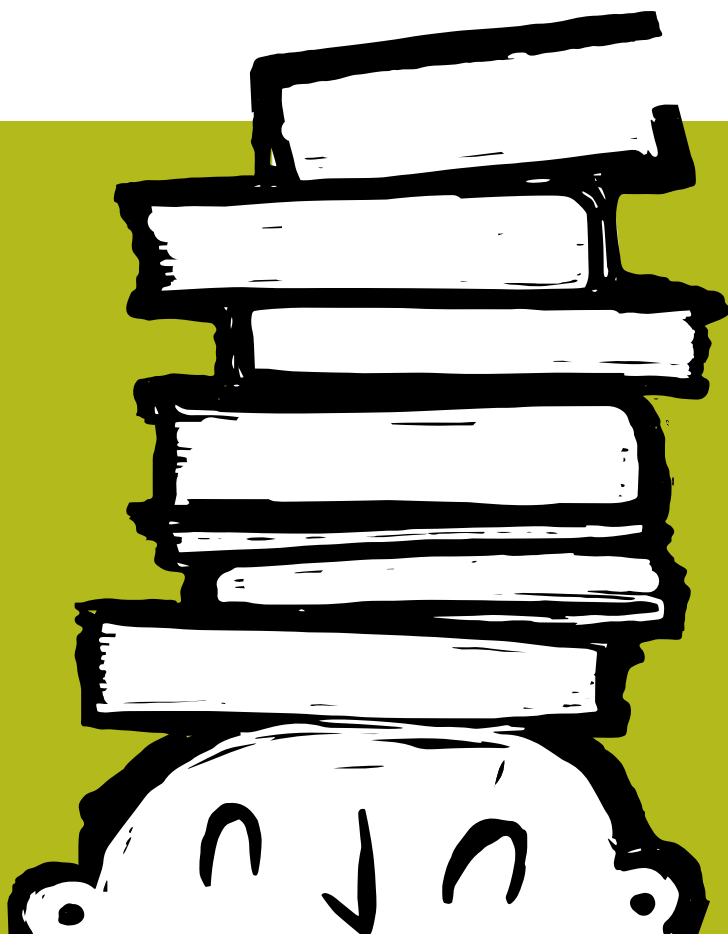


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 **GROWING UP  
WITH A BOOK**



NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR READING  
PROMOTION AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE

Growing up with a book  
Information booklet

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## A BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE SLOVENIAN BOOK AGENCY

The Slovenian Book Agency is a body governed by public law established by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia with the Act establishing the Public Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for Book. In accordance with this Act the field of books includes *ensuring conditions for the publication of books and magazines in the fields of literature and the humanities and for the work of authors in the fields of literature and the humanities, translations of Slovenian authors into foreign languages, international cooperation in the field of books, literary festivals and events, the development of the bookshop network, the development of reading culture, book, author and reading promotion, the coordination of all the links in the book chain, additional professional training in the field of books, the public lending right and the computerization in the field of books.*

The Agency was established in order to perform *professional, development and executive tasks related to the implementation of strategic documents and policies in the field of books.* In addition, the Agency carries out other activities to facilitate development in the field of books and performs functions in the public interest stipulated by the Act to ensure *lasting conditions for the development of the field of books and to make professional and independent decisions on the selection of programmes and projects* financed from the national budget.

The Agency was built on the principles of *ensuring conditions for high-quality creativity in the fields of literature and the humanities, for a greater accessibility of Slovenian books, for an increased awareness of the importance of books and reading in the development of the individual and society and for a wider international recognition of Slovenian authors working in the fields of literature and the humanities.*



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## THE NATIONAL PROJECT GROWING UP WITH A BOOK

The national project for reading promotion among young people *Growing up with a book* is carried out by the Slovenian Book Agency in cooperation with general public libraries, Slovenian primary and secondary schools, primary schools with an adapted programme, educational establishments for children and young people with special needs and primary and secondary bilingual schools in neighbouring countries.

### **The aims of the project *Growing up with a book* are:**

- to promote acclaimed Slovenian authors of young adult literature,
- to motivate students to read and visit general public libraries,
- to encourage publishers to include more contemporary Slovenian authors in their publishing programmes for young adults.

