



Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award

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Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award laureate Wolf Erlbruch to Sweden

The German illustrator and picturebook author **Wolf Erlbruch** is coming to Sweden to receive the 2017 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA) and to give a public lecture. The award is presented by **H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria** at a ceremony at the Stockholm Concert Hall on 29 May 2017 attended by **Alice Bah Kuhnke**, Swedish Minister for Culture and Democracy who is giving a speech in honor of Erlbruch..

The compare is the journalist and literary critic **Yukiko Duke**:

– Wolf Erlbruch approaches the big life issues with warmth and humour and makes them easy to understand for the youngest readers. He is truly a worthy laureate of the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, the world's largest literary children's literature prize. It is a great honor and joy for me to lead the celebration of this wonderful author and illustrator.

On May 23, Wolf Erlbruch meets the public in a lecture at **Kulturhuset Stadsteatern** in Stockholm. The event is open to the public and free of charge. The program for the visit in Sweden also includes meetings with children and young adults at **Hjulsta grundskola** and the German school in Stockholm as well as a visit to **Astrid Lindgren's childhood home Näs** in Vimmerby.

“Oh dear, oh dear” was Erlbruch's reaction when Jury Chairman **Boel Westin** on April 4 informed the German illustrator that he is the laureate of the world's largest award for children's and young adult literature. The choice of Wolf Erlbruch has been honored around the world and has had a great deal of media impact in Sweden and abroad.

Wolf Erlbruch, born in 1948, has written some ten books of his own and illustrated nearly fifty titles by other authors. He is best known for his illustrations of *The Story of the Little Mole Who Knew It Was None of His Business* (1994), which became a great success around the world.

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