

THE WHITBREAD BOOK AWARDS

The Whitbread Book Awards, now in their 34th year, encourage, promote and celebrate the enjoyment of reading. The Awards, established in 1971, confirm Whitbread - a leading UK leisure company - as one of the longest-running sponsors of British writing.

There are six awards:

- Whitbread Novel Award, First Novel Award, Biography Award, Poetry Award and Children's Book Award winners (£5,000 each)
- Whitbread Book of the Year (selected from four winners above): £25,000
- Total prize fund is £50,000.

WHITBREAD WINNERS 1971 – 2004

2004	BOOK OF THE YEAR	SMALL ISLAND	Andrea Levy	<i>Headline</i>
	First Novel Award	Eve Green	Susan Fletcher	
	Novel Award	Small Island	Andrea Levy	<i>Headline</i>
	Biography Award	My Heart is My Own: The Life of Mary Queen of Scots	John Guy	<i>Fourth Estate</i>
	Poetry Award	Corpus	Michael Simmons Roberts	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	Children's Book Award	Not the End of the World	Geraldine McCaughrean	<i>Oxford University Press</i>
2003	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME	Mark Haddon	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	First Novel Award	Vernon God Little	DBC Pierre	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	Novel Award	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Mark Haddon	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	Biography Award	Orwell: The Life	DJ Taylor	<i>Chatto & Windus</i>
	Poetry Award	Landing Light	Don Paterson	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	Children's Book Award	The Fire-Eaters	David Almond	<i>Hodder Children's</i>
2002	BOOK OF THE YEAR	SAMUEL PEPYS: THE UNEQUALLED SELF	Claire Tomalin	<i>Viking</i>
	First Novel Award	The Song of Names	Norman Lebrecht	<i>Review</i>
	Novel Award	Spies	Michael Frayn	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	Biography Award	Samuel Pepys: The Unequalled Self	Claire Tomalin	<i>Viking</i>
	Poetry Award	The Ice Age	Paul Farley	<i>Picador</i>
	Children's Book Award	Saffy's Angel	Hilary McKay	<i>Hodder Children's</i>

NB: The structure of the Awards changed for the final time in 2002, and the Whitbread Children's Book of the Year reverted to the original format of being one of five categories, with its winner, like the others, selected by the category judges and competing for title of Whitbread Book of the Year.

2001	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE AMBER SPYGLASS	Philip Pullman	<i>Scholastic</i>
	CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR	The Amber Spyglass	Philip Pullman	<i>Scholastic</i>
	First Novel Award	Something Like a House	Sid Smith	<i>Picador</i>
	Novel Award	Twelve Bar Blues	Patrick Neate	<i>Viking</i>
	Biography Award	Selkirk's Island	Diana Souhami	<i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i>
	Poetry Award	Bunny	Selima Hill	<i>Bloodaxe</i>
2000	BOOK OF THE YEAR	ENGLISH PASSENGERS	Matthew Kneale	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR	Coram Boy	Jamila Gavin	<i>Egmont</i>
	First Novel Award	White Teeth	Zadie Smith	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>

	Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award	English Passengers Bad Blood The Asylum Dance	Matthew Kneale Lorna Sage John Burnside	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i> <i>Fourth Estate</i> <i>Cape Poetry</i>
1999	BOOK OF THE YEAR CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award	BEOWULF Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban White City Blue Music and Silence Berlioz, Volume 2 Beowulf	Seamus Heaney J K Rowling Tim Lott Rose Tremain David Cairns Seamus Heaney	<i>Faber & Faber</i> <i>Bloomsbury</i> <i>Viking</i> <i>Chatto & Windus</i> <i>Allen Lane The Penguin Press</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i>

NB: The structure of the Awards changed once more in 1999 when the winner of the Whitbread Children's Book of the Year was selected by the final judging panel and then judged against the other four categories for overall Whitbread Book of the Year.

1998	BOOK OF THE YEAR CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award	BIRTHDAY LETTERS SKELLIG The Last King of Scotland Leading the Cheers Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire Birthday Letters	Ted Hughes David Almond Giles Foden Justin Cartwright Amanda Foreman Ted Hughes	<i>Faber & Faber</i> <i>Hodder Children's Books</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i> <i>Sceptre</i> <i>HarperCollins</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i>
1997	BOOK OF THE YEAR CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award	TALES FROM OVID AQUILA The Ventriloquist's Tale Quarantine Victor Hugo Tales from Ovid	Ted Hughes Andrew Norriss Pauline Melville Jim Crace Graham Robb Ted Hughes	<i>Faber & Faber</i> <i>Hamish Hamilton</i> <i>Bloomsbury</i> <i>Viking</i> <i>Picador</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i>
1996	BOOK OF THE YEAR CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Award Novel Award Biography Award Poetry Award	THE SPIRIT LEVEL THE TULIP TOUCH The Debt to Pleasure Every Man for Himself Thomas Cranmer: A Life The Spirit Level	Seamus Heaney Anne Fine John Lanchester Beryl Bainbridge Diarmaid MacCulloch Seamus Heaney	<i>Faber & Faber</i> <i>Hamish Hamilton</i> <i>Picador</i> <i>Duckworth</i> <i>Yale University Press</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i>

NB: The structure of the Awards changed again in 1996 when the Whitbread Children's Book of the Year became an award in its own right (ie not judged against the other four categories) for the first time, with prize money of £10,000.

