

Children's Book International Announces 2026 Book of the Year, Winners, and Finalists

CBI is proud to announce the winners of the 2026 awards program, recognizing excellence in children's literature from authors and publishers around the world.

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□ BOOK OF THE YEAR – WINNER

The Adventures of Birdfrog: A Beautifully Illustrated Book of the In-Between World of Birdfrog

Author: Robert LoDolce

Publisher: Archway Publishing

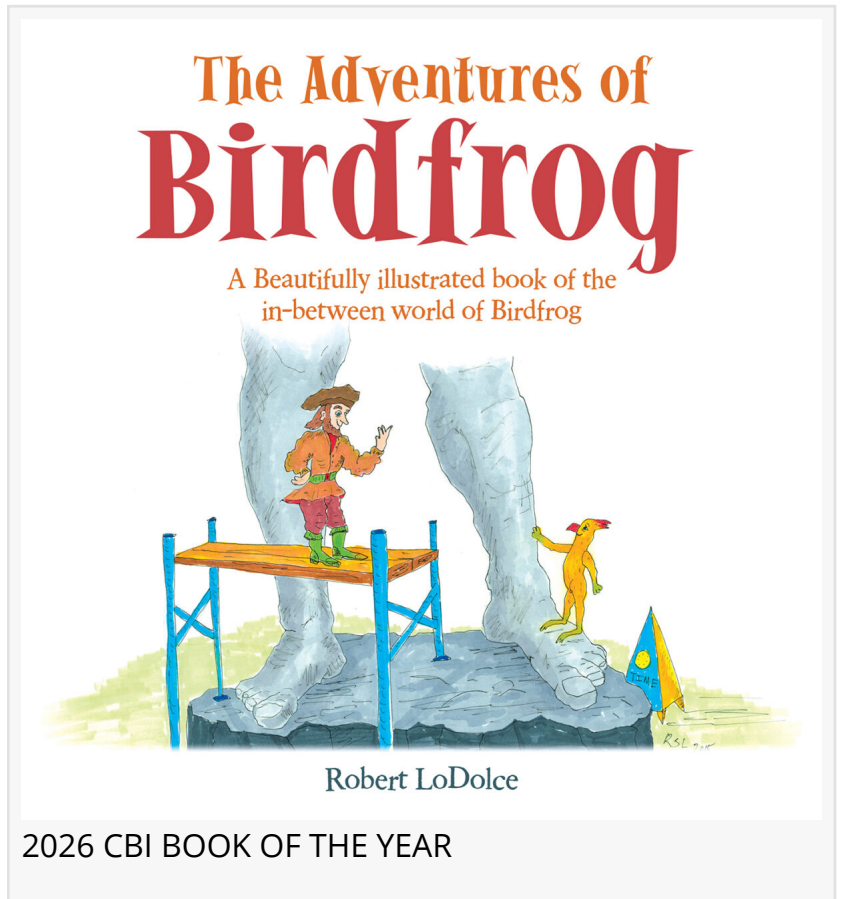
Prepare to be entertained as you dive into the wildly imaginative and colorful world of Robert LoDolce's alter ego, Birdfrog—a creation that walks the fine line between a children's book and an edgy, offbeat adventure. Equal parts

whimsical and unconventional, *The Adventures of Birdfrog* offers a playful yet slightly rebellious journey that appeals to readers of all ages. LoDolce's vivid imagination—fueled, as he humorously suggests, by an overindulgence in caffeine and waffles—brings this unique

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character to life through bold, expressive illustrations. While this is his second book, it marks his first foray into illustrated storytelling, following his earlier work, *The Praying Atheist*. Raised on Long Island, where he still resides, LoDolce continues to create alongside his partner in crime, Debby, channeling his distinctive voice into a world that is as quirky as it is memorable.

Category Winners & Finalists

Children's Book International also recognizes excellence across multiple categories. Each category winner represents the highest standard of storytelling, originality, and engagement, with finalists demonstrating remarkable merit and creativity.

From heartfelt family stories and imaginative adventures to educational and inspirational works, the 2026 selections highlight the diverse and evolving landscape of children's literature.

