The 2024 Hans Christian Andersen Jury Recommends...

The Hans Christian Andersen Jury, in wanting to help build bridges of understanding, has created a list of twenty outstanding books from the 2024 nominees that they felt were important enough to merit translation everywhere so that children around the world could read them, thus expanding their access to some of the very best books. Further titles from the shortlisted nominees are also highly recommended.

1. Siete niñas (Seven girls)  

2. ¿Feos y feas? (Ugly and ugly?)  
   written by Lola Casa and illustrated by Gusti (Argentina)  

3. The Watertower  
   written by Gary Crew (Australia) and illustrated by Steven Woolman  

4. Petit somme (A little nap)  
   written and illustrated by Anne Brouillard (Belgium)  

5. Kissou  
   written by Angèle Delaunois (Canada) and illustrated by Jean-Claude Alphen  

6. 黒焰 Hei Yan (Black Flame)  
   written by Gerelchimeg Blackcran (China)  

7. Chigüiro viaja en chiva (Chigüiro travels by chiva)  
   written and illustrated by Ivar Da Coll (Colombia/Venezuela)  

8. عودة العودة Unshudat Al-Awdah (The homecoming chant)  
   written by Affaf Tobala (Egypt)  

9. Mitt bottenvliv. Av en ensam axolotl (My life at the bottom)  
   written and illustrated by Linda Bondestam (Finland)  

10. Résidence Beau Séjour  
    written and illustrated by Gilles Bachelet (France)  
11. Το αγόρι στο θεωρείο (The boy in the lodge) written by Angeliki Darlasi (Greece)

12. Un grande giorno di niente (A big day of nothing) written and illustrated by Beatrice Alemagna (Italy)

13. 꽃할머니 (Flower Granny) written and illustrated by Kwon Yoon-Duck (Rep. of Korea)

14. على ضوء الشمعة (By the candlelight) written by Samar Barraj (Lebanon) and illustrated by Mira El Mir

15. Atua Māori Gods and Heroes written and illustrated by Gavin Bishop (New Zealand)

16. Kako je gospod Feliks tekmoval s kolesom (How Mr Felix took part in a bicycle race) written by Peter Svetina (Slovenia) and illustrated by Ana Razpotnik Donati

17. Das kleine Wildschwein und die Krähen (The little wild boar and the crow) written by Franz Hohler (Switzerland) and illustrated by Kathrin Schärer
   Munich, Germany: Carl Hanser Verlag, 2023, ISBN 978-3-446-27600-0

18. The Young Inferno written by John Agard (UK) and illustrated by Satoshi Kitamura

19. The Jackie Morris Book of Classic Nursery Rhymes written and illustrated by Jackie Morris (UK)

20. Another written and illustrated by Christian Robinson (USA)