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**ARIANNA SQUILLONI AND RAQUEL CATALINA WIN THE 18th INTERNATIONAL COMPOSTELA PRIZE WITH “GRANDE Y PEQUEÑA”**

The Italian author Arianna Squilloni and the Madrilenian illustrator Raquel Catalina are the winners of the 18th International Compostela Prize for Picture Books with their work entitled “Grande y pequeña”. The contest, organised by the Departamento de Educación of the Concello de Santiago and KALANDRAKA, is endowed with € 9,000 euros and the winning project will be published next November in Spanish, Galician, Catalan, Basque and Portuguese.

Based in Barcelona, Arianna Squilloni has run the publishing house A Buen Paso since it was founded in 2008. After studying Theory of Thought and Classical Philology, for more than two decades she has focused her professional career on publishing. She is the author of several picture books, novels and essays. She combines her literary facet with collaboration in magazines specialising in literature, workshops and projects in schools, as well as participating in national and international conferences and teaching on university courses and master's degrees.

Raquel Catalina studied Fine Arts in Madrid and took a postgraduate degree in Illustration in Valencia, where she currently lives. Her works have been published by publishing houses in different countries. She has received the Bologna Children's Book Fair Award 2023 and has been selected for the Baba Kamo exhibition, the Ibero-American Illustration Catalogue and the Ilustrarte exhibition.

The 18th International Compostela Prize has received 288 entries from 16 countries, including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Mexico, the United States, Germany, France, Poland and Turkey. The jury was made up of the Portuguese illustrator Mariana Rio, the reading promoter Raquel López Royo, the plastic artist Pep Carrió, the illustrator Xosé Cobas, the publishing editor of KALANDRAKA, Manuela Rodríguez, the councillor for Education of Santiago, Míriam Louzao, and Beatriz Varela as secretary.

