

SHARJAH INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR AWARDS 2017



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Under the guidance of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammad AlQasimi, Member of the Supreme Council of the UAE and Ruler of Sharjah, the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF), under the flagship of Sharjah Book Authority, continues to develop and expand its annual book awards program. As an established and annual international cultural event, activities of the SIBF cover more than just promoting Arabic and international books and the publishing industry. The event runs intellectual, cultural and artistic activities and has established awards programs in accordance with nomination and selection mechanisms implemented around the year.

The 2017 SIBF awards program includes the following:

The Cultural Personality of the Year Award

This award is given to a person or organization active in the field of culture. The winner of the Cultural Personality of the Year Award is selected in accordance with the guidance of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammad Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council of the UAE, Ruler of Sharjah, and announced annually prior to SIBF. Winners are selected based on their contribution to the cultural scene in general, their productivity in the field of writing and creativity, or their roles in the government or social-cultural activities.

The Sharjah Award for an Emirati Book

This award is meant to encourage Emirati writers and publishers to meet the requirements of science and knowledge development in the UAE. The Sharjah Award for an Emirati Book promotes the role of published books whether academic, compilation, or translations.

Categories:

- The Best Emirati Book by an Emirati Creative Writer
- The Best Emirati Academic Book
- The Best Emirati Foreign Translated Book
- The Best Emirati Book about the UAE

Objectives:

- Encouraging local writers and publishers to meet the requirement of science and knowledge development in the UAE
- Encouraging sustainable productivity of local creative writers and communicating their productions
- Encouraging local academic studies on different local issues in the UAE in the fields of arts, literature, environment and science
- Promoting the translations of books on different local issues in the UAE to promote a dialogue and introduce the UAE internationally through writings in the fields of creativity, history, art and science
- Encouraging and enabling publishers to produce high calibre work on the UAE and developing the local publishing industry

General Conditions for the Emirati Book Awards:

- Nominated book must be new and unique in its field.
- The first edition of the nominated book must have been published in the past one year prior to current SIBF.
- Nominated book should not be a revised edition.
- Nominated writer must not have won the Best Emirati Book by an Emirati Creative Writer in the past two years.
- Nominated book must not have won a literary award before.
- SIBF organizers shall not return submitted copies to nominees.
- SIBF organizers shall have the right to use covers of and excerpts from awarded books in all types of SIBF marketing communications without taking the approval from the publisher or writer.
- Winning writers shall be invited to attend the awards ceremony prior to current SIBF
- The candidates have no right to contest any of the jury decisions.
- The next award shall be announced after closing the current SIBF each year.
- Nominations shall be closed at the end of August of each year.
- Winners shall be announced at the start of the current SIBF.
- The value of the prize will be divided equally between the author and the publishing house, unless the publishing contract and intellectual property rights state otherwise.
- Recognition and appreciation shall be for the author alone.

The Best Emirati Book by an Emirati Creative Writer

This award is to support and promote Emirati writers. The nominated books should specialize in the following areas: standard Arabic poetry, story, novel, drama or short stories. This award is for the most creative work submitted and it is open to all authors, no matter the generation.

The prize money for this award is 100,000 DHS

Conditions:

- Nominated writer must be a UAE national
- Please see the general conditions for the Emirati Book Awards.

Requirements:

The following must be submitted to SIBF organizers:

- Three copies of the nominated books
- Copy of nominated writer's passport or ID
- Nominated writer's contact details, including mail address, phone numbers and email
- Curriculum Vitae of nominated writer
- Acknowledgment by nominated writer of not winning the Best Emirati Book Award before

The Best Emirati Academic Book

The submitted book should discuss the various national issues of the United Arab Emirates through different fields such as literature, society, law, critique, art, and culture.

The prize money for this award is 100,000 DHS

Conditions:

- Nominated writer does not need to be an Emirati
- Please see the general conditions for the Emirati Book Awards

Requirements:

The following must be submitted to SIBF organizers:

- Three copies of the nominated books
- Copy of nominated writer's passport or ID
- Nominated writer's contact details, including mail address, phone numbers and email
- Curriculum Vitae of nominated writer
- Acknowledgment by nominated writer of not winning the Best Emirati Academic Book Award before.

The Best Emirati Foreign Translated Book:

The nominated translated book should discuss various UAE national issues such as history, society or the environment. It can also cover the different aspects of national culture, creativity, or community.

The prize money for this award is 50,000 DHS

Conditions:

- Nominated writer does not need to be an Emirati.
- Nominated book must not have been translated before.
- Nominated book is preferred to be translated into Arabic directly from original language.
- Nominated book shall be accepted in Arabic or foreign language.
- Nominated book must meet the highest levels of accuracy and professionalism in translation.
- Translation permission by the holder of the intellectual rights must be provided.
- Please see the general conditions for the Emirati Book Awards.

Requirements:

The following must be submitted to SIBF organizers:

- Three copies of the nominated book and three copies of the original translated book.
- Completed nomination form.
- Copy of nominee's passport or ID.
- Nominee's contact details, including mail address, phone numbers and email.
- Curriculum Vitae of nominee.
- Acknowledgment by nominee of not winning the Best Emirati Foreign Translated Book Award before.
- Copy of the translation permission or agreement by the intellectual property holder.

