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BLOOMSBURY QATAR FOUNDATION PUBLISHING LAUNCHES FIRST YOUNG ADULT BOOK GUIDE IN THE ARAB MARKET

Selection Of Best Arabic Language Titles In Middle East Will Preserve and Develop Arabic Language And Promote Cultural And Educational Outlets In The Region

Doha, 7 January 2015: Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing (BQFP), a member of Qatar Foundation (QF), is pleased to announce the launch of the new volume of *its Golden Guide for Children's Books* and the first ever *Young Adult Golden Guide* in the Middle East.

Offering a handpicked selection of the best young adult titles in the Arabic market, the guides are a critical resource for librarians, parents and educators when choosing books for either the home or the classroom.

By delivering top quality learning content for children and young adults in the Middle East, BQFP is supporting QF on its mission to preserve and develop the Arabic language in addition to promoting culture and education in the region.

The launch and workshop took place earlier this week and were attended by librarians from preparatory and secondary independent schools across Qatar, who will now be able to stock their library shelves with top quality Arabic books in terms of content and production.

Sara Saeed Al-Naimi, Librarian at Omar Al Qurra Independent School, said: "The guides are essential for my students and their parents as they are both varied and comprehensive, including an amazing collection of books available in Arabic from a diversity of publishers. Furthermore, the workshop helped guide me through the many publishers that will be showcasing their books at the Doha International Book Fair."

In 2012, BQFP released its first volume of the *Golden Guide for Children's Books*, covering the best Arabic-language titles for ages 2 to 10 as an educational resource for parents and teachers.

Filling a gap in the market, BQFP is now launching the first ever guide focused on young adult fiction for Arabic books covering ages 9 to 18 in order to help pre-teens and teenagers with their literary choices as they start reading more complex and thought-provoking material.



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The *Young Adult Golden Guide* includes over 200 titles from approximately 50 publishers, and listing the following genres: novels, mysteries & sci-fi, biographies, poetry, self-development, art and the world around us. Topics cover anything from Amal in Australia who decides to wear the hijab in high school although she is desperate to fit in, to supermom whose superpowers enable her to hide in her son's pocket as he goes to school to face his bullies.

The guide is edited by Amira Abed and features essays by leading Arab authors Abdul Aziz Al Seoud and Fatima Sharafeddine. They will be handed out free of charge at the Doha International Book Fair taking place from January 7 – 17th at the Qatar National Convention Center.

For more information about BQFP, please visit: <http://www.bqfp.com.qa>.

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Image 1: Cover of the new Golden Guide for Young Adults from Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation.

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About Qatar Foundation:

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QF's work encompasses education, research and community development. World-class universities are brought to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can



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develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercializing solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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