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POL on the Move



POL International Literary Agency will be attending the Yerevan International Book Festival 2026 is scheduled for September 4–6, 2026

The Yerevan International Book Festival 2026 is scheduled for September 4–6, 2026, marking its 9th edition. It is the largest literary event in Armenia, showcasing local and international authors, publishers, and cultural exchanges. The festival features exhibitions, panel discussions, and book launches, promoting literacy and Armenian culture globally.

POL International Literary Agency will be attending the Gothenburg Book Fair, The International Rights Centre (IRC), September 23–26 2026

With the celebration of the 40th edition of the Gothenburg Book Fair in 2024, the IRC was given a fresh new start.

The International Rights Centre, or IRC, is a hub and marketplace for literature for agents and publishers from all over the world. IRC is a professional, secluded meeting place adjacent to the Book Fair at large where translation rights, licenses, and film rights are negotiated, and books grow wings!



POL International Literary Agency will be attending the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair 18 - 23 September 2026

ADIBF is a key global event, featuring more than 1,400 exhibitors from 96 countries and serving as a hub for Arabic publishing. It is a unique platform for B2B opportunities, supported by a professional programme that hosts prominent speakers and industry professionals from around the world. In addition, the 'Spotlight on Rights' grant promotes copyright exchange. ADIBF is also an important cultural event, offering a wide range of programmes for audiences of all ages.

POL International Literary Agency will be attending the Publishers Conference in Sharjah, November 2026

The Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) Publishers Conference, held before the main SIBF event, attracts leading rights professionals from over 100 countries. As a significant event in the global publishing calendar, it offers a dynamic mix of seminars, matchmaking sessions, and networking opportunities, allowing participants to explore new markets and establish valuable connections in the Arab and global publishing industries.

Other News



Submissions Open for 21st Edition of the Sheikh Zayed Book Award

Submissions are officially open for the 21st edition of the Sheikh Zayed Book Award, one of the world's leading awards dedicated to Arabic literature and culture. Interested authors have until the final deadline of 1 September 2026 to submit their work.

Organised by the Abu Dhabi Arabic Language Centre (ALC) under the auspices of the Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi), the Award recognises the exceptional contributions of writers, translators, researchers, academics, and publishers from around the globe.



Turjuman Award

<https://sibf.com/en/awards/turjuman-award> *

Registration ends on 15-09-2026

The award for translation and writing was launched to promote well-established international translations that rely on the human achievement in its cultural and intellectual aspects and use it as a foundation upon which to build the human civilization and build bridges that connect the east and the west. Such translations seek to support serious publishing work that is able to emphasize the role of the word and activate creative ideas that are capable of pushing the world civilization scene forward toward the desired integration.

To Come



23rd Ghana International Book Fair

From August 27, 2026 to August 30, 2026

<https://ghanabookfair.com>
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The Ghana International Book Fair is an annual event organised to celebrate the rich Ghanaian culture through books. The main goal behind organising the Book Fair is to bring together all Ghanaian and international book industry players to exhibit books, creativity and innovations; explore business opportunities; organise literacy programmes for students; and hold workshops for the book industry to enhance the publishing of quality books.



Amman International Book Fair 2026

From September 24, 2026 to October 3, 2026

Held under Royal patronage, the Amman International Book Fair returns this September for its twenty-fourth edition.

Organised by the Jordanian Publishers Union in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and the Greater Amman Municipality, AIBF brings together inspiring stories, leading thinkers, and publishers at the vibrant heart of Jordan's cultural life.

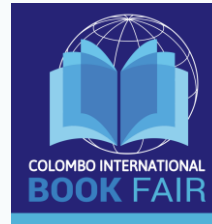
Nairobi International Book Fair

27th Nairobi International Book Fair

From September 23, 2026
to September 27, 2026

<http://www.kenyapublishers.org>
info@kenyapublishers.org

The Nairobi International Book Fair (NIBF) is the regional market place for books and it brings together publishing professionals, authors, booksellers, print suppliers, media and readers from Africa and around the world.



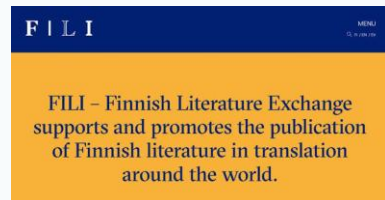
27th Colombo International Book Fair – 2026

From September 25, 2026 to
October 4, 2026

<https://cibf.lk/>
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The Colombo International Book Fair is organized by the Sri Lanka Book Publishers Association. The Sri Lanka Book Publishers Association was established in 1985 under the leadership of its founding president, the eminent writer Dr. K. Jayathilaka. Beginning with 27 members, the Association now comprises over 150 publishers and is recognized both nationally and internationally.

