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“One of you can win the Nobel Prize!” That’s what we tell children in Rinkeby and Tensta in earnest when we start our Nobel work every autumn. It started in 1988 when cultural scientist Elly Berg and author Gunilla Lundgren produced a booklet for Naguib Mahfouz together with Arabic-speaking children and their mother-tongue teachers in Stockholm. Since then, children and young people have been working with the Nobel Prize by writing and drawing a booklet for the Nobel Prize laureates. We study the life of Alfred Nobel and all the five Nobel Prizes, but our focus is on the Literature laureate. The work is done in close cooperation with teachers and librarians in Rinkeby and Tensta.

Children from all over the world live in our districts. It is said that more than 100 languages are spoken here, so an international literature prize is a great inspiration for us who work or live here. Many of the Literature laureates are multilingual and have written some of their important works in exile. We translate our booklets into the laureates’ mother tongues, and we have had the opportunity to meet many Nobel laureates to personally hand over our work. In recent years, the students have also made dioramas about the prizes under the guidance of artist Lotta Silfverhielm.

We work on this throughout the autumn term and every year new children and teachers participate. This year we have read extracts from Annie Ernaux’s books “The Years”, “A Woman’s Story”, and “A Man’s Place”. The texts have evoked strong emotions, led to discussions and served as a starting point for creative writing and creation. This year, the children and young people have written about places where their lives take place and about their own mothers and fathers, among other things.

In December, we conclude the year’s work by inviting a Nobel laureate to Rinkeby Library. The children then present their work on stage and the laureate is treated to an atmospheric Lucia procession. Afterwards, the children serve tea and oriental pastries, and have the opportunity to talk to the laureate.

After his visit in 2010, Literature Prize laureates Mario Vargas Llosas wrote in the Spanish newspaper El País: “Of the dizzying number of things I did and saw during the eight days I recently spent in Stockholm, few moved me as much as the afternoon I spent in Rinkeby.”

Annelie Drewsen and Gunilla Lundgren, authors and project managers

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More about Nobel in Rinkeby and Tensta

- The book “Nobel i Rinkeby – om att upptäcka världen, språket och sig själv” (“Nobel in Rinkeby – about discovering the world, the language, and oneself”) is about the first twenty years of work. It was written by Gunilla Lundgren and Lotta Silfverhielm and was published by Premiss Förlag in 2010.
- Birgitta Öhman and Mattias Högborg have made the documentary film Nobel i Rinkeby – en språklig utmaning (“Nobel in Rinkeby – a linguistic challenge”).
- We document our work on the website www.nobelirinkeby.se. There is also a digital archive of photos, videos, and all previous Nobel booklets.



Nobel laureates celebrated and met by children in Rinkeby 1988–2021

1988 Naguib Mahfouz, Literature

Mahfouz did not come to Sweden. We met his two daughters and presented our first booklet at Mäster Olofsgården in Old Town.

1992 Derek Walcott, Literature

We met Walcott at Mäster Olofsgården in Old Town.

1993 Toni Morrison, Literature

We left the booklet at the Grand Hôtel.

1994 Kenzaburo Oe, Literature

We left the booklet at the Grand Hôtel.

1995 Seamus Heaney, Literature

We met Heaney at Stockholm City Library.

1996 Wisława Szymborska, Literature

The students presented the booklet to Szymborska's Swedish translator Anders Bodegård.

1997 Dario Fo, Literature

Fo came to the library in Rinkeby.

1998 José Saramago, Literature

Saramago came to the library in Rinkeby.

1999 Günter Grass, Literature

Grass came to the library in Rinkeby.

2000 Gao Xingjian, Literature

Xingjian came to the library in Rinkeby.

2001 V.S. Naipaul, Literature

We met Naipaul and his wife at the International Library in Stockholm.

2002 Imre Kertész, Literature

Kertész came to the library in Rinkeby with his wife.

2003 J.M. Coetzee, Literature

Coetzee came to Rinkeby Library.

2004 Elfriede Jelinek, Literature

Jelinek did not come to Sweden. The students presented the booklet to her translator Margareta Holmqvist at Rinkeby Library.

2004 Frank Wilczek, Physics

Wilczek came to Rinkeby Library.

2005 Harold Pinter, Literature

Pinter did not come to Sweden due to illness. Per Wästberg accepted the booklet at the library in Rinkeby.

2005 Robert Auman and Thomas Schelling, Economic Sciences

Auman and Schelling came to Rinkeby Library.

2006 Orhan Pamuk, Literature

Pamuk came to Rinkeby Library.

2007 Doris Lessing, Literature

Lessing did not come to Sweden. Her daughter Jean Cowen and granddaughter came to Rinkeby Library.

2007 Mario Capecchi, Medicine

Capecchi came to Rinkeby Library.

2008 Jean M G Le Clézio, Literature

Le Clézio came to Rinkeby with his family.

2009 Herta Müller, Literature

Müller came to Sweden but made few visits. Her Swedish translator Karin Löfdahl came to Rinkeby Library and accepted the booklet.

2009 Venkatraman Ramakrishnan, Chemistry

Ramakrishnan came to Rinkeby Library.

2010 Mario Vargas Llosa, Literature

Vargas Llosa came to Rinkeby Library.

2011 Tomas Tranströmer, Literature

Tranströmer came to Rinkeby Library with his family.

2012 Mo Yan, Literature
Yan came to Rinkeby Library.

2013 Alice Munro, Literature
Alice Munro did not come to Stockholm. Her daughter Jenny Munro came to Rinkeby Library.

2014 Patrick Modiano, Literature
Modiano came to Rinkeby Library with his wife, children, and grandchildren.

2015 Svetlana Alexievich, Literature
Alexievich came to Rinkeby Library.

2016 Bob Dylan, Literature
Dylan received his booklet through the Swedish Academy.

2016 Jean Pierre Sauvage, Chemistry
Sauvage came to Rinkeby Library with his wife.

2017 Kazuo Ishiguro, Literature
Ishiguro came to Rinkeby Library with his family.

2018 Maryse Condé, Literature
Appointed by the "New Academy" Condé came to Rinkeby Library with her husband.

2018 Olga Tokarczuk, Literature
Tokarczuk came to Rinkeby Library in 2019, when the award was presented.

2019 Peter Handke, Literature
Handke did not come to Rinkeby. The booklet was handed over via the Nobel Prize Museum.

2020 Louise Glück, Literature
No laureates came to Sweden. The booklet was sent to Glück and she replied to the students via email.

2021 Abdulrazak Gurnah, Literature
Gurnah came to Rinkeby with his wife in April 2022.

