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### **Scholastic Asian Book Award 2011: Winners**

The winners of the **Scholastic Asian Book Award 2011** were announced during the Awards Presentation Ceremony on **27 May 2011**.

**The awards were presented by H.E. Dr. Jose Ramos-Horta, Nobel Peace Prize Winner and Author of *The Lost World of Timor-Leste*, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.**

The National Book Development Council of Singapore and Scholastic Asia jointly launched the Asian children's book prize. The award, called the Scholastic Asian Book Award (SABA), will recognise Asians and children's writers of Asian origin who are taking the experiences of life, spirit and thinking in different parts of Asia to the world at large. The award would also promote the understanding of the Asian experience and its expression in innovative and creative forms.

The objectives of the SABA are as follows:

- To recognise excellence in fiction in Asian stories for children
- To showcase the diversity of literary talent within Asia
- To encourage and inspire more Asian-themed books and stories

The award carries a cash prize of S\$10,000 and the winning manuscript may be considered for publication by Scholastic Asia.

### **Scholastic Asian Book Award 2011**

#### **Winning Manuscript**

***Book Uncle and Me*** (Novel) by Uma Krishnaswami

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Runner up**

***The Girl Mechanic of Wanzhou*** (Novel) by Marjorie Sayer

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up**

***The Mudskipper*** (Novel) by Ovidia Yu Tsin-Yuen

#### **Judging Committee:**

Chairman: Mr. Nury Vittachi, Hong Kong

Ms. Aline Pereira, USA

Mr. John McKenzie, New Zealand

Ms. Anushka Ravishankar, India

Ms. Kelly Sonnack, USA

**About the NBDCS:**

National Book Development Council of Singapore (NBDCS) is a non-profit umbrella body inaugurated in 1969 to promote literary arts and publishing through a variety of interesting and innovative programmes. Its current objective is to establish and develop Singapore as the Asian centre for publishing and the literary arts.

**About Scholastic**

Scholastic, founded in 1920, is the largest children's publisher and distributor in the world.

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