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Three books, published in 1973, have been nominated for the 1975 Mildred L. Batchelder Award given annually since 1968 by the Children's Services Division of the American Library Association to an American publisher for the children's book considered to be the most outstanding of those originally published in a foreign language in a foreign country and subsequently published in English in the United States.

The 1975 nominees are:

There, Far Beyond the River, by Yuri Korinetz, translated from the German by Anthea Bell, published by J. Philip O'Hara;

My Great-Grandfather, the Heroes and I, by James Krüss, translated from the German by Edelgard von Heydekampf Bruhl, published by Atheneum;

An Old Tale Carved Out of Stone, by A. Linevski, translated from the Russian by Maria Polushkin, published by Crown.

The award honors Mildred L. Batchelder, the well-known children's librarian and former executive secretary of the Children's Services Division, who for many years was and continues to be interested in bringing foreign children's books to the attention of American children. It is intended to encourage the translation and publication in the United States of outstanding children's books

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originally written in languages other than English.

The nominees were selected by the Mildred L. Batchelder Award Committee appointed annually by the president of the Children's Services Division.

Members of the 1975 selection committee were: Mrs. Mary M. Burns, chairman, Coordinator of the Curriculum Library, Framingham State College, Framingham Massachusetts; Dr. Patricia J. Cianciolo, Professor of Children's Literature, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan; Ms. Karlotta M. Mathews, Children's Librarian, Glenview Public Library, Glenview, Illinois; Ms. Valerie A. Rodak, formerly librarian, Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln, Massachusetts; Mrs. Annette P. Shockey, Head, School Services, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio. Consultant to the Committee: Betsy Hearne, Children's Book Editor, The Booklist.

Directions for membership voting will be included in the November issue of Top of the News, the division's quarterly journal. Returns will be counted at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in 1975 and official announcement will be made by the president of the Children's Services Division on April 2, International Children's Book Day. The citation will be presented formally to the publisher at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in San Francisco during the week of June 29 - July 5, 1975.

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