

THE WHITBREAD BOOK AWARDS

The Whitbread Book Awards were established in 1971 and encouraged, promoted and celebrated the enjoyment of reading.

There are six awards:

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

WHITBREAD WINNERS 1971 – 2005

2005	BOOK OF THE YEAR	MATISSE: THE MASTER	Hilary Spurling	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	First Novel Award	The Harmony Silk Factory	Tash Aw	<i>Harper Perennial</i>
	Novel Award	the accidental	Ali Smith	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Biography Award	Matisse: The Master	Hilary Spurling	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Poetry Award	Cold Calls	Christopher Logue	<i>Faber and Faber</i>
Children's Book Award	The New Policeman	Kate Thompson	<i>The Bodley Head</i>	
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	English Passengers	Matthew Kneale	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	Biography Award	Bad Blood	Lorna Sage	<i>Fourth Estate</i>
	Poetry Award	The Asylum Dance	John Burnside	<i>Cape Poetry</i>
1999	BOOK OF THE YEAR	BEOWULF	Seamus Heaney	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	J K Rowling	<i>Bloomsbury</i>
	First Novel Award	White City Blue	Tim Lott	<i>Viking</i>
	Novel Award	Music and Silence	Rose Tremain	<i>Chatto & Windus</i>
	Biography Award	Berlioz, Volume 2	David Cairns	<i>Allen Lane The Penguin Press</i>
	Poetry Award	Beowulf	Seamus Heaney	<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	BIRTHDAY LETTERS	Ted Hughes	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR	SKELLIG	David Almond	<i>Hodder Children's Books</i>
	First Novel Award	The Last King of Scotland	Giles Foden	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	Novel Award	Leading the Cheers	Justin Cartwright	<i>Sceptre</i>
	Biography Award	Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire	Amanda Foreman	<i>HarperCollins</i>
	Poetry Award	Birthday Letters	Ted Hughes	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
1997	BOOK OF THE YEAR	TALES FROM OVID	Ted Hughes	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR	AQUILA	Andrew Norriss	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	First Novel Award	The Ventriloquist's Tale	Pauline Melville	<i>Bloomsbury</i>
	Novel Award	Quarantine	Jim Crace	<i>Viking</i>
	Biography Award	Victor Hugo	Graham Robb	<i>Picador</i>
	Poetry Award	Tales from Ovid	Ted Hughes	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
1996	BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE SPIRIT LEVEL	Seamus Heaney	<i>Faber & Faber</i>
	CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE YEAR	THE TULIP TOUCH	Anne Fine	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i>
	First Novel Award	The Debt to Pleasure	John Lanchester	<i>Picador</i>
	Novel Award	Every Man for Himself	Beryl Bainbridge	<i>Duckworth</i>
	Biography Award	Thomas Cranmer: A Life	Diarmaid MacCulloch	<i>Yale University Press</i>
	Poetry Award	The Spirit Level	Seamus Heaney	<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	BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM	Kate Atkinson	<i>Doubleday/Black Swan</i>
	First Novel	Behind the Scenes at the Museum	Kate Atkinson	<i>Doubleday/Black Swan</i>
	Novel	The Moor's Last Sigh	Salman Rushdie	<i>Jonathan Cape</i>
	Biography	Gladstone	Roy Jenkins	<i>Macmillan</i>
	Poetry	Gunpowder	Bernard O'Donoghue	<i>Chatto & Windus</i>
	Beefeater Children's Novel	The Wreck of the Zanzibar	Michael Morpurgo	<i>Heinemann/Mammot h</i>
1994	BOOK OF THE YEAR	FELICIA'S JOURNEY	William Trevor	<i>Viking</i>
	First Novel	The Longest Memory	Fred D'Aguiar	<i>Chatto & Windus</i>

