

Call for submissions Miep Diekmann Thesis Prize 2026

The Miep Diekmann Thesis Prize for research in Children's Literature is awarded biennially to the author(s) of the best master's thesis in the field of children's and young adult literature. The prize is awarded by the Dutch section of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY).

The winner of the Miep Diekmann Thesis Prize receives 750 euros. In addition to awarding the prize, two honorable mentions are possible. The award ceremony will take place during the IBBY scientific seminar on 24 April 2026.

More information about the prize can be found at www.ibby-nederland.nl/miek-diekman-thesisprijs or can be requested in English via ibby.secretariaat@gmail.com.

Regulations

The Miep Diekmann Thesis Prize 2026 for research in Children's Literature will be awarded to a master's thesis written at a Dutch or Flemish university in the academic years 2023-2024 or 2024-2025. We welcome submissions from international students enrolled at a university in the Netherlands or Flanders in this period.

1. The thesis may be written in Dutch or English.
2. The thesis must be submitted before February 1, 2026 by email (in PDF) and in four physical copies (by post) to IBBY-Nederland.
3. The board of IBBY-Nederland will appoint an expert jury that will assess the entries on, among other things, the following aspects:
 - a. the extent to which the thesis contains interesting new information,
 - b. the methodological quality,
 - c. the scientific value,
 - d. the clarity of the argumentation/substantiation.
4. Topics can be both literary-theoretical and historical. Research explicitly into reading skills, functions of reading, reading behavior or reading in relation to audiovisual and/or digital media is not eligible for this prize.
5. Depending on the quality of the submitted theses, the jury may decide not to award the prize.
6. The jury's deliberations will result in a report in which the choice of the winner is clearly justified.

The master's thesis must be submitted no later than February 1, 2026 in PDF to ibby.secretariaat@gmail.com. The address to send in the four physical copies can be requested by email.

We are looking forward to your submission!