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TOLERANCE...

The 2001 UNESCO Prize
for Children's and Young
People's Literature
in the Service of Tolerance...
and Peace



The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization established the **UNESCO Prize for Children's and Young People's Literature in the Service of Tolerance** in order to carry the message of the United Nations Year for Tolerance beyond 1995.

The award is given every two years in recognition of works for the young that best embody the concepts and ideals of tolerance and peace and promote mutual understanding based on respect for other people and cultures. Particular emphasis is placed on the context in which such books have been published in a world where intolerance is at the root of so much human misery.

As the year 2000 has been declared International Year for the Culture of Peace by the United Nations General Assembly, the 2001 awards will also be open to books which tackle the theme of peace.

The works may be **novels, collections of short stories and illustrated picture books** falling under two categories: books for children up to the age of 12, and those for young people aged 13 to 18. Entries should only be books published in 1998-1999, and **nominations will be open until 31 January 2000** (deadline for receiving entries at UNESCO in Paris).

Publishers (not authors) are invited to submit one book per age category (i.e. a maximum of two books) through their countries' National Commissions for UNESCO. **Direct submissions to UNESCO cannot be accepted.** Where no National Commission exists, other arrangements may be made.

All submissions should be accompanied by a summary in English or French.

Publishers are kindly asked to send **three copies** of each book submitted in order to facilitate evaluation by the reading committee and members of the Jury.

The author of the prize-winning book in each age category will receive US \$8,000 generously donated by the Fundación Santa María/Ediciones SM of Spain. The other finalists on the short list will be awarded honourable mention. The names of the publishers of the winning books will be cited in the award diplomas. The prize-giving ceremony will be held during the Bologna Children's Book Fair (Italy) in 2001.

DEADLINE
31 January
2000

A complete list of National Commissions and their addresses is also available on UNESCO's Web site at the following URL:
<http://www.unesco.org/general/eng/partners/commission/listecn.html>

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“Let us forge in the next generations feelings of altruism, openness and respect toward others, solidarity and sharing based on a sense of security in one's own identity and a capacity to recognize the many dimensions of being human in different cultural and social contexts.”

UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL