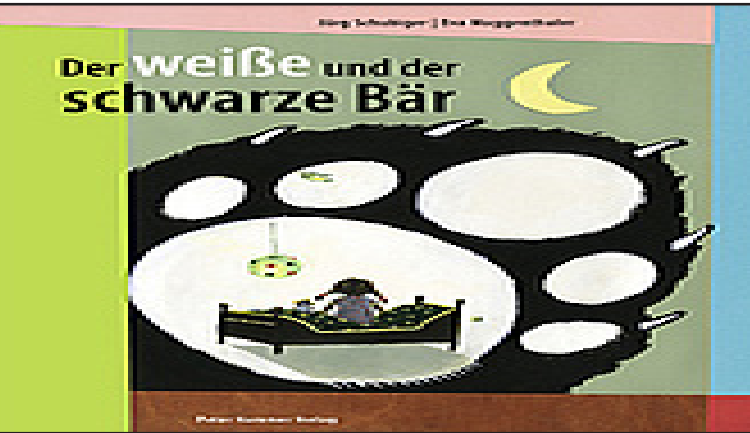


## Top-Rated Children’s Book Available in Persian



TEHRAN (IBNA) -- Illustrated children book, ‘The White and the Black Bear’ (2007) authored by Jürg Schubiger and illustrated by Eva Muggenthaler has been translated into Persian and is available to Iranian kids.

Written by a winner of the Hans Christian Anderson Award, the book which is centered on children’s fear of the dark has been translated into Persian by Gholam-Reza Emami. Valeh (Narengi) Publishing has released ‘The White and the Black Bear’ in 34 color pages.

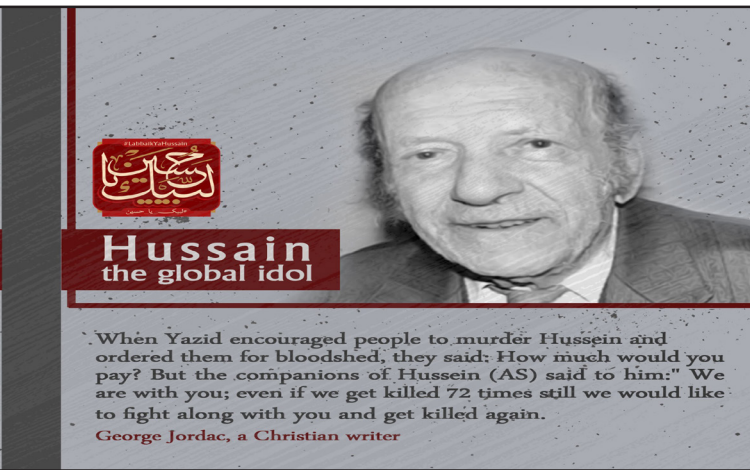
The little girl is lying in her bed, her eyes wide open. The night is black and you can get lost in the darkroom like in a dark forest. But thank God, there is the white bear! He is sitting at the little

girl’s bedside every night, slightly shimmering in the darkness. One day the white bear is gone and it is pitch-dark. The girl thinks: “If there is still a bear sitting beside my bed it must be a black one.” And indeed: she can hear a moist nose snuffling.

The work has been described as “A wonderfully written book about the power of imagination, remarkably illustrated with countless details.”

Jürg Schubiger was a Swiss psychotherapist and writer of children’s books. He won the Deutscher Jugendliteraturpreis in 1996 for Als die Welt noch jung war. For his “lasting contribution” as a children’s writer, Schubiger received the biennial Hans Christian Andersen Medal in 2008.

## Christian Scholar’s Perspective of Imam Hussain (AS)



TEHRAN (IP) - Christian thinker, George Jordac, says Imam Hussain (AS) is not a character limited to a specific place, religion or people. He is the symbol of freedom for all Muslims and humans across the world.

George Jordac (1931-2014) is one of the Christian thinkers who is fascinated by the character, behavior and liberating movement of Imam Hussain (AS). Indeed, Hussain (AS) is an eternal truth that can introduce people to the highest concepts of life and be a light on the way to the path of virtuous life until reaching human perfection.