Translation and Publication Funding Opportunities



Grants are awarded for translating works of fiction and general non-fiction, children's and young adult (YA) books, and comics and graphic novels from the Finnish, Finland-Swedish and Sámi languages. Grants are available only for works originally published in Finland. Translations must be published in print or ebook format.

*** The next application round starts on 1.10.2026**

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PROGRAMA SUR- Argentina 2026

Applications for grants will be received until August 21st.

* Genres eligible in 2026 are:

- Poetry- Essay- Graphic novel/comic- Chronicle- Dramaturgy

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Top Picks of the Month



Chance and Dance

Author: Oğuz Tepe

Publisher: Cinius Yayınları

Pubs. Subject: Fiction, Novel

Year of Publishing: 2025

No. of Pages: 160

ISBN: 978-6255699664

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Chance and Dance follows the intersecting lives of three strangers - Selim Bey, Sibel, and Türkan Hanım - whose separate paths are quietly drawn together by a mysterious invitation that alters the course of their lives. Selim Bey is a man shaped by loss, silence, and memory. Living in a coastal town and haunted by the absence of his late wife, Münevver Hanım, he moves

through daily life with the patience of someone who has learned that grief does not always disappear; sometimes it simply changes its rhythm. Sibel, a secretary in Istanbul, is a woman marked by indecision and emotional vulnerability after a failed marriage. Türkan Hanım, a strong but conflicted businesswoman, carries the tensions of family, marriage, ambition, and selfhood beneath the surface of an apparently stable life. Each of them carries a private loneliness and an unresolved inner question.

Written in a restrained, atmospheric style, Chance and Dance is less concerned with external action than with the inner movements that redirect a human life: hesitation, memory, regret, forgiveness, and the courage to accept an unexpected turn.



Silver Orchestra

Author: Amin Barjasteh

Publisher: Shabahang

Subject: fiction novel

Pages: 261

ISBN: 9786001301025

• The English text is available.

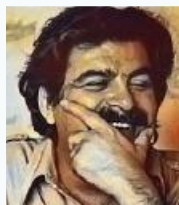
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The Silver Orchestra, a clandestine organization of Nazi descendants, built Kristal Hochburg, a secret underground city intended as a new Germania. They've mastered human cloning and bioweapon production. When Adam Keramat, a musically gifted student in Rome, returns to his Italian village for the summer, mysterious invitations from the Orchestra arrive. His grandfather, the village mayor, vanishes, and Adam's search leads him to the Orchestra's heart, where he discovers his grandfather is imprisoned for betraying

them. More shockingly, Adam learns he's been a lifelong subject of the Orchestra's observation, his unique musical talent the key to a monumental genetic engineering experiment. The story involves Adam Keramat, a music genius studying in Rome, who encounters the Silver Orchestra during a summer trip to his Italian village. It appears to be a mysterious encounter. Silver Orch is primarily classified as a fiction novel. It combines elements of mystery and drama, exploring themes of music, personal growth, and the supernatural. The narrative delves into the protagonist's journey and his encounters with the enigmatic Silver Orchestra, which adds a layer of intrigue to the story. While in the village, he discovers a hidden and mysterious group known as the Silver Orchestra. This ensemble is unlike any other; it is composed of unusual musicians who play hauntingly beautiful music that captures the essence of both joy and sorrow. As Adam interacts with the members of the orchestra, he learns more about their backgrounds, struggles, and the enchanting music they create together.

Author of the Month



Gholam-Hossein Saedi (1936–1988 Tabriz)

Gholam-Hossein Sa'edi was a prolific Iranian writer who published over forty books. His works span various fiction genres, including drama (often under the pen name Gohar Morad or Gowhar Murad, according to Library of Congress transliteration), novels, screenplays, and short stories. He also contributed to non-fiction, particularly cultural criticism, travel literature, and ethnography.

Overall, Saedi's settings evoke a strong sense of place that enhances his stories' psychological and social dynamics. The setting in Gholam Hossein Saedi's works plays a crucial role in shaping the narrative and themes.

Some Works:

- An Exquisite Evening: Short Stories, Negah Pubs., Pp. 126
- The Mourners of Bayal, Short Stories, Ibex Pubs., Pp. 208
- Fear and Trembling, Short Stories, Ibex Pubs., Pp. 108
- Trash Can, Short Stories, Nil Pubs., Pp. 103
- Nameless fears, Short Stories, Nil Pubs., Pp. 236
- The Happy Misfortunate Ones, Short Stories, Nil Pubs., Pp. 272

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Services and Editorial Developments :

Publicity of books through introduction and presentation of books in major international book fairs and through contacts and negotiation with literary agencies and publishers throughout the world. Handling the rights of more than 60 authors and publishers' titles to sell their rights.

Representing the rights of many publishers from different countries to buy their Persian and Turkish Language rights to Iranian publishers. Translation and editing books from Persian (Farsi) into other languages and vice versa. Co-publishing and conditions books with publishers in other countries.

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