



Bengt Christell-priset

Send in your entries to the picture book contest Bengt Christell Prize 2022!

The prize was established in 2019, and is named after the Swedish publisher Opal's founder. The theme of this year's contest is humour, and we will accept entries from both debutants and established picture book makers.

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.

This year's jury:

- Catrine Christell, CEO at Opal and Bengt's daughter
- SPer Gustavsson, illustrator, author and picturebook maker
- Agneta Edwards, literature scholar, author, and reading inspirer with main focus on picturebooks
- Emelie Andrén, picturebook author and part of the sales company Hemming & Baggfelt.

Contest guidelines:

- The theme is **humour** and the entries must in some way refer to this
- The entries must consist of at least four complete spreads, sketches of the remaining illustrations, and complete layout, text, and cover
- 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).
- It is allowed to send in multiple entries.
- The entries can have multiple creators. All entries will be treated anonymously by the jury.
- The entries must be written in Swedish or English.
- The entries cannot compete in any other contest during the selection.
- All entries shall have reached Opal at **November 14th 2021**, at the latest.
- The winner must be able to deliver ready material early April 2021, 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):

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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