

Award Winning Books

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Award Winning Books - E Books and Audio Books

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Arthur C. Clarke Award (6 items)

The **Arthur C. Clarke Award** is a British award given for the best science fiction novel first published in the United Kingdom during the previous year.

In ascension, by Martin MacInnes, 2024

[Book](#) | | 2024 Award Winner

Venomous lumpsucker, by Ned Beauman, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2023 Award Winner

Deep Wheel Orcadia: a novel, by Harry Giles, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner

The animals in that country, by Laura Jean McKay, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

Rosewater, by Tade Thompson, 2018

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

Baillie Gifford Prize (6 items)

The **Baillie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction**, formerly the **Samuel Johnson Prize**, is an annual British book prize for the best non-fiction writing in the English language

Question 7, by Richard Flanagan, 2025

[Book](#) | | 2024 Award Winner

Fire weather: a true story from a hotter world, by John Vaillant, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2023 Award Winner

Super-infinite: the transformations of John Donne, by Katherine Rundell, 2022

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner

Empire of pain: the secret history of the sackler dynasty, by Patrick Radden Keefe, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

The five: the untold lives of the women killed by Jack the Ripper, by Hallie Rubenhold, 2019

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

Betty Trask Prize (5 items)

For first novels by authors under 35

The new life: A daring novel of forbidden desire, by Tom Crewe, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2024 Award Winner

Mercia's Take, by Daniel Wiles, 2022

[Book](#) | | 2023 Award Winner

The last good man, by Thomas McMullan, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

The litten path, 2018

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

Booker Prize (7 items)

The Booker Prize is the leading literary award in the English speaking world, and has brought recognition, reward and readership to outstanding fiction for over five decades

Orbital, by Samantha Harvey, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2024 winner

Prophet song, by Paul Lynch, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2023 winner

The seven moons of Maali Almeida, by Shehan Karunatilaka, 2022

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner

The promise, by Damon Galgut, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

The testaments, by Margaret Atwood; Margaret Atwood, 2019

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

Girl, woman, other, by Bernardine Evaristo, 2019

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

British Book Awards (25 items)

The British Book Awards - aka The Nibbies - is a celebration of books and the people who make them.

It champions the world of reading by showcasing the authors and illustrators who have stirred our hearts and awoken our minds, and the industry behind the scenes who bring them to readers

At its core, the Awards acknowledges the profound connection between the books, their makers and their audience. It highlights the creativity, passion and power that occur when an entire industry unites to connect readers to stories.

Overall Book of the Year (3 items)

Patriot, by Alexei Navalny

Book | | Overall Book of the Year winner 2025

Menopausal, by Davina McCall; Naomi Potter, 2022

Book | | Note for students

Overall Book of the Year: Winner 2023

You are a champion: unlock your potential, find your voice and be the best you can be, by Marcus Rashford; Carl Anka; Katie Warriner, 2021

Book | | Overall Book of the Year: Winner 2022

Non-Fiction: Narrative Book of the Year (6 items)

Patriot, by Alexei Navalny

Book | | 2025 Award Winner

Politics on the edge: a memoir from within, by Rory Stewart, 2024, 2023

Book | | 2024 Award Winner

Super-infinite: the transformations of John Donne, by Katherine Rundell, 2022

Book | | 2023 Award Winner

Empireland: how imperialism has shaped modern Britain, by Sathnam Sanghera, 2021

Book | | 2022 Award Winner

Diary of a young naturalist, by Dara McAnulty, 2021

Book | | 2021 Award Winner

Becoming, by Michelle Obama, 2018

Book | | 2019 Award Winner

Fiction Book of the Year (5 items)

Yellowface, by R. F. Kuang, 2024

Book | | 2024 Award Winner

Babel, or, The necessity of violence: an arcane history of the Oxford translators' revolution, by R. F. Kuang, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2023 Award Winner

Sorrow and bliss, by Meg Mason, 2022

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner

Hamnet: Winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2020, by Maggie O'Farrell, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

Normal people, by Sally Rooney, 2018

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

Fiction: Crime & Thriller Book of the Year (5 items)

None of this is true, by Lisa Jewell, 2024

[Book](#) | | 2024 Award Winner

The Twyford code, by Janice Hallett, 2022

[Book](#) | | 2023 Award Winner

The dark remains, by William McIlvanney; Ian Rankin, 2022

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner

Troubled Blood: A Strike Novel, by Robert Galbraith, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

Our house, by Louise Candlish, 2018

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

British Book Awards Debut Book of the Year (5 items)

In memoriam, by Alice Winn, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2024 Award Winner

Trespasses, by Louise Kennedy, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2023 Award Winner

Open water, by Caleb Azumah Nelson, 2022

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner

Shuggie Bain, by Douglas Stuart, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

Lullaby, by

Lei

la Slimani; Sam Taylor, 2018

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

Dylan Thomas Prize (8 items)

Launched in 2006, the annual Swansea University Dylan Thomas Prize is one of the most prestigious awards for young writers, aimed at encouraging raw creative talent worldwide. It celebrates and nurtures international literary excellence.

