

Amin Maalouf named cultural personality

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The Shaikh Zayed Book Award announced yesterday Lebanese-born French novelist Amin Maalouf as the winner of this year's Cultural Personality of the Year Award.

The move comes in recognition of Maalouf's achievements as a novelist who has conveyed in French some key moments in the history of Arab and other Eastern peoples. The award ceremony will take place on May 1, at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, coinciding with the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair. (WAM)