

Sheikh Zayed Book Award reveals 2020 shortlists

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Record-breaking year for submissions with 1,900 nominations from 49 nations; winners to be awarded at Abu Dhabi International Book Fair

The shortlists have been announced today for the 14th edition of the Sheikh Zayed Book Awards across six key categories.

An independent judging panel chose shortlists for each category out of 1,900 nominations from 49 countries, in a significant increase from 1,500 entries the previous year.

Winners will receive prize money of 750,000 UAE dirhams (\$204,181), to be awarded in a special ceremony that takes place during the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair in April. The winning titles that fall under children's books or literature will also be eligible for translation funding.

The Sheikh Zayed Book Award is hosting an LBF panel event titled Sheikh Zayed Book Award: The Positive Impact of Prizes on Translation at the English PEN Literary Salon, on Tuesday 10th March, 1.30pm.

The full shortlists are:

Literature

- *Ma'wa Al Gheyab (Shelter of Absence)* by Egyptian author Mansoura Ezzedine (Mamdouh Adwan Publishing and Distribution House with Sard Publishing)
- *Belkas ma Qabl Al Akheera (The Penultimate Cup)* by Tunisian poet Moncef Al-Wahaibi (Meskeliani Publishing and Distribution)
- *Arwah Sakhrat Al Asal (Souls of Honey Rocks)* by Syrian author Mamdouh Azzam (Mamdouh Adwan Publishing and Distribution House with Sard Publishing)

Young Author

- *Kol Al Ashya'a (All Things)* by Kuwaiti author Bothayna Al-Essa (Arab Scientific

Publishers, Inc.)

- *Al Muhawara fi Adb Abi Hayyan al-Tawhidi: Derasah fi Khasaes al Tafa'ol Al Tawasoli, Al Adab AlMajlisi fe Mudwenat AlTawhidi (Dialogue in Abu Hayyan al-Tawhidi Literature: A Study in the Characteristics of Communication Interaction)*

by

Saudi author Dr. Manal Saleh M. Al-Mohimeed (Dar Kunouz Al Ma'refa Publishers)

- *ilm Al Kalam Al Islami fi Derasat al Mustashrikeen Al Alman (Islamic Theology in the*

Studies of German Orientalists) by Iraqi author Hayder Qasim (Al Rawafed Culture and Nadim Edition)

Children's Literature

- *Saqi Almaa (The Water Provider)* by Emirati author Maryam Saqer Al Qasimi (Al Hudhud Publishing and Distribution)

- *Nuzhati Al Ajeeba Ma' Al Am Salem (My Wondrous Picnic with Uncle Salem)* by Emirati author Nadia AlNajjar (Dar Al Saqi Publishing)

- *Al Fatat Al Lialakia (The Purple Girl)* by Palestinian-American author Ibtisam Barakat

(Tamer Institute for Community Education)

Translation

- *Al Manteqa Al Mo'atemah: Al Tareekh Al Seri Lelharb Alsebraniya (The Dark Territory: The Secret History of Cyber War)* by Fred Kaplan, translated from English to Arabic by Loay Abdel Mageed (National Council for Culture, Arts and Literature in Kuwait)

- *Al-Insan Al-Romantiqi (L'Homme Romantique)* by Georges Gusdorf, translated from

French to Arabic by Mohamed Ait Mihoub (Dracher Sinatra/Tunis Institute for Translation)

- *Al Shokouk Ala Galen (Abū Bakr al-Rāzī: Doutes sur Galien)* by Abu Bakr Al-Razi, translated from Arabic to French by Pauline Koetschet (Walter de Gruyter)

Arab Culture in Other Languages

- *Warum es kein islamisches Mittelalter gab (Why There Were No Islamic Middle Ages)* by German author Thomas Bauer (C.H. Beck)

- *1001 Buch: Die Literaturen des Orients (1001 Books: The Literatures of the Orient)* by German author Stefan Weidner (Converso)

- *Croire au Maghreb medieval: La saintete en question XIVE-XVe siècle (Beliefs of the Medieval Maghreb: Sainthood in question in the 14th-15th centuries)* by French author Nelly Amri (Éditions du Cerf)

- *The Thousand and One Nights and Twentieth-Century Fiction: Intertextual Readings*

by Dutch author Richard Van Leeuwen (Brill)

- *Sufi Network. Le confraternite islamiche tra globalizzazione e tradizione (The Sufi*

Network. The Islamic Brotherhood between Globalization and Tradition) by Italian author Francesco Alfonso Leccese (Jouvence)

Publishing and Technology

- Library of Alexandria, Egypt
- National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations, Paris
- Banipal Magazine, UK

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