

SHEIKH ZAYED BOOK AWARD SHORTLISTS

The first three shortlists of nominations have been announced for the Sheikh Zayed Book Award. The contenders in the Literature category are: *Hona al Qahira (This Is Cairo)* a novel by Ibrahim Abdelmaguid from Egypt; *La Shama Tadoll Ummi 'Alai (No Moles to Lead My Mother To Me)*, a poetry collection by Ghassan Zaqtan from Palestine; and *Majaneen Bait Lahem (The Fools of Bethlehem)*, a novel by the Palestinian Osama Alaysa. The nominees in the Children's Literature category are: *Sitt el Koll (Against the Tide)* by Taghreed Al Najjar from Jordan; *Al Fatat Allati Iqtafat Aathar Shakhsyyat Ibn al Muqaffa (The Girl Who Traced the Characters of Ibn Al Muqaffa)* by Nabiha Mheidli from Lebanon; and *Al Samaka al Mufakkira (The Thinking Fish)* by the Lebanese Hassan Abdallah. Nominated in the Young Author category are: *Harakyyet al Badee' Fil Khitab al Shi'ri (Aesthetics of Poetic Discourse)* by Said Laouadi from Morocco; *Manzilat al Tamtheel fi Falsafat Ibn Rushd (Representation in Ibn Rushd's Philosophy)* by the Moroccan Fouad Ben Ahmed; and *Sharq al Da'iri (East Ring Road)*, a novel by Khaled Ahmed from Egypt. – The National staff