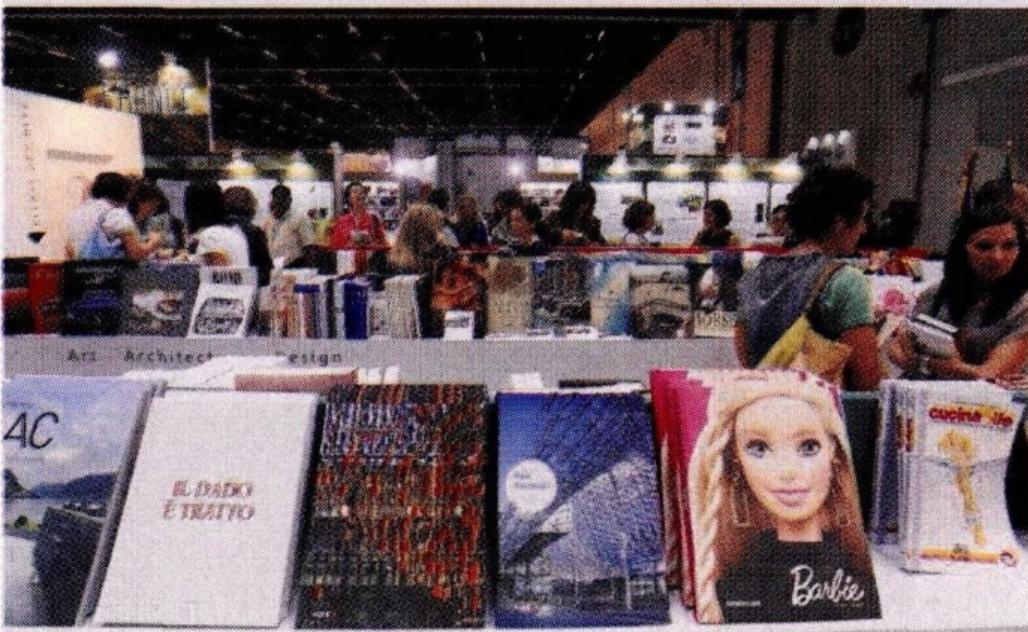


Talks, top writers and more at Abu Dhabi book fair

The Abu Dhabi International Book Fair returns to the capital this weekend. Now in its 26th edition, this year's is particularly special as it coincides with the UAE's Year of Reading. The winners of the Sheikh Zayed Book Award and the International Prize for Arabic Fiction (the Arabic Booker) will also be announced. The country of honour is Italy, and Donato Carrisi, who is Italy's best-selling thriller writer in translation, is attending. There will also be an illustrator's corner, workshops, talks and a mindfulness area. The "Black Box" cinema will also bring the silver screen to the fair, showing 18 films – four from UAE-based filmmakers. The fair runs at ADNEC until May 3. For more information visit www.adbookfair.com.



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