1995	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Novel Biography Poetry Beefeater Children's Novel	BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM Behind the Scenes at the Museum The Moor's Last Sigh Gladstone Gunpowder The Wreck of the Zanzibar	Kate Atkinson Kate Atkinson Salman Rushdie Roy Jenkins Bernard O'Donoghue Michael Morpurgo	<i>Doubleday/Black Swan</i> <i>Doubleday/Black Swan</i> <i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Macmillan</i> <i>Chatto & Windus</i> <i>Heinemann/Mammot h</i>
1994	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Novel Biography Poetry	FELICIA'S JOURNEY The Longest Memory Felicia's Journey D H Lawrence: The Married Man Out of Danger	William Trevor Fred D'Aguiar William Trevor Brenda Maddox James Fenton	<i>Viking</i> <i>Chatto & Windus</i> <i>Viking</i> <i>Sinclair-Stevenson</i> <i>Penguin Poetry</i>

	Children's Novel	Gold Dust	Geraldine McCaughrean	OUP
1993	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Novel Biography	THEORY OF WAR Saving Agnes Theory of War Philip Larkin: A Writer's Life	Joan Brady Rachel Cusk Joan Brady Andrew Motion	<i>Andre Deutsch</i> <i>Macmillan</i> <i>Andre Deutsch</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i>
	Poetry Children's Novel	Mean Time Flour Babies	Carol Ann Duffy Anne Fine	<i>Anvil Press</i> <i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
1992	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Novel Biography Poetry Children's Novel	SWING HAMMER SWING! Swing Hammer Swing! Poor Things Trollope The Gaze of the Gorgon The Great Elephant Chase	Jeff Torrington Jeff Torrington Alasdair Gray Victoria Glendinning Tony Harrison Gillian Cross	<i>Secker & Warburg</i> <i>Secker & Warburg</i> <i>Bloomsbury</i> <i>Hutchinson</i> <i>Bloodaxe Books</i> <i>OUP</i>
	1991 BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Novel	A LIFE OF PICASSO Alma Cogan The Queen of the Tambourine	John Richardson Gordon Burn Jane Gardam	<i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Secker & Warburg</i> <i>Sinclair-Stevenson</i>
1990	Biography Poetry Children's Novel	A Life of Picasso Gorse Fires Harvey Angell	John Richardson Michael Longley Diana Hendry	<i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Secker & Warburg</i> <i>Julia MacRae</i>
	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Novel Biography Poetry Children's Novel	HOPEFUL MONSTERS The Buddha of Suburbia Hopeful Monsters A A Milne: His Life Daddy, Daddy AK	Nicholas Mosley Hanif Kureishi Nicholas Mosley Ann Thwaite Paul Durcan Peter Dickinson Richard Holmes	<i>Secker & Warburg</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i> <i>Secker & Warburg</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i> <i>The Blackstaff Press</i> <i>Victor Gollancz</i> <i>Hodder & Stoughton</i>
1989	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel	COLERIDGE: EARLY VISIONS Gerontius	James Hamilton-Paterson	<i>Macmillan</i>
	Novel Biography Poetry Children's Novel	The Chymical Wedding Coleridge: Early Visions Shibboleth Why Weeps the Brogan?	Lindsay Clarke Richard Holmes Michael Donaghy Hugh Scott	<i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Hodder & Stoughton</i> <i>OUP</i> <i>Walker Books</i>
1988	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Novel Biography Poetry Children's Novel	THE COMFORTS OF MADNESS The Comforts of Madness The Satanic Verses Tolstoy The Automatic Oracle Awaiting Developments	Paul Sayer Paul Sayer Salman Rushdie A N Wilson Peter Porter Judy Allen	<i>Constable</i> <i>Constable</i> <i>Viking</i> <i>Hamish Hamilton</i> <i>OUP</i> <i>Julia MacRae</i>
	1987 BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Novel Biography	UNDER THE EYE OF THE CLOCK The Other Garden The Child in Time Under the Eye of the Clock	Christopher Nolan Francis Wyndham Ian McEwan Christopher Nolan	<i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i> <i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i>
1986	Poetry Children's Novel	The Haw Lantern A Little Lower than the Angels	Seamus Heaney Geraldine McCaughrean	<i>Faber & Faber</i> <i>OUP</i>
	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Novel	AN ARTIST OF THE FLOATING WORLD Continent An Artist of the Floating World	Kazuo Ishiguro Jim Crace Kazuo Ishiguro	<i>Faber & Faber</i> <i>Heinemann</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i>
1986	Biography Poetry Children's Novel	Gilbert White Stet The Coal House	Richard Mabey Peter Reading Andrew Taylor	<i>Century Hutchinson</i> <i>Secker & Warburg</i> <i>Collins</i>

