

The Zayed Book Award is a shot in the arm for Arabic kids' books

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It's a figure sure to incite envy. Eight winners of the prestigious [Sheikh Zayed Book Award](#), which took place last week in [Abu Dhabi](#), received prize money of Dh750,000 each totalling a whopping Dh7 million.

Among the winners was a publishing house Kalimat that publishes only children's books in Arabic. They bagged an award for Publishing and [Technology](#). We caught up with Tamer Said, 38, the general manager of Kalimat Group. Said, who moved to [UAE](#) from [Egypt](#), said, "We started 10 years ago. When the company began, we had one aim - providing the Arabic book market with the best and most nurturing children's books." Said has been with the organisation for more than six years.