It is one of the UK's most prestigious literary prizes as well as one of the world's largest literary prizes for young writers. Awarded for the best published literary work in the English language, written by an author aged 39 or under, the Prize celebrates the international world of fiction in all its forms including poetry, novels, short stories and drama.

Small worlds, by Caleb Azumah Nelson, 2024

[Book](#) | | 2024 Award Winner

God's children are little broken things, by Arinze Ifeakandu, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2023 Award Winner

No one is talking about this, by Patricia Lockwood, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner

Luster, by Raven Leilani, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

In our mad and furious city, by Guy Gunaratne, 2019

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

Kumukanda, by Kayombo Chingonyi, 2017

[Book](#) | | 2018 Award Winner

The high places, by Fiona McFarlane, 2017

[Book](#) | | 2017 Award Winner

Elizabeth Longford Award for Historical Biography (6 items)

The Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography is now in its 21st year. It was established in 2003 in affectionate memory of Elizabeth Longford, the acclaimed biographer, and is sponsored by Flora Fraser and Peter Soros. This £5,000 prize is awarded annually for a historical biography published in the preceding year.

Rebels against the Raj: western fighters for India's freedom, by Ramachandra Guha, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2023 Award Winner

George III: the life and reign of Britain's most misunderstood monarch, by Andrew Roberts, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner

JFK.: Volume I: 1917-1956, by Fredrik Logevall, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

A certain idea of France: the life of Charles de Gaulle, by Julian Jackson, 2019

Book | | 2019 Award Winner

Isabella of Castile: Europe's first great queen, by Giles Tremlett, 2017

Book | | 2018 Award Winner

The Financial Times and Schroders Business Book of the Year (5 items)

The prize goes to the book that is judged to have provided the most compelling and enjoyable insight into modern business issues

Right kind of wrong: how the best teams use failure to succeed, by Amy C. Edmondson, 2024

Book | | 2023 Award Winner

This is how they tell me the world ends: the cyber weapons arms race, by Nicole Perlroth, 2022

Book | | 2021 Award Winner

Invisible women: exposing data bias in a world designed for men, by Caroline Criado-Perez, 2019

Book | | 2019 Award Winner

Bad blood: secrets and lies in a Silicon Valley startup, by John Carreyrou, 2019

Book | | 2018 Award Winner

Forward Prize (9 items)

The Forward Prizes for Poetry are the most influential awards for new poetry in the UK and Ireland, honouring fresh voices alongside internationally established names.

With my back to the world: poems, by Victoria Chang, 2024

Book |

Self-Portrait as Othello, by Jason Allen-Paisant, 2023

Book | | Forward Prize for Best Collection 2023

All the men I never married, by Kim Moore, 2021

Book | | Forward Prize for Best Collection 2022

Notes on the Sonnets, by Luke Kennard; Poetry Book Society, 2021

Book | | Forward Prize for Best Collection 2021

All the men I never married, by Kim Moore, 2021

Book | | Forward Prize for Best Collection 2022

The forward book of poetry 2020., 2019

Book |

The Forward book of poetry 2019, 2018

Book |

The Forward book of poetry 2018, 2017

[Book](#) |

Hawthornden Prize (5 items)

The Hawthornden Prize, one of Britain's oldest literary awards, was established in 1919 by Alice Warrender. This £25,000 prize is awarded annually to a British, Irish or British-based author for a work of "imaginative literature" – including poetry, novels, history, biography and creative non-fiction – published in the previous calendar year.

Orbital, by Samantha Harvey, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2024 Award Winner

An olive grove in ends, by Moses McKenzie, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2023 Award Winner

Reckless paper birds, by John McCullough; EBSCOhost, 2019

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner

I am dynamite!: a life of Friedrich Nietzsche, by Sue Prideaux, 2019

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

International Booker Prize (4 items)

The International Booker Prize is awarded annually for a single book, translated into English and published in the UK or Ireland

Kairos, by Jenny Erpenbeck; Michael Hofmann, 2024

[Book](#) | | 2024 Award Winner

Tomb of sand, by Geetanjali Shree; Daisy Rockwell, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner

At night all blood is black, by David Diop, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

Jhalak Prize (9 items)

First awarded in March 2017, the **Jhalak Prize** awards seek to celebrate books by writers of colour in the UK and Ireland

Anansi's gold: the man who swindled the world, by Yepoka Yeebo, 2024, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2024 Prize

None of the above: reflections on life beyond the binary, by Travis Alabanza, 2022

[Book](#) | | 2023 Prize

The roles we play, by Sabba Khan, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2022 Prize

The first woman, by Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Prize

In our mad and furious city, by Guy Gunaratne, 2019

[Book](#) | | 2019 Prize

Why I'm no longer talking to white people about race, by Reni Eddo-Lodge, 2017

[Book](#) | | 2018 Prize

Why I'm no longer talking to white people about race, by Reni Eddo-Lodge, 2018

[Book](#) | | 2018 Prize

The bone readers, by Jacob Ross, 2016

[Book](#) | | 2017 Prize

#Merky Books (10 items)

The #Merky Books New Writers' Prize is an annual writing competition that is open to young, underrepresented and unpublished writers from across the UK and ROI.