About the Awards

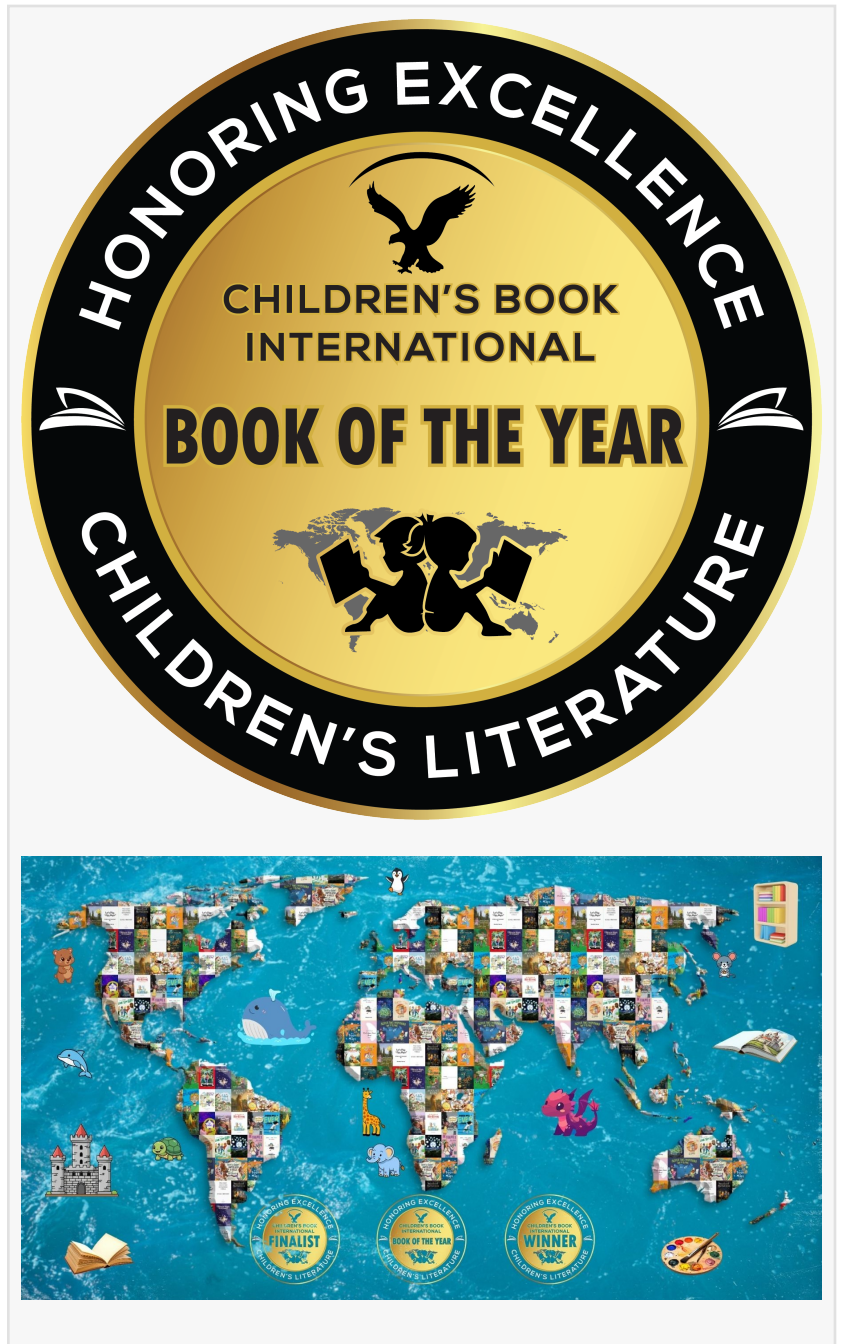
Children's Book International celebrates authors, illustrators, and publishers who create impactful, engaging, and meaningful books for young readers. Submissions are evaluated by an experienced panel of judges, with a focus on originality, quality of writing, visual presentation, and overall contribution to children's literature.

"As a team, we are continually inspired by the creativity and heart that authors bring to children's storytelling," said the team at AmericanWritingAwards.com. "We are especially grateful to all of our entrants who have the courage to share their work and participate in our competitions. While not every entry can receive an award, each submission represents dedication, imagination, and a meaningful contribution to the world of literature. Our mission is to recognize and celebrate stories that not only entertain, but also leave a lasting impact on young readers and the literary community as a whole."

For more information about the 2026 winners and finalists, please visit:

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