# Zayed Book Award honours Amin Maalouf

**ABU DHABI:** The Sheikh Zayed Book Award announced on Sunday the decision of its board of trustees and scientific committee naming Lebanese-born French novelist Amin Maalouf winner of this year's Cultural Personality of the Year Award in recognition of his achievement as a novelist who has conveyed in French some key moments in the history of Arab and other Eastern peoples to the entire world.

The award ceremony will take place on May 1, 2016, at ADNEC, coinciding with the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair.

He shed light on distinguished personalities dedicated to promoting harmony and dialogue between the East and the West. The award is given in recognition of Maalouf's ability to recreate unique experiences and adventures in an extraordinary literary style that amalgamates distinctly Arabic narrative and modernist Western styles in creative works and research. **WAM**