The Best Emirati Book about the UAE

This award is for a printed book that highlights the aesthetics of creativity, nature, geography and the national achievements of the UAE. It will include documented photographs as references and evidence throughout the book.

The prize money for this award is 50,000 DHS

Conditions:

- Nominated writer does not need to be an Emirati.
- Books in any language shall be accepted.
- Subjects of the nominated books must be different from those in the other three categories of the Awards.
- Please see the general conditions for the Emirati Book Awards.

Requirements:

The following must be submitted to SIBF organizers:

- Three copies of the nominated books.
- Copy of nominated writer's passport or ID.
- Nominated writer's contact details, including mail address, phone numbers and email.
- Curriculum Vitae of nominated writer.
- Acknowledgment by nominated writer of not winning the Best Emirati Book about the UAE Award before.

Sharjah Award for The Best Arabic Novel



**For Nominations:
Please Fill The Application Form on The Website**

The Sharjah Award for the Best Arabic Novel

Conditions:

- Nominated book must be in standard Arabic.
- Nominated book must be new and unique in its field.
- The first edition of the nominated book must be published in the past one year prior to current SIBF.
- Nominated book should not be a revised edition.
- Books with short story collections will not be accepted.
- Nominated writer must not have won the Sharjah Award for the Best Arabic Novel in the past two years.
- Nominated book must not have won a literary award before.
- There is a maximum submission of three books per publisher
- SIBF organizers shall not return submitted copies to the nominees.
- SIBF organizers shall have the right to use covers of and excerpts from awarded books in all types of SIBF marketing communications without taking the approval from the publisher or writer.
- Winning writers shall be invited to attend an awards ceremony prior to current SIBF.
- The candidates have no right to contest any of the jury decisions.
- The next award shall be announced after closing of the current SIBF each year.
- Nominations shall be closed at the end of August of each year.
- Winners shall be announced at the start of the current SIBF.
- The value of the prize will be divided equally between the author and the publishing house, unless the publishing contract and intellectual property rights state otherwise.
- Recognition and appreciation shall be for the author alone.

Requirements:

The following must be submitted to SIBF organizers:

- Three copies of the nominated books.
- Copy of nominated writer's passport or ID.
- Nominated writer's contact details, including mail address, phone numbers and email.
- Curriculum Vitae of nominated writer.
- Acknowledgment by nominated writer of not winning the Sharjah Award for the Best Arabic Novel before.

Sharjah Award for the Best International Book



**For Nominations:
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The Sharjah Award for the Best International Book

Categories:

- The Best International Fiction Book
- The Best International Non-Fiction Book

Conditions:

- Nominated book must be new and unique in its field.
- The first edition of the nominated book must have been published in the past one year prior to current SIBF.
- Nominated book should not be a revised edition.
- Nominated writer must not have won the Sharjah Award for the Best International Book in the past two years.
- Nominated book must not have won a literary award before.
- There is a maximum submission of three books per publisher.
- SIBF organizers shall not return submitted copies to nominees.
- SIBF organizers shall have the right to use covers of and excerpts from awarded books in all types of SIBF marketing communications without taking the approval from the publisher or writer.
- Winning writers shall be invited to attend an awards ceremony prior to the current SIBF.
- The candidates have no right to contest any of the jury decisions.
- The next award shall be announced after the closing of the current SIBF each year.
- Nominations shall be closed at the end of August of each year.
- Winners shall be announced at the start of the current SIBF.
- The value of the prize will be divided equally between the author and the publishing house, unless the publishing contract and intellectual property rights state otherwise.
- Recognition and appreciation shall be for the author alone.

Requirements:

The following must be submitted to SIBF organizers:

- Three copies of the nominated books.
- Copy of the nominated writer's passport or ID.
- Nominated writer's contact details, including mail address, phone numbers and email.
- Curriculum Vitae of the nominated writer.
- Acknowledgment by nominated writer of not winning the Sharjah Award for the Best International Book before.

The Sharjah Publisher Recognition Award



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Sharjah Publisher Recognition Award

This Award is meant to recognize distinguished publishers, whose published titles contribute to the development of knowledge, science and intellect.

Categories:

- The Best Local Publisher
- The Best Arab Publisher
- The Best International Publisher

Conditions:

Nominated publishers must be:

- Participating in the current SIBF.
- Reputed for quality and respect; a specialization is preferred.
- A member in a publisher's association in its own country, if any.
- A member in regional and international publisher's associations.
- Reputed for observing publishing requirements, intellectual property regulations, authors' rights and developing professional standards in the publishing industry.
- Publishing titles that provide considerable scientific value and meet the requirements of important sectors of society.
- Working to develop the art of manuscript editing through the publishing of edited books, editions and biographies in accordance with the established publishing standards.
- Have at least 10 titles published in the same year as the current SIBF.
- Nominations shall be closed mid-September of each year.
- Winners shall be announced at the start of the current SIBF.
- Awards shall be presented in the presence of representatives of the winners at the current SIBF.
- The next award shall be announced after the closing of the current SIBF each year.

Requirements:

The following must be submitted to SIBF organizers:

- Brief summary of the nominated publisher, including: orientation, specialization and professional standards.
- Nominee's contact details, including: mail address, phone numbers and email.
- Acknowledgment by nominated publisher of not winning a similar award before.