

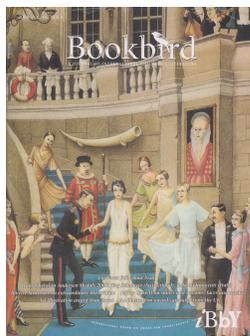
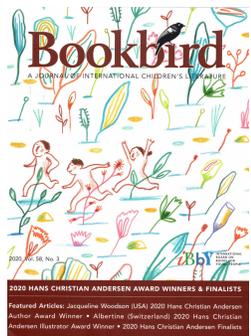
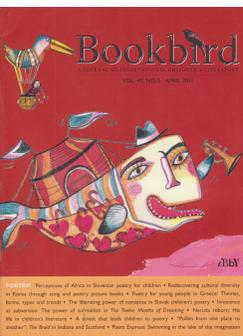
IBBY's Journal *Bookbird* Search for Editors

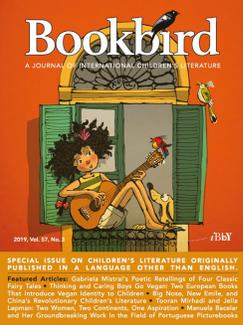
Bookbird, Inc., the management board of IBBY's journal, *Bookbird: A Journal of International Children's Literature*, seeks an editor or editorial team to take over from the current editors, whose term of office finishes with the publication of the October 2022 issue. *Bookbird* is a refereed journal published quarterly by IBBY (The International Board on Books for Young People), and is printed and distributed by JHUP (Johns Hopkins University Press). *Bookbird* is indexed on SCOPUS, Children's Book Review Index, Library Literature, LISA, MLA International Bibliography, and Web of Science.

The International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) is a non-profit organization which represents an international network of people from all over the world who are committed to bringing books and children together.

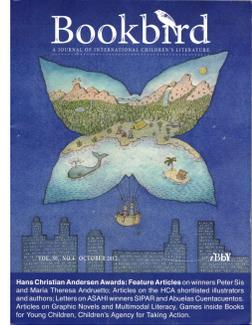
The *Bookbird* editor(s) must have the following qualifications:

- An appropriate level of experience in editing a journal or books to publication level.
- A thorough understanding of the publishing process and experience in working with copyeditors, designers, and printers. Previous experience in this area will be a definite advantage.
- Evidence of a clearly defined interest in and knowledge of children's literature in an international context.
- An excellent command of the English language and a general ability to work with other languages and writers whose first language is not English. Proficiency in a language other than English will be an advantage.
- A degree in an appropriate discipline, e.g., literature, languages, children's literature, childhood studies, publishing, or librarianship.
- An empathic ability to work with and encourage authors from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds.
- Excellent information technology skills, in particular related to editing and publishing.
- An ability to work within and keep to deadlines.
- Commitment to the ideals of IBBY and an understanding of and empathy with the principles guiding the publication of *Bookbird*.
- Have appropriate office/secretarial support.
- A willingness to work closely with the board of Bookbird, Inc., the IBBY Executive Committee, and the IBBY Secretariat.
- Be available to travel to designated meetings of Bookbird, Inc. and the IBBY Executive Committee.





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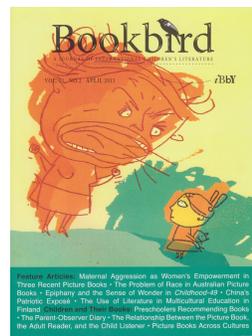
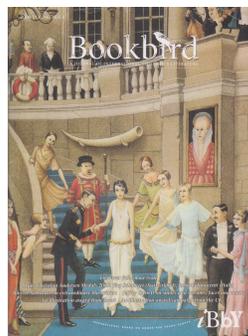
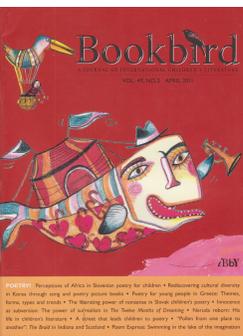
Editorial duties include:

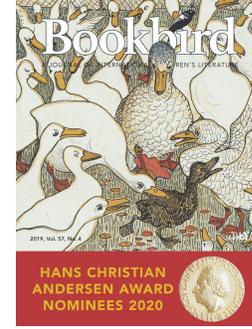
- Planning the content of each issue of *Bookbird*. This includes preparing the biennial Hans Christian Andersen Award issue and the biennial pre-IBBY congress issue featuring the congress country/region.
- Sourcing and commissioning suitable articles.
- Liaising with the *Bookbird* review panel and overseeing the refereeing process for each article.
- Working with authors to improve their texts.
- Working with the organizations and individuals that produce additional content for the journal, such as reviews, "Focus IBBY," and more.
- Editing content and overseeing the copyediting and proofreading of articles and dealing with illustrations and permissions.
- Working with the designer.
- Liaising with JHUP about the management of each issue prior to going to print.
- Ensuring that each issue appears on time.
- Working closely with and informing the board of Bookbird, Inc. on editorial-related matters.
- Promoting the overarching aims of IBBY through *Bookbird*.

The editor(s) are required to attend and report at Bookbird, Inc. and IBBY Executive Committee meetings twice yearly in various venues internationally. These are held in March or April at the Bologna Book Fair and in another location later in the year, usually during September. There is a modest budget available to cover expenses for attendance at these meetings.

The application deadline is October 1, 2021. Application review will begin on October 18, 2021 and the position will be open until filled.

It is expected that the incoming editor(s) will be in place by early 2022 to prepare their first issue for 2023 (January). The contract to edit *Bookbird* extends for four years subject to an initial period of approval.





This is an excellent opportunity for an ambitious and creative person or persons with a strong interest in international children's literature to acquire invaluable experience. It is not a full-time job, and a small honorarium is paid. There is a separate budget for design, copyediting, and translation of articles when necessary. The editor/editors must provide their own administrative backup by way of office facilities, IT, and secretarial help if necessary. The editor(s) may be based in any country.

Applicants are expected to be familiar with *Bookbird* and with the aims of IBBY. They are advised to look at the "Bookbird" section on the IBBY website: www.ibby.org/bookbird. This will provide more information about the nature and content of each issue, including the special issues.

Interviews for the post are likely to be conducted by Zoom with a follow-up interview in person.

Expressions of interest should include:

- A detailed CV (résumé) that responds to the criteria listed above.
- A statement about the applicant's vision for *Bookbird*.
- A brief outline of how the applicant would manage the processes involved in producing the journal, prior to sending it to JHUP for printing.
- The names, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of two referees. References will only be required prior to a possible decision to offer the position. Names of referees will be treated in the strictest confidence and their data will not be retained.

Team applications should include the items listed above in relation to each team member.

Further details can be supplied to interested candidates on request.

Applications should be sent by e-mail to:

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