1985	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel	ELEGIES Oranges are not the only Fruit	Douglas Dunn Jeanette Winterson	<i>Faber & Faber</i> <i>Pandora Press</i>
	Novel Biography Poetry Children's Novel	Hawksmoor Hugh Dalton Elegies The Nature of the Beast	Peter Ackroyd Ben Pimlott Douglas Dunn Janni Howker	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i> <i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i> <i>Julia MacRae</i>

NB: The Whitbread Book of the Year was awarded for the first time in 1985 when the format of the Awards was changed. Prior to that, the Whitbread Literary Awards (as they were then called) were given as follows:

1984	First Novel Novel Biography Short Story	A Parish of Rich Women Kruger's Alp T S Eliot Tomorrow is our Permanent Address	James Buchan Christopher Hope Peter Ackroyd Diane Rowe	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i> <i>Heinemann</i> <i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Children's Novel	The Queen of the Pharisees' Children	Barbara Willard	<i>Julia MacRae</i>
1983	First Novel Novel Joint Biography	Flying to Nowhere Fools of Fortune Vita	John Fuller William Trevor Victoria Glendinning Kenneth Rose Roald Dahl	<i>Salamander Press</i> <i>Bodley Head</i> <i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i>
	Children's Novel	King George V The Witches		<i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i> <i>Jonathan Cape</i>
1982	First Novel Novel Biography Children's Novel	On the Black Hill Young Shoulders Bismarck The Song of Pentecost	Bruce Chatwin John Wain Edward Crankshaw W J Corbett	<i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Macmillan</i> <i>Macmillan</i> <i>Methuen</i>
1981	First Novel Novel Biography	A Good Man in Africa Silver's City Monty: The Making of a General	William Boyd Maurice Leitch Nigel Hamilton	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i> <i>Secker & Warburg</i> <i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Children's Novel	The Hollow Land	Jane Gardam	<i>Julia MacRae</i>
1980	Novel and Book of the Year Biography	How Far Can You Go?	David Lodge	<i>Secker & Warburg</i>
	Children's Novel	On the Edge of Paradise: A C Benson the Diarist John Diamond	David Newsome Leon Garfield	<i>John Murrar</i> <i>Kestrel</i>
1979	Novel Autobiography Children's Novel	The Old Jest About Time Tulku	Jennifer Johnston Penelope Mortimer Peter Dickinson	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i> <i>Allen Lane</i> <i>Victor Gollancz</i>
1978	Novel Biography	Picture Palace Lloyd George: The People's Champion	Paul Theroux John Grigg	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i> <i>Methuen</i>
	Children's Book	The Battle of Bubble & Squeak	Philippa Pearce	<i>Andre Deutsch</i>
1977	Novel Biography Children's Book	Injury Time Mary Curzon No End to Yesterday	Beryl Bainbridge Nigel Nicolson Shelagh Macdonald	<i>Duckworth</i> <i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i> <i>Andre Deutsch</i>
1976	Novel Biography Children's Book	The Children of Dynmouth Elizabeth Gaskell A Stitch in Time	William Trevor Winifred Gerin Penelope Lively	<i>Bodley Head</i> <i>OUP</i> <i>William Heinemann</i>
1975	Novel	Docherty	William McIlvanney	<i>Allen & Unwin</i>

	Autobiography	In Our Infancy	Helen Corke	<i>Cambridge University Press</i>
	First Book	The Improbable Puritan: A Life of Bulstrode Whitelock	Ruth Spalding	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
1974	Novel	The Sacred & Profane Love Machine	Iris Murdoch	<i>Chatto & Windus</i>
	Biography	Poor Dear Brendan	Andrew Boyle	<i>Hutchinson</i>
	Joint Children's Books	How Tom Beat Captain Najork & His Hired Sportsmen	Russell Hoban & Quentin Blake	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
		The Emperor's Winding Sheet	Jill Paton Walsh	<i>Macmillan</i>
	First Book	The Life & Death of Mary Wollstonecraft	Claire Tomalin	<i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i>
1973	Novel	The Chip Chip Gatherers	Shiva Naipaul	<i>Andre Deutsch</i>
	Biography	CB: A Life of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman	John Wilson	<i>Constable</i>
	Children's Book	The Butterfly Ball & The Grasshopper's Feast	Alan Aldridge & William Plomer	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
1972	Novel	The Bird of Night	Susan Hill	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Biography	Trollope	James Pope-Hennessy	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	Children's Book	The Diddakoi	Rumer Godden	<i>Macmillan</i>
1971	Novel	The Destiny Waltz	Gerda Charles	<i>Eyre & Spottiswoode</i>
	Biography	Henrik Ibsen	Michael Meyer	<i>Hart-Davis</i>
	Poetry	Mercian Hymns	Geoffrey Hill	<i>Andre Deutsch</i>