



Send in your entries to the picture book contest Bengt Christell Prize!

In honour of the company's founder Bengt Christell, the Swedish publisher Opal has instituted a prize for picture book makers, that will be given out every two year. The winner is presented on Bengt's birthday January 25th, and will be awarded with 25,000 SEK along with a guaranteed book contract and customary royalty and advance. The publication date will be set to fall season the same year.

Contest guidelines:

- *The them of the picture book contest 2022 is **humour**.*
- *The book shall be targeted towards children at the age of 3-6.*
- *The printed book shall consist of 32 pages, inclusive of title page and endpapers, which gives room for a story of 24 pages (12 spreads). The size is optional.*
- *The entries must consist of at least four complete spreads, sketches of the remaining illustrations, and complete layout, text, and cover.*
- *It is allowed to send in multiple entries.*
- *The entries cannot compete in any other contest during the selection.*
- *The entries cannot be published before in any part of the world.*
- *The entries can have multiple creators. All entries will be treated anonymously by the jury. The author/illustrator does not have to be a debutant.*
- *The entries must be written in Swedish or English.*
- *All entries shall have reached Opal at **November 14th 2021**, at the latest.*
- *The winner must be able to deliver ready material early April 2022, for publication in the fall.*

Email your entries to: tavling@opal.se

Add *Bengt Christell Prize* as subject.

For your anonymity, please attach a separate document with your contact details, named after the title of the entry. You don't need to add an additional letter.

Or send it by regular mail to (Only copies! We do not return any entries):

Bokförlaget Opal, Tegelbergsvägen 31, SE-168 66 Bromma, Sweden

Mark the envelope *Bengt Christell Prize*.

For your anonymity, please put your contact details in a sealed envelope and write the title of the entry on the front. You don't need to add an additional letter.

If you have any questions, please contact
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