Il Diario di Bobby Sands. Storia di un ragazzo irlandese (The Diary of Bobby Sands. The Story of a Young Irish Man) by Silvia Calamati, Laurence McKeown and Denis O'Hearn has been declared the winner of the seventh International CITTÀ DI CASSINO LETTERATURE DAL FRONTE award. The award ceremony will take place in Cassino, Italy on October 19th 2013.

This book, the Italian translation of I Arose One Morning. A Biography of Bobby Sands for Younger Readers by Denis O’Hearn and Laurence McKeown with photographs and additional materials by Silvia Calamati, previously won the 2011 Alessandro Tassoni Award, Modena, Italy, for the book published in Italy that most represents the universal values of human rights.

The award was made on the strength of the votes of hundreds of students from high schools in four Italian cities (Rome, Trieste, Cassino and Pico), together with juries all over Italy (including two public libraries and a jury presided by the Trieste Association 'Radici e Futuro'). It attests to the recognition of the life and the prison struggle of Bobby Sands and his comrades, who gave their lives for the freedom of Ireland and its people.

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