George Jordac, writes: “Yazid was the inheritor of all the evils of his predecessors and his evils were the most outrageous. The tyrant of Imam Hussain (AS) era, Yazid was drenched in every kind of evil and corruption that other evil and dishonorable men had.

According to Yazid, his father Mu’awiya I had a collection of poisonous honey, but Yazid had an army of pure poison. No one was more deprived of human ethics than Yazid, the one who created the tragedy of Karbala.

In contrast, no one was more perfect in human nature than Hussain bin Ali (AS), who was martyred in that event. Yazid had all the henious and disgraceful traits; and on the other side, that is, Ali’s children, all were the exemplar of excellent and praiseworthy human qualities.

George Sam’an Jordac was born in 1931 in Lebanon in an Orthodox Christian family. His parents were Christians, but they loved the first Shia Imam, Imam Ali (AS). This love was displayed in their home with a sign posted on the door that read: “There is no chivalrous Soul like Ali, and there is no sword like Zulfikar.”

# Armenia Exhibits Iranian Handicrafts

TEHRAN (IP) - The first Iranian handicraft exhibition was inaugurated in the Blue Mosque of Yerevan on August 1.

Artists from Tehran, East Azarbaijan, Mazandaran, and Khorasan-Razavi provinces have exhibited their latest works in handicrafts, artificial stones for decoration, and mirror work.

Workshops in sewing traditional clothes and tents with Iranian-Islamic patterns have been organized on the sidelines of the exhibition.

Abbas Badakhshan Zahouri, Iran’s ambassador to Armenia, told IranPress during his visit to the exhibition: “Good works have been exhibited in the event, and it represents Iran’s cultural and handicraft capacities.”



## Researchers Produce World’s Strongest Antifungal

TEHRAN (IRNA) – A faculty member of Mashhad University of Medical Sciences in northeastern Iran has developed one of the strongest antifungal medications in the world.

The antifungal named “fungizone®” removes the most resistant fungi from the skin surface within 2-3 days, said Dr. Omid Rajabi.

He said that fungizone has been able to quickly cure the skin of lifeguards who have been exposed to moisture in indoor swimming pools for a long time.



The medication has been officially authorized and its production will begin next month with initial capacity of 10,000 units monthly, according to Dr. Rajabi.

The company that is producing fungizone, as said by Dr. Rajabi, has produced another spray medication named “Ozoped®” which kills head lice, their eggs and even the embryo inside the eggs.

Ozoped which could also be used to cure surgical injuries will begin production with 3,000 units per month at the same time with fungizone.

## Less Sleep, More Cognitive Issues for Children

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) – A new study has found that children who get less than nine hours of sleep have significant differences in certain brain regions responsible for memory, intelligence and well-being.

Researchers from the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UM-SOM) analyzed data that were collected from more than 8,300 children aged 9 to 10 years who were enrolled in the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) study. They examined MRI images, medical records, and surveys completed by the participants and their parents at the time of enrollment and at a two-year follow-up visit at 11 to 12 years of age. Funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the ABCD study is the largest long-term study of brain development and child health in the U.S.

They found that children who had inadequate sleep, less than nine hours per night, at the beginning of the study had less grey matter or smaller volume in certain areas of the brain responsible for attention, memory and inhibition control compared to those with healthy sleep habits. The differences persisted after two years, a concerning finding that suggests

long term harm for those who do not get enough sleep.

These findings are indicative of the potential long-term impact of lack of sleep on neurocognitive development in children.

The American Academy of Pediatrics encourages parents to promote good sleep habits in their children. Their tips include making sufficient sleep a family priority, sticking with a regular sleep routine, encouraging



physical activity during the day, limiting screen time and

eliminating screens completely an hour before bed.

## Picture of the Day

At the initiative taken by Tehran Beautification Organization, first event of calligraphy for designing 500 blades engraved with title of Imam Hussein (AS) is underway on Shohaday-e Haftom-e Tir (7th of Tir) Sq. in Tehran. These designed and painted blades will be installed in 121 centers in different parts of Tehran.

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