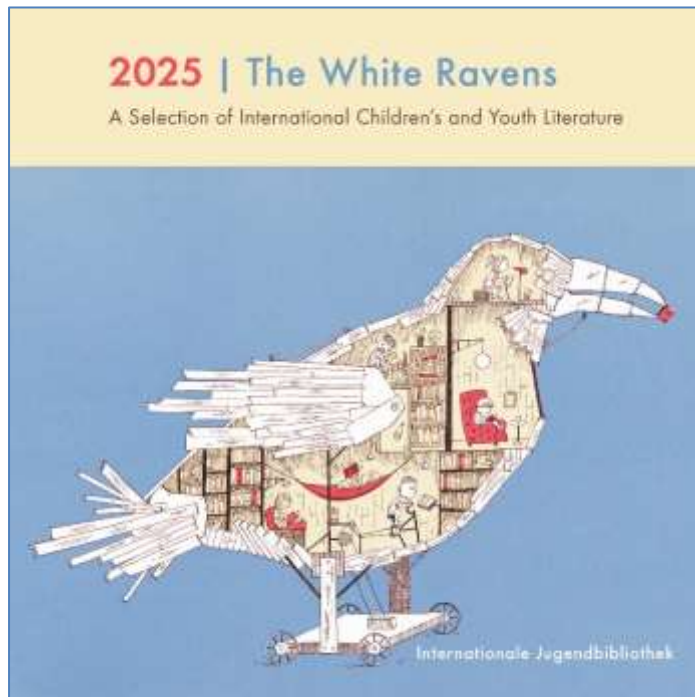


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## The White Ravens 2025

### A Selection of International Children's and Youth Literature

**Published by the  
International Youth Library,  
in English  
120 pages, coloured**

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The situation of children's literature around the world, especially its availability and reception, has noticeably changed over the past few years. Political, social, and cultural conditions are diverging at an increasing pace. On the one hand, there are countries where topics such as diversity, equal representation, democratic values, human rights or environmental awareness continue to be of considerable importance in books for children and young adults.

In other countries, children's literature has come under heavy pressure and faced restrictions that can extend to outright censorship. Even in ostensibly stable democracies like the United States, changes can be observed. In recent years, thousands of picture books, children's books, and books for young adults have been the object of so-called book bans, with tangible consequences for authors and illustrators, for teachers and librarians – and, of course, for readers. There is no single, unified image of children's literature. What remains unchanged, however, is the fact that it is by no means self-evident that literature for young people is freely accessible and available everywhere.

This makes it all the more important for the International Youth Library/IYL to present every year the international book recommendation list "The White Ravens", the latest edition of which we are launching today: The catalogue with more than 200 outstanding new publications from the international children's book market reflects the conviction that children's and youth literature as a messenger of universal values, such as tolerance and intercultural understanding, is of great importance and deserves special attention.

Therefore, we are pleased to present the **White Ravens 2025!** This year's edition features 215 titles in 49 languages from 63 countries: Picture books, stories and novels, fairy tales and poems, graphic novels and non-fiction – reading material for young children and young adults alike. For the first time, titles in Kazakh and Uzbek are included.

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They are recommended by the language specialists of the International Youth Library with the help of a large network of children's and youth book experts from all over the world. The criteria for selection were the literary and pictorial quality, the relevance of the topics dealt with, originality, innovative approaches, and book design. Over the years, the "White Ravens" list has become a useful tool for all those who want to find out about highlights and trends in international children's and youth literature and who want to look beyond national and linguistic borders. The list is like a compass through the unfathomably large children's book market.

„The White Ravens 2025“ can be downloaded free of charge [here](#).

On our Instagram account, [@thewhiteravens.books](#), all "White Ravens 2025" titles will be presented in detail over the course of one year starting on 20 October 2025.

More information can be found [here](#), including the "White Ravens" database.

**The cover illustration** was designed by Norwegian illustrator Øyvind Torseter, whose titles have already appeared seven times on the White Ravens list (most recently in 2024 with 'Dronefangeren'/ Oslo: Cappelen Damm, 2023 and with 'Til slutt blir alle hester. Dikt for barn'/Bergen: Vigmostad & Bjørke, 2023). He has received many prestigious awards for his books, including the German Youth Literature Prize, the Bologna Ragazzi Award and the Norwegian Book Art Prize. His books have been translated into several languages. Øyvind Torseter lives and works in Oslo.

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#### INVITATION / FRANKFURT BOOK FAIR

##### „The White Ravens 2025“

Wednesday, 15 October 2025, 9:30–10:00 a.m.

Frankfurt Studio, Hall 4.0

The International Youth Library presents its selection of international children's and youth literature, The White Ravens 2025:

The children's literature experts Oliver Ilan Schulz and Jochen Weber will present some highlights from this year's selection, including their personal favourites.

The event will be held in English.

*An event in cooperation with the Frankfurt Book Fair.*



Are you at the book fair in Frankfurt? The team of the International Youth Library would be delighted to welcome you at its stand in Hall 3.0 H 128.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information:

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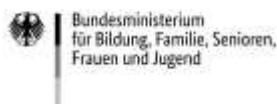
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