selects the winners from candidates nominated by institutions and organisations worldwide. The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award is administered by the Swedish Arts Council.