	Novel Biography	Felicia's Journey D H Lawrence: The Married Man	William Trevor Brenda Maddox	<i>Viking</i> <i>Sinclair-Stevenson</i>
	Poetry Children's Novel	Out of Danger Gold Dust	James Fenton Geraldine McCaughrean	<i>Penguin Poetry</i> <i>OUP</i>
1993	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Novel Biography Poetry Children's Novel	THEORY OF WAR Saving Agnes Theory of War Philip Larkin: A Writer's Life Mean Time Flour Babies	Joan Brady Rachel Cusk Joan Brady Andrew Motion Carol Ann Duffy Anne Fine	<i>Andre Deutsch</i> <i>Macmillan</i> <i>Andre Deutsch</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i> <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 Biography Poetry Children's Novel	A LIFE OF PICASSO Alma Cogan The Queen of the Tambourine A Life of Picasso Gorse Fires Harvey Angell	John Richardson Gordon Burn Jane Gardam John Richardson Michael Longley Diana Hendry	<i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Secker & Warburg</i> <i>Sinclair-Stevenson</i> <i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Secker & Warburg</i> <i>Julia MacRae</i>
1990	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	<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>
1989	BOOK OF THE YEAR First Novel Novel Biography Poetry Children's Novel	COLERIDGE: EARLY VISIONS Gerontius The Chymical Wedding Coleridge: Early Visions Shibboleth Why Weeps the Brogan?	Richard Holmes James Hamilton-Paterson Lindsay Clarke Richard Holmes Michael Donaghy Hugh Scott	<i>Hodder & Stoughton</i> <i>Macmillan</i> <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 Poetry Children's Novel	UNDER THE EYE OF THE CLOCK The Other Garden The Child in Time Under the Eye of the Clock The Haw Lantern A Little Lower than the Angels	Christopher Nolan Francis Wyndham Ian McEwan Christopher Nolan Seamus Heaney Geraldine McCaughrean	<i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i> <i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i> <i>OUP</i>
1986	BOOK OF THE YEAR	AN ARTIST OF THE	Kazuo Ishiguro	<i>Faber & Faber</i>

	First Novel Novel	FLOATING WORLD Continent An Artist of the Floating World	Jim Crace Kazuo Ishiguro	<i>Heinemann</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i>
	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? On the Edge of Paradise: A C Benson the Diarist	David Lodge David Newsome	<i>Secker & Warburg</i> <i>John Murrery</i>
	Children's Novel	John Diamond	Leon Garfield	<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	Injury Time Mary Curzon	Beryl Bainbridge Nigel Nicolson	<i>Duckworth</i> <i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i>

	Children's Book	No End to Yesterday	Shelagh Macdonald	<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 Autobiography First Book	Docherty In Our Infancy The Improbable Puritan: A Life of Bulstrode Whitelock	William McIlvanney Helen Corke Ruth Spalding	<i>Allen & Unwin</i> <i>Cambridge University Press</i> <i>Faber & Faber</i>
1974	Novel Biography Joint Children's Books First Book	The Sacred & Profane Love Machine Poor Dear Brendan How Tom Beat Captain Najork & His Hired Sportsmen The Emperor's Winding Sheet The Life & Death of Mary Wollstonecraft	Iris Murdoch Andrew Boyle Russell Hoban & Quentin Blake Jill Paton Walsh Claire Tomalin	<i>Chatto & Windus</i> <i>Hutchinson</i> <i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Macmillan</i> <i>Weidenfeld & Nicolson</i>
1973	Novel Biography Children's Book	The Chip Chip Gatherers CB: A Life of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman The Butterfly Ball & The Grasshopper's Feast	Shiva Naipaul John Wilson Alan Aldridge & William Plomer	<i>Andre Deutsch</i> <i>Constable</i> <i>Jonathan Cape</i>
1972	Novel Biography Children's Book	The Bird of Night Trollope The Diddakoi	Susan Hill James Pope- Hennessey Rumer Godden	<i>Hamish Hamilton</i> <i>Jonathan Cape</i> <i>Macmillan</i>
1971	Novel Biography Poetry	The Destiny Waltz Henrik Ibsen Mercian Hymns	Gerda Charles Michael Meyer Geoffrey Hill	<i>Eyre & Spottiswoode</i> <i>Hart-Davis</i> <i>Andre Deutsch</i>