## From Lipsia nomination for "The Invisible Lines of Nature"

On 15 March, the Leipzig Fair announced the nominations for the Jugendliteraturpreis 2018 prize. Gianumberto Accinelli's book illustrated by Serena Viola "**The Invisible Lines of Nature**" is in the final five in the Non-fiction sector.

The prize-giving ceremony for the winner will take place at the Frankfurt Book Fair on 12 October.

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## Kaninchenschwemme und Reblaussieg

A new prize for Gianumberto Accinelli's book illustrated by Serena Viola "**The Invisible Lines of Nature**" Wissensbuch des Jahres 2017 in the Perspektive category.

The rapporteur, Petra Wiemann, writes, among other things:

When English settlers planted their native apple varieties in America 400 years ago, flocks of fruit flies fell over the fruits and destroyed the harvest. Many poisons have been tried to combat the plague. But instead of the fruit flies other insects died, then birds and later even red deer. Only a trick with artificial apples made of salt dough and chili solved the problem.

The Italian ecologist and insect researcher Gianumberto Accinelli explains such intricate interrelationships in a child-friendly way and with a refreshing pinch of humour. It shows what domino effects occur when the natural balance is destroyed, for example in the triumphal march of American vine phylloxera in Europe or the rabbit glut in Australia.

Accinelli emphasizes the importance of being careful with nature, as many species are closely interwoven with human life. In bizarre stories, magically illustrated by Serena Viola, they come alive: Spiders, who serve as world travellers of technical inspiration, carrier pigeons, who can save lives thanks to their sense of orientation, pigs and honeybees, who feed us. This great non-fiction book sensitizes young readers to the interrelationships in nature by combining ecology and history.

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