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To the Publishers of the Titles Nominated for the IBBY Honour List 2008

Dear Publisher

First of all: congratulations! You are among the publishers whose recent work has been distinguished for excellence. Your title *Genesis* has been nominated for the IBBY Honour List 2008 by the New Zealand Section of IBBY (International Board on Books for Young People) for the quality of its writing by Bernard Beckett.

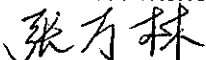
Every two years, the IBBY Honour List catalogue is published in English and includes over one hundred recently published books from IBBY member countries that are considered to be outstanding for the quality of writing, illustration and translation. Important considerations in selecting the Honour List titles are that the books be representative of the best in children's literature from each country, and that the books are recommended as suitable for publication throughout the world. In this way, the Honour List supports IBBY's objective of encouraging international understanding through children's literature.

Over 3,000 copies of the 2008 edition will be distributed worldwide after its presentation next September at the 31st IBBY World Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark. You will receive a complimentary copy following the Congress. The Honour List books will subsequently be shown at several parallel travelling exhibitions: in Japan, the USA, and at the Bologna Children's Book Fair 2009. Thereafter, they will be kept as permanent deposits at the International Youth Library in Munich and other research collections in Belgium, Russia, Japan, Slovakia, Switzerland and the USA.

The official presentation of the 2008 Honour List diplomas to nominated authors, illustrators and translators will take place on Monday, 8 September, 2008 at the Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel in Copenhagen, as part of the IBBY Congress celebrations. All nominees are invited to attend this ceremony and a lunch in their honour the same day. We would be delighted if they could participate in the whole Congress (7-10 September 2008), but unfortunately, IBBY cannot offer them free travel, accommodation or registration. We would appreciate it if you, their IBBY National Section or a cultural institution could contribute to their expenses should they wish to attend.

Please visit the IBBY website for the latest Congress information. Registration and hotel accommodation can be made online.

With best wishes



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