We are all birds of Uganda, by Hafsa Zayyan, 2022

[Book](#) | | New Writers' Prize 2019

New formation: how black footballers made the modern game, edited by Calum Jacobs, 2022

[Book](#) |

Keisha the sket, by Jade LB, 2022

[Book](#) |

Sorrowland, by Rivers Solomon, 2022

[Book](#) |

Not without a fight: ten steps to becoming your own champion, by Ramla Ali, 2022

[Book](#) |

Taking up space, by Chelsea Kwakye; Ore Ogunbiyi, 2019

[Book](#) |

Dreaming in a nightmare: Inequality and what we can do about it, by Jeremiah Emmanuel, 2021

[Book](#) |

That reminds me, by Derek Owusu, 2020

[Book](#) |

Just Sayin' : My Life In Words, 2022.

[Book](#) |

Orwell Prize (15 items)

The Orwell Prizes aim to encourage good writing and thinking about politics. The winning entries should strive to meet Orwell's own ambition 'to make political writing into an art'. They should be of equal excellence in style and content – the writing must be both political and artful.

Orwell Prize for Political Writing (8 items)

The Orwell Prize for Political Writing (previously, the Orwell Prize for Books) is for a work of non-fiction, whether a book or pamphlet, first published in the UK or Ireland. 'Political' is defined in the broadest sense, including (but not limited to) entries addressing political, social, cultural, moral and historical subjects and can include pamphlets, books published by think tanks, diaries, memoirs, letters and essays.

The picnic: an escape to freedom and the collapse of the iron curtain, by Matthew Longo, 2025, 2024

Book | | 2024 Award Winner

Show me the bodies: how we let Grenfell happen, by Peter Apps, 2022

Book | | 2023 Award Winner

My fourth time, we drowned: seeking refuge on the world's deadliest migration route, by Sally Hayden, 2022

Book | | 2022 Award Winner

Between two fires: truth, ambition, and compromise in Putin's Russia, by Joshua Yaffa, 2020

Book | | 2021 Award Winner

Say nothing: a true story of murder and memory in Northern Ireland, by Patrick Radden Keefe, 2018

Book | | 2019 Award Winner

Poverty safari: understanding the anger of Britain's underclass, by Darren McGarvey, 2018

Book | | 2018 Award Winner

The invention of Russia: the journey from Gorbachev's freedom to Putin's war, by Arkady Ostrovsky, 2016

Book | | 2016 Award Winner

Orwell Prize for Political Fiction (6 items)

The Orwell Prize for Political Fiction rewards outstanding novels and collections of short stories, first published in the UK or Ireland, that illuminate major social and political themes, present or past, through the art of narrative.

My Friends, by Hisham Matar, 2025

Book | | 2024 Award Winner

The new life: A daring novel of forbidden desire, by Tom Crewe, 2023

Book | | 2023 Award Winner

Small things like these, by Claire Keegan, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner

Summer, by Ali Smith, 2020

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

Milkman, by Anna Burns, 2018

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

Pulizer Prize (17 items)

Honouring the best in books, drama, music and journalism, nurturing the advance of American culture.

Biography (3 items)

For a distinguished and appropriately documented biography by an American author

The dead are arising: the life of Malcolm X, by Les Payne; Tamara Payne, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

The new Negro: the life of Alain Locke, by Jeffrey C. Stewart, 2018

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

Fiction (4 items)

For distinguished fiction published during the year by an American author, preferably dealing with American life

The Netanyahus: an account of a minor and ultimately even negligible episode in the history of a very famous family, by Joshua Cohen, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner

The night watchman, by Louise Erdrich, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

The overstory, by Richard Powers, 2019

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

Non Fiction (2 items)

For a distinguished and appropriately documented book of nonfiction by an American author that is not eligible for consideration in any other category

Amity and prosperity: one family and the fracturing of America, by Eliza Griswold, 2019

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

History (5 items)

For a distinguished and appropriately documented book on the history of the United States

Covered with night: a story of murder and indigenous justice in early America, by Nicole Eustace, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner (Joint Winners)

Cuba: an American history, by Ada Ferrer

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner (Joint Winners)

Franchise: the golden arches in Black America, by Marcia Chatelain, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

Frederick Douglass [electronic resource] : prophet of freedom, 2018

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

Verse (2 items)

For a distinguished volume of original verse by an American author

Be with, 2018

[Book](#) | | 2019 Award Winner

The Royal Society Trivedi Science Book Prize (8 items)

Since 1988, the Royal Society has celebrated outstanding popular science writing and authors. Over the decades, the Prize has celebrated some notable winners including Bill Bryson, Stephen Hawking, Camilla Pang, and most recently Kelly and Zach Weinersmith in 2024.