In the school year 2014/2015 the project *Growing up with a book* is organised for the ninth time for seventh-grade primary school students and for the fifth time for first-year secondary school students.

Every year the relevant expert committee of the Slovenian Book Agency selects, on the basis of a public tender, two works of young adult literature written by Slovenian authors. The selected books are intended for seventh-grade primary school and first-year secondary school students, who receive the books on their yearly visit to the nearest general public library, which is a part of the curriculum. During the visit students learn about library and information science, the latest in Slovenian young adult literature and the selected book and its author. Together with the selected publishers and authors the Agency prepares promotional material and film presentations ([www.jakrs.si//bralna-kultura/rastem-s-knjigo/videovsebine](http://www.jakrs.si//bralna-kultura/rastem-s-knjigo/videovsebine)).

Students meet the authors of the selected books on several occasions (on school visits organised by the Slovenian Reading Badge Society – Slovenian Association of Friends of Youth and the Slovene Writers' Association).



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In addition, the Agency has for a number of years cooperated with the Basketball Federation of Slovenia to promote sports and books and in this way motivate young people to read.



Slovenian-speaking students attending bilingual schools in neighbouring countries (Austria, Hungary, Italy) also receive the books. The Agency cooperates with teachers of Slovenian at so-called Saturday schools (America, Australia), at supplementary Slovenian classes abroad (Belgium, BiH, Serbia, Croatia, France, etc.) and at European schools (Brussels, Luxemburg, Frankfurt, etc.).

The project *Growing up with a book* is a joint effort of the Slovenian Book Agency and a working group of representatives from the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Pionirska – Centre for Youth Literature and Librarianship at the Ljubljana City Library, the National Education Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovenian Public Libraries Association, the School libraries section at the Slovenian Library Association, the Society of School Librarians and the Slovene Writers' Association.



# GROWING UP WITH A BOOK SELECTED BOOKS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS 2006–2013

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2007/2008



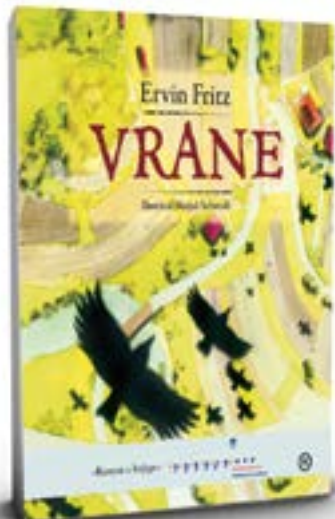
2010/2011



2011/2012



2008/2009



2009/2010



2012/2013



2013/2014



## GROWING UP WITH A BOOK SELECTED BOOKS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS 2010–2013

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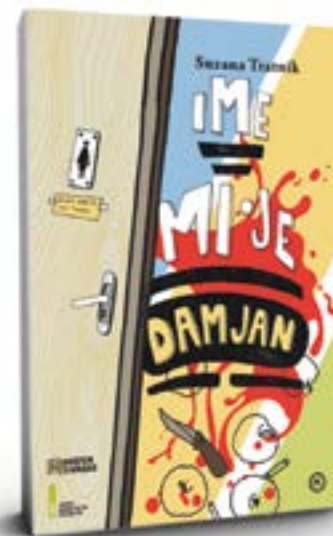


## SELECTED BOOKS FOR 2014/2015

Primary schools  
Slavko Pregl,  
illustrated by Marjan Manček:  
***The Expedition of the Green Dragon***  
Beletrina Publishing House



Secondary schools  
Suzana Tratnik:  
***My Name Is Damjan***  
Mladinska knjiga  
Publishing House



WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF READING!

The official launch of the project *Growing up with a book* is *every year on 8th September*, the International Literacy Day.

For news and events related to the project *Growing up with a book* visit the Slovenian Book Agency website: [www.jakrs.si/en/reading-culture/growing-up-with-a-book](http://www.jakrs.si/en/reading-culture/growing-up-with-a-book).

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