



**Nobel in Rinkeby and Tensta 2025
– for the thirty-seventh year!**

More than 150 children and young people between the ages of ten to fifteen have participated in Nobel in Rinkeby and Tensta 2025. 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 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 in Rinkeby have been working with the Nobel Prize by writing and drawing a booklet for the Nobel Prize laureates. 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 Elinsborgsskolan and Enbacksskolan in Tensta, Askebyskolan in Rinkeby and young readers from Rinkeby Library have studied the life of Alfred Nobel, the Nobel Prize, and especially this year's Nobel Laureate in literature, László Krasznahorkai. We have read excerpts from his novels "The Last Wolf" and "The Melancholy of Resistance". The students' encounters with these texts and the responses they evoked have served as inspiration for their creative and writing projects in collaboration with authors, an illustrator, teachers and librarians. Parts of the project have been photo documented by students from Anna Whitlock's Upper Secondary School.

In December, we conclude the year's work by inviting the Nobel Laureate to Rinkeby library. The children then present their work on stage and the Laureate is treated to a musical performance. Afterwards, the children serve tea and oriental pastries, and have the opportunity to talk to the Laureate.

Several Nobel Laureates have said that the work with the children has been among the best during the entire Nobel week. "I felt at home, 'in the right place'," Annie Ernaux wrote in the guest book after her visit to Rinkeby in 2022.

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Nobel in Rinkeby and Tensta 2025 is carried out by students from Elinsborgsskolan and Enbacksskolan in Tensta, Askebyskolan in Rinkeby, Anna Whitlock's Upper Secondary School, and young readers from Rinkeby library under the direction of Annelie Drewsen and Katarina Lycken Rüter in collaboration with Amanda Eriksson, Elin Lindell, Rinkeby library, Stockholm city library, the Nobel Prize Museum, the association Textpiloterna, the Swedish Academy, Natur & Kultur, and with the support of Gålöstiftelsen, Natur & Kultur, Stockholms stad and Abrahams barn at Sigtunastiftelsen.

Visit our website www.nobelirinkeby.se where we document our work. There is also a digital archive with photos, films and all previous Nobel booklets.



Nobel laureates celebrated and met by children in Rinkeby 1988–2024

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.

2024, Han Kang, Literature

Han Kang came to Rinkeby Library.