Each year our panel of expert judges, comprising eminent scientists, authors, journalists and broadcasters, choose the book that they believe makes popular science writing compelling and accessible to the public.

A city on Mars: can we settle space, should we settle space, and have we really thought this through?, by Kelly Weinersmith; Zach Weinersmith, 2023

[Book](#) | | 2024 Award Winner

An immense world: how animal senses reveal the hidden realms around us, by Ed Yong, 2022

[Book](#) | | 2023 Award Winner

A (very) short history of life on earth: 4.6 billion years in 12 chapters, by Henry Gee, 2022

[Book](#) | | 2022 Award Winner

Entangled life: how fungi make our worlds, change our minds, and shape our futures, by Merlin Sheldrake, 2021

[Book](#) | | 2021 Award Winner

Explaining humans: what science can teach us about life, love and relationships, by Camilla Pang, 2021

Book | | 2020 Award Winner

Inventing ourselves: the secret life of the teenage brain, by Sarah-Jayne Blakemore, 2019

Book | | 2018 Award Winner

Testosterone rex: unmaking the myths of our gendered minds, by Cordelia Fine; EBSCOhost, 2017

Book | | 2017 Award Winner

Saltire Society Literary Awards (5 items)

Scotland's National Book Awards

Thunderclap: a memoir of art and life & sudden death, by Laura Cumming, 2024

Book | | 2024 Award Winner

Womb: the inside story of where we all began, by Leah Hazard, 2024

Book | | 2023 Award Winner

Slaves and highlanders: silenced histories of Scotland and the Caribbean, by David Alston; Juanita Cox-Westmaas; Rod Westmaas, 2021

Book | | 2022 Award Winner

Working verse in Victorian Scotland: poetry, press, community, by Kirstie Blair, 2019

Book | | 2019 Award Winner

The Sunday Times Charlotte Aitken Young Writer of the Year Award (5 items)

The Sunday Times Charlotte Aitken Young Writer of the Year Award is the UK and Ireland's most influential prize for young writers.

Rural hours: the country lives of Virginia Woolf, Sylvia Townsend Warner and Rosamond Lehmann, by Harriet Baker, 2025

Book | | 2024 Award Winner

The new life: A daring novel of forbidden desire, by Tom Crewe, 2023

Book | | Note for students

2023 Award Winner

Islands of Abandonment: Life in the Post-Human Landscape, by Cal Flynn, 2022

Book | | 2021 Award Winner

Kings of the Yukon, by Adam Weymouth, 2019

Book | | 2019 Award Winner

T.S. Eliot Prize (4 items)

□ The UK's most prestigious award for poetry.

Fierce elegy, by Peter Gizzi, 2024

Book | | 2024 Award Winner

C+nto: & othered poems, by Joelle Taylor, 2021

Book | | 2021 Award Winner

A portable paradise, by Roger Robinson, 2019

Book | | 2019 Award Winner

Waterstones book of the year (4 items)

Butter, by Asako Yuzuki, 2024

Book | | 2024 Award Winner

Impossible Creatures: Instant Sunday Times Bestseller, by Katherine Rundell, 2023

Book | | 2023 Award Winner

You are a champion: unlock your potential, find your voice and be the best you can be, by Marcus Rashford; Carl Anka; Katie Warriner, 2021

Book | | Note for students

2022 Award Winner

The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse, by Charlie Mackesy, 2019

Book | | 2019 Award Winner

Women's Prizes (6 items)

Women's Prize for Fiction (4 items)

The Women's Prize for Fiction is the greatest celebration of female creativity in the world.

Brotherless night, by V. V. Ganeshanathan, 2024

Book | | 2024 Winner

The book of form and emptiness, by Ruth Ozeki, 2021

Book | | 2022 Award Winner

An American marriage, by Tayari Jones, 2019

Book | | 2019 Award Winner

Piranesi, by Susanna Clarke, 2021

Book | | 2021 Award Winner

The Women's Prize for Non-Fiction (2 items)

The Women's Prize for Non-Fiction celebrates excellence, originality and accessibility in Non-Fiction written by women.

Doppelganger: a trip into the mirror world, by Naomi Klein, 2024, 2023

Book | | 2024 Award Winner