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### IBBY Announces the Candidates for the 2022 Hans Christian Andersen Award

**The Hans Christian Andersen Award** is the highest international distinction given to the creators of books for young people. Given every other year by IBBY, the Hans Christian Andersen Awards recognize lifelong achievement and are given to an author and an illustrator whose complete works have made an important and lasting contribution to literature for young people.

Sixty-two candidates from 33 countries have been nominated for the 2022 Hans Christian Andersen Award.

Argentina: Author **María Cristina Ramos**; Illustrator **Gusti**  
Australia: Author **Margaret Wild**; Illustrator **Tohby Riddle**  
Austria: Author **Heinz Janisch**; Illustrator **Linda Wolfsgruber**  
Belgium: Author **Thomas Lavachery**; Illustrator **Carll Cneut**  
Brazil: Author **Marina Colasanti**; Illustrator **Nelson Cruz**  
Canada: Author **Angèle Delaunois**; Illustrator **Sydney Smith**  
China: Author **Jin Bo**; Illustrator **Xiong Liang**  
Colombia & Venezuela: Illustrator **Ivar Da Coll**  
Croatia: Illustrator **Dubravka Kolanović**  
Cyprus: Author **Anna Kouppanou**; Illustrator **Dora Oronti**  
Estonia: Author **Andrus Kivirähk**; Illustrator **Piret Raud**  
France: Author **Marie-Aude Murail**; Illustrator **Gilles Bachelet**  
Germany: Author **Andreas Steinhöfel**; Illustrator **Nikolaus Heidelbach**  
Greece: Author **Maria Papayanni**; Illustrator **Iris Samartzi**  
Hungary: Author **András Dániel**; Illustrator **László Herbszt**  
Iran: Author **Jamshid Khanian**; Illustrator **Pejman Rahimizadeh**  
Italy: Author **Roberto Piumini**; Illustrator **Beatrice Alemagna**  
Japan: Author **Joko Iwase**; Illustrator **Ryoji Arai**  
Republic of Korea: Author **Yi Hyeon**; Illustrator **Suzy Lee**  
Latvia: Illustrator **Aleksejs Naumovs**  
Lebanon: Author **Fatima Sharafeddine**; Illustrator **Sinan Hallak**

Lithuania: Illustrator **Kestutis Kasparavičius**  
Netherlands: Author **Tonke Dragt**; Illustrator **Sylvia Weve**  
Poland: Author **Marcin Szczygielski**; Illustrator **Iwona Chmielewska**  
Russia: Author **Sergey Makhotin**; Illustrator **Julja Gukova**  
Slovenia: Author **Peter Svetina**; Illustrator **Damijan Stepančič**  
Spain: Author **Jordi Sierra i Fabra**; Illustrator **Elena Odriozola**  
Sweden: Author **Annika Thor**; Illustrator **Anna Bengtsson**  
Switzerland: Author **Franz Hohler**; Illustrator **Catherine Louis**  
Turkey: Author **Behiç Ak**; Illustrator **Mustafa Delioğlu**  
Ukraine: Author **Halyna Malyk**; Illustrator **Kost Lavro**  
United Kingdom: Author **Marcus Sedgwick**; Illustrator **David McKee**  
USA: Author **Linda Sue Park**; Illustrator **Kadir Nelson**

The Shortlist will be announced in January 2022 and the Winners at the Bologna Children's Book Fair in March/April 2022.