

**Nobel in Rinkeby and Tensta 2024**



**This year more than one hundred students between ages 10 and 15 have participated in Nobel in Rinkeby and Tensta. They have spent the autumn engaged in creative projects rooted in their local communities, as well as literature, scientific discoveries, and role models from around the world.**

It started in 1988 when cultural studies researcher Elly Berg and author Gunilla Lundgren collaborated with Arabic-speaking children and their mother-tongue teachers to create a booklet for Naguib Mahfouz, Nobel laureate in Literature. Since then, children and young people in Rinkeby have worked with the Nobel Prize by writing and illustrating a multilingual booklet for the year's laureate. They also create a diorama that is displayed at Rinkeby library. Since 2019, students from Tensta are also involved. New students and teachers participate every year.

This year, students from Enbacksskolan in Tensta and Askebyskolan in Rinkeby have studied the life of Alfred Nobel, the Nobel Prize, this year's laureates, and especially the Nobel laureate in Literature, Han Kang. We have read excerpts from Han Kang's *Human Acts*, *The White Book*, *I Do Not Bid Farewell*, and *The Fruit of My Woman*. The texts have elicited many feelings and thoughts, which were then used as the basis for creative works under the leadership of authors and illustrators and in close contact with teachers and school librarians. Parts of the project have been photo documented by students from Anna Whitlock's Upper Secondary School.

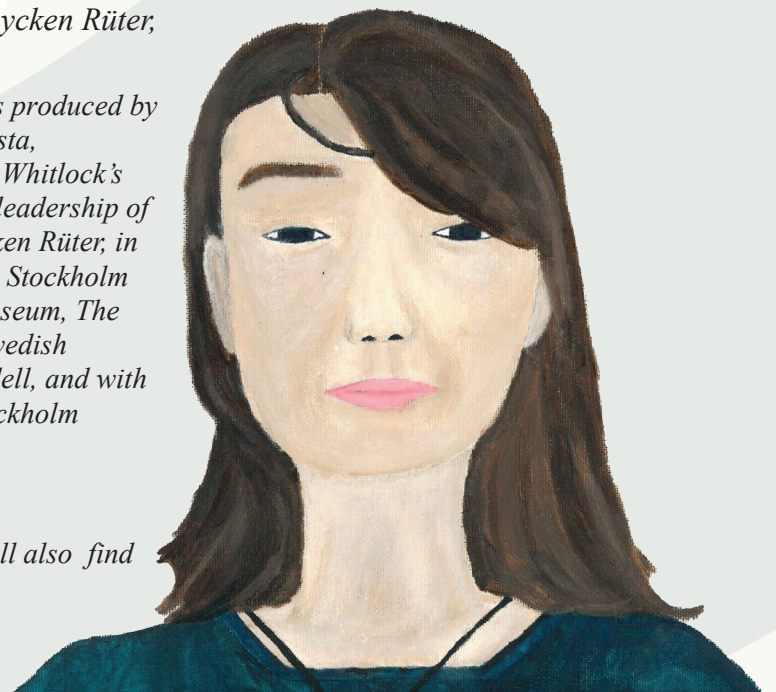
In December, we conclude our work by inviting the Nobel laureate to Rinkeby library. The children present their work on stage and hand over their booklet to the laureate. Afterwards the children serve tea and oriental pastries, and have the opportunity to talk to the laureate.

Several Nobel laureates have said that meeting the children and young adults has been one of the best parts of Nobel week. "I felt at home, 'in the right place'", Annie Ernaux wrote in the guestbook after her visit to Rinkeby in 2022.

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*The project is documented at [www.nobelirinkeby.se](http://www.nobelirinkeby.se). There you will also find a digital archive with photos, films and all previous Nobel booklets.*



# Nobel laureates celebrated in Rinkeby 1988–2023

## **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.

**2022, Annie Ernaux, Literature**

Ernaux came to Rinkeby Library.

**2023, Jon Fosse, Literature**

Fosse came to Rinkeby Library.

