

The Dutch Foundation for Literature / Nederlands Letterenfonds supports writers, translators and Dutch literature in translation

The Dutch Foundation for Literature supports writers and translators, promotes Dutch literature abroad. It invests in the quality and diversity of literature through grants for writers, translators, publishers and festivals, and contributes to the production and distribution of Dutch and Frisian literature at home and abroad. With the support of the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it aims to promote a thriving literary climate, embedded in literary history and attuned to the latest developments in the publishing industry.

In the past two decades, Dutch literature has featured as the focal theme of organized literary events at many international bookfairs, such as those in Frankfurt (1993),

Barcelona (1995), Gothenburg (1997), London (1999), Tokyo (2000), Turin (2001), Paris (2003), Beijing (2011), Buenos Aires (2013), Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro (2015) and now once more in Frankfurt (2016). This is what we share!

The Foundation's advisors on literary fiction, quality non-fiction, poetry and children's and youth literature are present at prominent book fairs, including Frankfurt, London, Beijing and Bologna. Brochures like *Books from Holland and Flanders*, *Quality Non-Fiction from Holland* and *Children's Books from Holland* recommend highlights from each category. The specialists of the international department will be happy to give you more information.



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Translation Grants

Publishers wishing to publish a translation of Dutch or Frisian literature may apply for a subsidy towards the translation costs. The publisher's application must be accompanied by a copy of the contract with the rights owner and a copy of the contract with the translator. Applications can be made via the Foundation's website www.letterenfonds.nl. Once approval has been granted, subsidies are disbursed after receipt of sample copies. If the Foundation is not acquainted with the translator, a sample translation will be evaluated by external advisors. Applications for translations that have already been published cannot be taken into consideration. Publishers looking for a qualified translator can request a list of approved translators for their specific language area.

Illustrated Books

In the case of illustrated children's books and/or graphic novels, foreign publishers can apply for assistance to cover a portion of the production costs.

Documentation centre

The documentation centre is an extensive information resource regarding Dutch literature abroad. The library contains more than 14,000 translated titles in more than 90 languages. The documentation centre can be visited by appointment. Our database of Dutch-language literature in translation, can be consulted online at www.vertalingendatabase.nl.

Promotional travel

The Foundation is able to support publishers who wish to invite authors for interviews or public appearances. Literary festivals are likewise eligible for support. Additionally, the Foundation organizes international

literary events in co-operation with local publishers, festivals and book fairs.

International visitors' programme

The visitors' programme and our Fellowship programmes offer publishers and editors the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the publishing business and the literary infrastructure of the Netherlands.

Translators' House

The Translators' House offers translators the opportunity to live and work in Amsterdam for a period of time. It is involved with many activities to help translators develop their skills. Each year the Literary Translation Days are held for those translating to or from Dutch. The event also includes translation workshops.

Schwob

Schwob draws attention to undiscovered, untranslated world literature, in order to encourage Dutch publishers to publish it in translation. Each month Schwob editors select a modern classic, spotlighting it on www.schwob.nl, with reviews and sample translations.

Writers-in-residence

Foreign authors are invited to spend time working in Amsterdam. They may stay one or two months at the writers' apartment above the Athenaeum Bookshop on the Spui. In addition, Amsterdam Vluchtstad offers accommodation to writers who have had to flee their home countries.